

# Damascus Christian School

## ChalkMarks

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Home of the Eagles



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### DCS Eagles flying high this Fall



Our Damascus Christian School Eagles are flying high in the sports arena. All fall teams have done an outstanding job, each qualifying for a shot at the State meets. Our cross country program is sending our first-ever qualifier, **Rebecca H.**, to the State meet at Lane

Community College in Eugene this Saturday, November 1, at 10 AM. Way to go, Becca!

Our varsity volleyball team moves into the first round of State by hosting Powers this Wednesday. Our girls beat Columbia Christian in three straight on Friday to move them ahead to the District Championship round on Saturday against Southwest Christian. In three close, tough games, Southwest prevailed. Our girls finished #1 in league play and #2 in the District play-offs. If the girls lose on Wednesday, the season will be over. If they win, they move on to the next round of State competition, probably playing Saturday, November 1, at Griswold (near Pendleton).

Our soccer team has qualified for State! This is our first-ever team to accomplish this feat with their feet. At this writing, we will play at Portland Adventist, Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM. If we lose that game, our team will play their next round Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, at Gresham

High School. If we defeat PA, our *Eagles* will play Thursday, 8:30 PM, at Gresham.

Choose a team and come out to cheer them on! We are proud of the outstanding accomplishments each team has made. *Go Eagles!*

#### Valley 10 Volleyball Honors

Our girls' varsity volleyball team garnered a number of Valley 10 League honors at the conclusion of their regular season. Selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League were **Ashley B.** and **Meegan C.** In addition, Ashley was voted the league's Most Valuable Player. **Katie M.** was selected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-League honors. Honorable Mention went to **Kiera B.** and **Kylee T.** Coach **Chris Himm** was honored as Coach of the Year by the league. Congratulations!

### Harvest Festival this Friday

Looking for a great alternative to Halloween? A place that is safe, positive, nurturing, and flat-out fun? Then the Damascus Community Church and Christian School Harvest Festival is what you are looking for! Friday, from 5 – 8 PM, there will be games, food, candy and prizes. Kids are encouraged to dress up in a costume and bring the parents! Admission is free.



### Safety concerns

There is a growing concern for the safety of our students, particularly after school. There have been reports of unsupervised students and siblings darting across the drive from the covered area of the building to the grass strip. Others have been running between the pick-up area and the fourth and fifth grade modular and library. This is a serious accident waiting to happen.

Until 3:15 PM, students are to remain in the covered porch area until their ride arrives. If parents or those picking up students need to attend to business, children should go with the parents and be in close proximity to them rather than be allowed to roam on their own. The issue comes with children running back and forth

between buildings and playground and crossing the drive way and parking areas unsupervised.

Please work with us on this for the safety and well-being of your children. Do not permit your child to go find other children and then head to the playground. This creates a very dangerous situation. If you are going to use the playground after school, please accompany your child there. Thanks!



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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences begin this Thursday through Friday. Why do we take the time to schedule these? There are several reasons. First, this is a time for parents and teachers to compare notes, discussing the progress of their child and student. We are a team – home and school. It is this collaborative effort that will benefit the student's success in school. The conference enables the school, the home, and the teachers to coordinate their efforts to help in the student's development.

Secondly, the face-to-face communications seems to be the most effective means of reporting and exchanging information concerning students. Conferences assist in clarifying grades and comments that parents see on report cards, discipline reports, progress reports, and papers that go home.

Thirdly, goals, such as subject-

matter achievement, work habits, behavior traits, character development, and the like can be established and discussed in the conference. We recommend that parents come prepared with notes and questions to ask the teacher(s). That way, the time can be used more effectively and a mutual solution can be established.

We value our parents and their unique insight into the ways of their children. The Parent-Teacher Conference is a great way to strengthen the bond between home and school. School dismisses on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at noon with secondary conferences beginning at 3:30 and running until 6:30 PM. Friday secondary conferences begin at 9:30 and culminate at noon.



## Library circulation increases

How many books are checked out of the library each month? When we first opened in September 2004, a total of 540 books were checked out. Four years later, September 2008, 1,359 were placed in the hands of active readers. We praise God for the wonderful resource He has given us in the library. Continue to take advantage of the delightful, challenging, stimulating, thought-provoking, humorous, educational, practical, beautiful, silly, serious books sitting on the shelves. Read on!



## DCS Grad engaged

**Bob** and school librarian **Linda Dennis** are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Katie**, to **Jacob Heilsberg**. Katie, 2003 DCS grad, is completing her Master's degree in Education. Jake continues his studies in Business and Missions at

George Fox University. The wedding is planned for May 2009. Congratulations!



## Change in time

*Fools*, this year's fall drama department production is a light-hearted romantic comedy set in the small village of Kulyenchikov, Ukraine (Russian Territory), during the late 1800's.

The time has changed from 7 PM to **7:30 PM**,

Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 20-22. Tickets are now on sale!

# FOOLS

## On sale now!

Wreath and Poinsettia sales – now through Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, to benefit DCS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for their Washington, DC trips. Questions – please call **Michelle Sapp**. Thanks!

