

## DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHALKMARKS HOME OF THE EAGLES



### *Welcome Back, Aaron and Amy – Schneider Update*

As you are probably aware, **Danette Schneider** was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma, an aggressive, high grade brain cancer. She has been receiving wonderful treatment at the Providence Cancer Center in Portland and was released to return home Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. She will be undergoing radiation and chemo near the first of the year.



For the past several months, they have been home schooling their two children **Aaron** (1<sup>st</sup> grade) and **Amy** (4<sup>th</sup> grade). Because of the circumstances they find themselves in right now, home schooling would be very difficult. We extended an offer for the Schneider's to place their children back at DCS; effective Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, they have done that. It is a delight to see their bright and smiling faces in the DCS classrooms!

Please pray for this dear family. Danette was having difficulties in "restarting her digestive system." In addition, she has been going through physical therapy to help her in her walking skills. Husband **Jeff** reported Saturday that Danette was kind of like a Nascar driver; always turning to the left.

On a recent *Caring Bridge* entry, Jeff shared the following: "I shared with Danette a philosophy that I think captures where we are at right now. Oregon Ducks football coach Chip Kelly constantly reminds his team to not look ahead, not even to the game they will play on Saturday. He challenges them to 'Win The Day.' I like that phrase. Danette and I talked about what it means for us and our family at this point in time to Win The Day. It means we make the most out of what we have today, and trust God with all of the challenges we may face tomorrow. God promises to

give each of us the grace we need for today. Tomorrow will have to worry about itself. May sound a bit clichéd, but I think it is essential for being able to endure this sort of situation, while remaining sane (and even managing to laugh a little)."

Wise words from one who finds himself in the midst of a very difficult circumstance. Good words for all of us at any time – good or bad – Win The Day. Trust God, moment-by-moment, day-by-day.

Thanks to all our wonderful DCS families who have stepped up to assist the Schneider's any way they can. **Kristine Gandara** is coordinating rides to and from school for the children; if you can help out, call Kristine. If you would like to keep updated on Danette's progress and Jeff's daily comments, you can log in to [www.caringbridge.org/visit/danetteschneider](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danetteschneider). Not only can you keep abreast of what's happening, but you will find your heart refreshed and renewed.

### *DCS Christmas Program?*

At this time of year, we sometimes hear, "Does Damascus Christian School do a Christmas program? The short answer is, "No." When we first started DCS, we did an annual Christmas program. We discovered early-on that it was a logistical nightmare to schedule rehearsals and presentations around what Damascus Community Church was doing. After years of trying to make it work, we decided that it would be better if only one of us put on a Christmas production. The logical choice was the church. If you are a Christmas program junkie and can't seem to get enough, we would invite you to attend the Damascus Community Church Christmas presentation, *The Offering*, Sunday, December 20, at 8:30 and 11 AM.



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## Cold Weather/School Closure Reminder

As temperatures drop, we want to remind you on the DCS closure/delay procedures. By 7 AM, we post notice on local radio and TV stations that school is closed or we will be facing a delayed opening. This same information may be received on your email or cell phone. **But – you must sign up for this free service.** Simply go to [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net) and click on the link on the left that says, "Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations." Once you have created your account, you will automatically receive any school information regarding closure or late openings through your email or cell phone. Please sign up for this free service.



## Good Manners Important at DCS



Each month, our teachers select students from their elementary classes to receive the *Eagle Award*, acknowledging them for their good manners. For the month of November, the following students receive this recognition: 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Colin B. and Jacob W.; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Katelyn B. and Nathan B.; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Kennedy H. and Noah T.; 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Jacob A. and Jonah G.; 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Hanna B. and Hunter S.

## Some Christmas Gift Ideas...

Still puzzled as to what to give for Christmas? We have a couple of ideas! **Scrip** is always a great option. They are small, can be purchased in various denominations from a wonderful variety of retail outlets, can be mailed in your Christmas letter, and DCS receives a portion of the profit from the vendor!

Another idea – DCS sweatshirts and t-shirts! Two great new designs! Kids think they are cool! Hoodie sweatshirts are only \$25; t-shirts are \$12. Orders must be turned in by this Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, in order to be available for the Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> delivery.



## December Basketball Play Dates

Winter means basketball and DCS loves basketball! Come on out to cheer on our *Eagles*!

- 5/6 Girls** – Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ Country CS, 4 PM  
 Sat., Dec. 12 – Grace Lutheran @ DCS, 10 AM  
 Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, @ Good Shepherd, 4 PM
- 5/6 Boys** –Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, @ Crossroads CS, 4 PM  
 Fri., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ Country CS, 5 PM  
 Mon., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ Good Shepherd, 5 PM

## Junior High Games Begin Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

### High School

- JV Boys** – Fri., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, North Clackamas Christian @ DCHS, 4 PM  
 Fri., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ Columbia CS, 4 PM  
 Tues., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> @ Barlow Tournament @ **\*11 am**
- Varsity Girls** – Fri., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, NCCS @ DCHS, 5:30 PM  
 Tues., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ Open Door CS, 5:30  
 Fri., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ Columbia CS, 5:30  
 Mon. & Tues., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, Corbett Tournament, 5:30 PM

\* Please note time change\*

**Varsity Boys** – Same as the girls' schedule; tipoff, 7 PM

**Go Eagles!!**

