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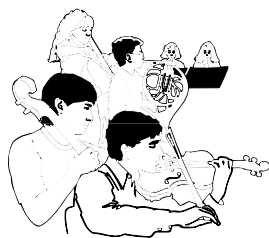
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DCS Advanced Band Qualifies For State!

Out of the 119 1-A and 2-A high school bands in Oregon, Damascus Christian School Advanced Band has been selected as one of the *top 8!* in the state to compete at the OSAA State Band Championship May 13th, at the LaSalle Stewart Center on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. We earned this honor, a first for DCS, by having our best performance ever and earning high scores at the Warner Pacific College Band Contest, April 9th.

This is a fantastic opportunity and wonderful honor. Many high school students (and junior high) never get the privilege of competing at the State level. **Mr. Bolton** and our **Advanced Band students** have accomplished an amazing feat. This event will be a four-day gig with approximately 70 high schools and 4,000 students performing, 1-A through 6-A.

The bands selected to compete at the 1-A/2-A level (in alphabetical order) are Adrian, Corbett, Crow, Damascus Christian, Kennedy, Lakeview, Riddle, and Triad. Cove qualified, but was not selected. Our students will miss school May 13th, in order to compete.



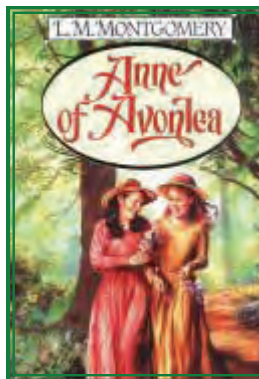
We will know their schedule next week. When we are on stage, Capital City Television will be recording our performance, using 5-7 cameras, for broadcast later on TV.

This is a great honor. Along with the recognition of a job well done comes responsibility. We want to represent our band, school, parents, and the Lord to the best of our abilities. To continue to improve and be ready for an event like this, we need to add two rehearsals. They have been scheduled for Monday evenings, May 3 and May 10, from 7 – 8:45 PM, in the auditorium. The rehearsal May 3rd will have a guest clinician to prepare the band.

Mr. Bolton says that he is hoping to have a nice surprise for the band on the day of the contest. We are hoping too, to have a good group of parents and friends there to support our band members. We will be getting

more information as it comes available. For now, we extend our congratulations to Mr. Bolton and the DCS Advanced Band. Well done!

Anne of Avonlea Almost Here!



Anne Shirley is coming to town and you don't want to miss her! She will arrive Thursday, April 29th, for the opening of this year's spring drama production *Anne of Avonlea*. She will remain her for show on the 30th, and May 1st, then take a break until May 6th – 8th. All shows begin at 7 PM, with door opening at 6:30. Thursday night and Saturday matinee performances are "Family Priced" at \$6 per person. Friday and Saturday evening shows are \$7 per person. Anne won't be around for very long, so don't miss her!

Recycling Event Scheduled

The City of Damascus along with our DCS Key Club is hosting a special disposal event on Saturday, May 8th, 10 Am until 3 PM, in the lower parking lot. This free event will focus on computer and television/battery disposal (please, no car batteries), along with confidential document shredding and eye glass donations.

Ray Tallman from Damascus Computers will be on hand for technical assistance or removal of information from your hard drive. Key Club members and the city will coordinate the proper disposal of these items, most of which will be recycled. A shredder will be on hand to properly dispose of your confidential documents, up to 2 boxes.

Volunteers are needed to work alongside of our **Key Clubbers**. If you are interested, please contact **Andy McClellan** by April 27th, at (503) 658-3179 or email at andymcclellan@damasacuscc.org. Thanks!



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Child Abuse Prevention Training Available Online

As a service to our parents, students, and coaches, and in keeping with the State mandated SB 379, DCS has established a link to direct you to our *Child Abuse Prevention Training* site. All of the staff at DCS have completed the training last fall. The training is free and a certificate is issued when you complete the course.



You may access this program by going to our website:

www.damascuschristianschool.org, and clicking on *Child Abuse Prevention Training*.

DCS 5th and 6th Graders Participated in Starbase 2010



Every other year, our 5th and 6th graders have the privilege of participating in *Starbase*, a wonderful hands-on science program held for five days at the

Portland Air National Guard base and nearby Oregon Army National Guard Jackson Armory. While on-site, our students study science, technology, aviation and space exploration. This year, 18 schools, mostly public, participated including DCS.

According to Marilyn Sholian, director of the local program, "The reason this program is funded is because the U.S. doesn't have enough engineers and people trained in physics, chemistry, aviation, and we as a country can't always outsource."

We appreciate the opportunity this affords our students to get some out-of-the-box thinking going with hands-on

experiences they might not get in class. A special thanks to **Mrs. Betsacon** for making the arrangements and DCS parents **Don Matteson** and **Dave Wakefield** for transporting our students.

Teen Athletic Cardiac Screening Coming

Saturday, May 15th, starting at 8:30 AM, Legacy Health Children's Heart Program will be offering their popular Teen Athlete Cardiac Screening event at the Memorial Coliseum. For a fee of \$10, students receive a full cardiac exam, an ECG, and a detailed family history. Preregistration is required – please call (503) 335-3500. For more information, call (503) 413-4741.



Turnoff Week a Huge Success

We've just had a stimulating and rewarding time during Turnoff Week in the library. Along with special guest readers and classrooms buddying up with another class for encouragement, we had an intense reading competition between the grades. Classes were rewarded for having the most minutes of free reading each day. Our average for the entire week turned out to be 33 minutes of pleasure reading per child each evening. Try to imagine how much better life could be if everyone read 33 minutes per day just for fun?! Encourage your kids to keep up the good work!

