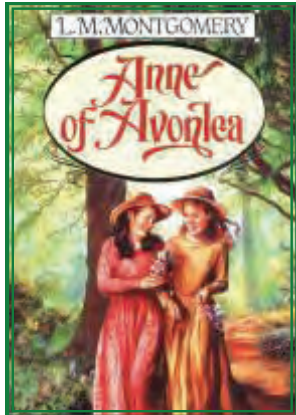


**DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CHALKMARKS
HOME OF THE EAGLES**



The Heart Of Education is Education of the Heart

Anne of Avonlea Tickets Go On Sale April 15th



Have you peeked behind the mid-court curtain in the gym lately? There's a house back there!! No, a mini-neighborhood!!! When did that happen? *How* did it happen?!

It is all part of the set for *Anne of Avonlea*, this year's spring drama production. DCS Dad **Jim Wierson** is heading up the set

construction project with willing workers showing up after school and on various Saturdays. It is amazing what they do with some 2 X 4's, plywood, and paint, dedication, and hard work.

The Damascus Christian School Drama department has never been accused of taking on light plays. Consider what they have done in the past – *The Sound of Music*, *Les Misérables*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Cinderella*, *Fools, Annie*, and last fall, *Our Miss Brooks*. Each play was wonderfully cast, amazingly directed; in a couple of words - highly entertaining.

This year's play selection, *Anne of Avonlea*, will continue the tradition of dramatic excellence with a returning cast of veterans, a delightful story, an amazing set, authentic costumes, and captivating acting.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, April 15th, with performances slated to open Thursday, April 29th through May 1st, and May 6th through the 8th. There will also be a Saturday matinee on May 1st, at 2 PM. Doors open 30 minutes before each performance. Thursday night and Saturday matinee performances are "Family Priced" at \$6 per person. Tickets for Friday and Saturday evening shows are \$7 per person. All seating is limited and reserved. For more information, phone the school office (503) 658-4100 or visit our website at www.damascuschristianschool.org/dcs/drama.htm

DCS Advanced Band Achieves a First!

Friday, April 9th, the DCS Advanced Band, under the direction of **Chuck Bolton**, participated in their first high school band competition in the history of DCS. According to Mr. Bolton, "The students played far beyond my expectations and hope. God is good! I was hoping for scores in the low to mid-60's, but we received a 71, 72, and 76. These scores place us in the pool of schools qualifying for the OSAA State Band/Orchestra Competition."

It will be 2-weeks before we know whether we have advanced or not. Either way, our band students represented DCS and the Lord well, both as individuals and musicians. Congratulations!

Six 8th Grade Girls Perform at Middle School Honor Band

Talk about talented students! DCS has them!! Six of our eighth grade girls were selected to play in the Oregon Music Educators' Association (OMEA) District 2 Middle School Honor Band last Friday. Fourteen east county middle schools sent 200 students to participate. Included in that rarified group from DCS were **Alyssa B.** – French horn, **Kiera B.** – oboe, **Kayla K.** – clarinet, **Lydia M.** – alto sax, **Carrie O.** – clarinet, and **Valerie W.** – trumpet.



The band rehearsed Friday and Saturday, with a performance on Saturday afternoon. Their director was **Pat Vandehey** from George Fox University. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience this level of band performance. Well done!

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Coaches Needed!

Acting athletic director **Dorian Forrar** is actively soliciting qualified coaches to apply for the DCS positions, varsity soccer, junior high indoor



soccer, and junior high volleyball. According to Mr. Forrar, he is looking for individuals who love the Lord and children, demonstrate a knowledge of the game, exhibit personal character qualities, and have a heart for discipleship.



If you would like more information or would like to apply, please contact Dorian at dorianforrar@damascuscc.org or at (503) 658-4100, ext. 111. Thanks!

Elementary Character Award Recipients



Each month, teachers select students who have demonstrated various character qualities to receive either the **David Award** (demonstrating a heart after God), the **Solomon Award** (showing wisdom in their choices), or the **Paul Award** (exhibiting a fruit of the Spirit).

For March, we congratulate the following students:

David Award

Kindergarten – Terrence P.

1st grade – McKenna P.

2nd grade – Ally L.

3rd grade – Kennedy H.

4th grade – Joshua M.

5th grade – Beau M.

6th grade – Emily B.

Solomon Award

1st grade – Jacob C.

2nd grade – Brenner H.

3rd grade – Daniel B.

4th grade – Amy S.

5th grade – Jacob A.

6th grade – Christine H.

Paul Award

Kindergarten – Zachary N.

1st grade – Ian I.

2nd grade – Megan G.

3rd grade – Luke N.

4th grade – Michael Y.

5th grade – Eli R.

6th grade – Bonnie M.

Congratulations!

DCS Teacher Loses Father

Word was received that fifth-grade teacher **Dana**



Betsacon's father passed away late Saturday evening succumbing to the effects of cancer. There will be a private family service

next Saturday. Please pray for Dana and her family in this loss.

DCS Tracksters a Speedy Bunch!

Elementary and high school students saw track action this past week. Friday, our varsity Eagles traveled to McKenzie High School to compete there while Saturday, our elementary students participated at the CYO track meet at LaSalle High School. For high school results, go to

www.OregonLive.com

