

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



**Welcome to our Thirty-Fourth Year – Again!**

Welcome to a new school year at Damascus Christian School – our thirty-fourth – again! That’s right, thirty-four all over again, not thirty-five as we have claimed. It seems that we got off on our year count sometime ago and have perpetuated the error since.

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, all grades, kindergarten through twelfth, were present and accounted for. Our opening enrollment is lower than past years, but still strong and viable. As of this writing, we have 237 attending with room in a number of classes for additional students. If you know of anyone still considering Christian schooling, please let them know about Damascus Christian School.

**Back-To-School Parent Orientation This Friday**



*We're happy to be back!*

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, is the date of our annual Back-to-School Parent Orientation for all DCS parents. We ask that at least one parent from each family be present while we present our high-tech introduction of this year’s staff, review some basic policies and procedures, give opportunities to get involved at DCS through our volunteer programs, and have the chance to visit your child’s classroom, meet the teacher and other parents, and hear about classroom plans and procedures. Parents with children in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades will appreciate the brief presentation by DCS Academic Advisor **Jan Dauntless** as she reviews the programs and deadlines of which junior and senior students and their parents need to be aware.

**Lots Happening This Fall**



Looking ahead to our fall calendar, there is a lot going on. **No school** on Thursday and Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – teachers’ in-service training. Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, is Grandparents’ Day with noon dismissal for the entire school. On Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, our juniors will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), as the pre-cursor for the SAT. Wednesday through Friday, October 14-16<sup>th</sup>, our sixth graders will be in Central Oregon enjoying their Outdoor School experience. On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, students will be facing the camera for school pictures. You will receive ordering information prior to picture day. Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing hearing and vision screening. Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, is the end of the first quarter of school; we will have early dismissal that day. Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Damascus Community Church and Christian School will be hosting our annual Harvest Festival event, providing a safe and secure place for families to come to enjoy free games and activities complete with lots of candy. Food is available to purchase

and donations are gladly accepted.

November seems far away, but it will be here before you know it. November 5<sup>th</sup>, we dismiss early for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, there is no school in order to complete our Parent-Teacher Conference schedule. On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, our juniors will be taking the ASVAB test which is part of their career preparation inventory. November 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, has been set aside for this year’s drama fall production. More information on that later. Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, will be school picture retakes. Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, school will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving Break.

Yipes! It’s December already! The 2<sup>nd</sup>, mid-term reports go home. Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, is our winter concert night, featuring our high school ensemble, *Halel*, and our bands. Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, students will be dismissed early for the Christmas Break.

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- RenWeb - Parent’s Website Update
- Chapel Days and Times
- Our Heart’s Desire...
- Scrapbooking Party

## RenWeb – Parent’s Website Update

More and more school information is going to be transmitted through our school communications resource, *Ren-Web*. In order for you to access this user-friendly tool, you must make sure the office has your up-to-date email address. This is your secure password that protects your site. Currently, you can check on your children’s grades, assignments, missing work, projects, etc. Each of the teachers are to enter at least two grades per subject, per week. In addition, you can view your family profile information and the DCS Staff-Family Directory. Again, this is a secure site that only you can access through your password.

If you are new to the system or have

forgotten the process, a few simple steps will get you up and running. First, go to Internet Explorer and type in the address [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com). Click on Parent’s Web at the top of the circle. Log in as follows: District Code is **DCS-OR** then **type in the email address you provided to the school office**. Click New Parent Login if you have not logged in to RenWeb before. You will be emailed a new password within 3 minutes (to the email address you typed in, which must be the same email address you provided the school office). Go back to the first screen and type in your password to log in. Select “Continue.” To access grades, click Classrooms. This will bring up classes that each of

your children are enrolled in at the school. Click on Homework Summary or Gradebook Summary at the top of the column for each child. You will be able to find other school information available about your child on this site as well as the ability to email the teachers directly. Cool!

There is a myriad of services that RenWeb provides and DCS will be including, so be sure to utilize RenWeb on a regular basis in order to keep abreast of school happenings.



## Chapel Days and Times

As part of our total Bible program, we feature weekly chapels for elementary (kindergarten – sixth grades) and secondary (seventh – twelfth) students. Elementary chapels are on Wednesdays, 8:35 – 9:10

Parents are  
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AM. Secondary classes gather on Friday mornings, 8:35 – 9:15 AM.

For this week, **Pastor Steve Hardy** will be addressing the elementary students and **Pastor Phil Rankin**, the secondary students. Parents are always welcome to attend. Please sit in the back portion of the auditorium as students fill the front pews.



## Our Heart’s Desire...

In our opening assembly Tuesday, **Mr. Oakley** shared with the staff and students Paul’s powerful words found in Ephesians 3:14 – 21, as our desire and prayer for this school year – *For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;*

*and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

## SCRAPBOOKING PARTY

Join us for a fun-filled evening of scrapping in the DCS Library!! Bring your supplies to the party on Friday, September 18 from 5:00-midnight. No, we’re really not crazy, we just love to scrapbook! Bring your teenage daughters to help. Oh, and we must have food...so bring something (easy) to share. Let’s have fun with this and maybe it will become a regular event. Call **Linda Dennis** for questions (503-658-4100).



Our goal, as believers in Jesus Christ, is to walk in the power of His Spirit, allowing Christ to be more and more at home in our hearts, to walk by faith and be astounded by God’s grace and rich provision, even through difficult situations and circumstances.

