

# FROM THE EAGLE'S NEST

## a monthly newsletter from Damascus Christian School

June 2018

### Building on Faith

As Damascus Community Church continues to plan toward a building that will better facilitate all its ministries, including Damascus Christian School, there is work to be done! IGC (Influencing Generations for Christ) who worked with our ministry this past year will again be working with us as we move forward.

As planning behind the scenes begins, the work required of us is prayer. We are asking the school families to join us in a commitment to pray as individuals, as families, and to join together with others on a prayer team meeting regularly for prayer. We will also be looking for people to lead these prayer teams, if you are interested. Times and locations of prayer gatherings will be set to provide opportunity once we hear from those willing to join us in prayer.

During September IGC and Mr. Blake will begin meeting with the board, staff and parents to develop and communicate our strategic plan, which will be required before launching into a capital campaign.

The book of Nehemiah says, *"So we built the wall. And the entire wall was joined together to half its height, for **the people had a mind to work**"* (Nehemiah 4:6). Help us establish the first steps by joining with others in prayer for this project.

*If you will join a prayer team, please let Zach Davidson know, email [zach.davidson@damascuscc.org](mailto:zach.davidson@damascuscc.org), or Steve Hardy, [steve.hardy@damascuscc.org](mailto:steve.hardy@damascuscc.org).*



### Reflections from the Principal: Zachary Davidson



This past school year was a very difficult one for many—professional and personal challenges impacted many of our staff and families—and the effect rippled across our entire school.

I want to first acknowledge God's faithfulness to our school body and His lasting promise of strength and reprieve (Isaiah 41:10). God's timing was always perfect and His hand could be seen guiding us. I know my faith was tested but is now much stronger because of the events of this past year.

I want to also thank my staff members from the bottom of my heart. You all took on extra responsibilities in order to help our school function. I especially want to thank the new staff members who stepped in mid-year into what seemed like chaos and did a fantastic job. I last want to thank the parents who contributed their valuable time and skills. We may have been tired and limping while running the race this year, but we crossed the finished line as a team.

As I reflect on the events of this past year and look forward to our next school year, I want to leave you all with something to think about. None of us can tell the future or can predict the peril or strife that we each may face. However, we do know that as Christians we are called to serve and love one another amidst trials and disagreements. So, my challenge for all of us is that we each lend extra patience, understanding, and grace to one another in our interactions next year. This past year was very very difficult for many, and unfortunately grace and patience was not always evident in how issues were addressed. We never know what is going on behind the scenes. So, let's remember to be quick to encourage and show grace, to act like a family and truly represent the body of Christ.

## Recent News

**RETIREMENT OF MRS. THOMPSON AND MRS. TILLSTROM:** In May, the library was filled with students, staff, friends and family of both Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Tillstrom to honor their combined 50 years of ministry at DCS. Their testimonies from students and colleagues portrayed what special women they are and what a special place Damascus Christian is. They both will be missed, but their influence on DCS will carry on.



**NEW STAFF:** We are thrilled that Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Tillstrom will be holding off retirement for at least another year as both have committed to teaching math part time next year at DCS. While we welcome back some familiar faces we will also welcome some new ones. Mrs. Holcomb will be joining us to teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Ms. Smith will be teaching our Spanish classes and elementary computers. We ask that you continue to uphold us in prayer as we continue to look for a math position.

**JUAN YOUNG TRUST:** DCS received the Juan Young Grant for \$10,000. Praise God! These funds, in addition to the \$12,000 earned from our Feed the Need project, will improve technology infrastructure and provide equipment upgrades.

### **KEATON COFFEY HERO HALF MARATHON:**

Thank you to everyone who participated Memorial Day weekend in the Hero Half Marathon to support the Keaton Coffey Memorial. It was a great weekend in Sweet Home with friends and family, honoring those who've gone before us. Damascus Christian and Damascus Community Church had many participating in the event.



**ELEMENTARY AWARDS FOR APRIL AND MAY:** Each month, elementary teachers acknowledge a few students, who demonstrate characteristics of David, Solomon, and Paul (spiritual fruits). The following students were recipients for the month of April and May. Great job everyone!

APRIL's AWARD RECIPIENTS			MAY's AWARD RECIPIENTS		
DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for Self-Control	DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for Gentleness
<b>K</b> Maddyn Lucas	Mary Green	Taylor Russau	<b>K</b> Violet Davis	Xeya BigEagle / Seraphina Lorenzen	Alicia Miller
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Ethan Magda-Strava	Malia Calunod	Giselle Trost	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Carter Liepold	Giselle Trost / Miley Foley	Malia Calunod
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Joseph Buzhduga / Michael Hannah	Jonathan Koval	Chris Collins	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Ethan Simpson	Michael Foley	Brian Buller
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Dakota Weber	Daniel Olson	Elijah Davidson	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Adella Gingrich-Keavney	Mark Sacara	Lilya Wildman
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Aurora Simpson	Natalie Boyette	Kendra Gentle	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Levi McClellan / Addie Buller	Tay Balensifer	Ruth Cristurean
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Kyle Davis	Michael Briece	Wyatt Sussman	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Ava Mai	Hailee Gianelli	Kate Nelson
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Keira Roush	Ransom Lorenzen	Demetri Carandanis	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Esther Davidson	Ben McClellan	Emily Davis

## Upcoming Events

- **Summer library hours** every Wednesday from 10 A.M. – 12 P.M
- DCC Youth Group, every Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:45 P.M. (Jr. High–Rm. M6 and High School–Rm. 101)
  - To receive updates about DCC's student ministries, text @DamascusSM to 81010.
- **DCC Sport & Art Camp "Rock Solid"**: July 16-19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:15 P.M.
- **"Decision America Northwest"**: The Billy Graham Association will be hosting this event at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds August 5<sup>th</sup>. Visit [DecisionPacificNW.com](http://DecisionPacificNW.com) for more information and to find resources related to this event.
- **4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Clinic**: July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. for \$60.
- **1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Clinic**: June 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00 P.M. for \$60.
- **All-school workday**: August 4<sup>th</sup>—FREE lunch provided! We look forward to working with you to spruce up our classrooms and playground before school begins.
- **DCC's Car Show "Cruise the Road to Damascus"**: The whole family can enjoy free food, Fords, and fun on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 2 P.M.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2018 Highest Honors and Honors

### - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Tay Balensifer  
Nat Boyette  
Jillian Handley  
Shawn Johnson  
Levi McClellan  
Gabriella Pappas

#### Honors

Addie Buller  
Ruth Cristurean  
Makala Hollier  
Jon Janzen  
Ethan Myers  
Elijah Pemberton  
Loraina Phifer  
Aurora Simpson

### - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Honors

Ava Mai  
Reece Miller  
Tori Myers  
Kate Nelson  
Eva Ryan  
Georgia Schaefer Bess  
Devin Trost

### - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Esther Davidson  
Ransom Lorenzen  
Ben McClellan

#### Honors

Samantha Boyette  
Sarah Budey  
Caleb Davis  
Liam Dye  
Ace Eddleman  
Zachary Herdener  
Gemma Kleve  
Cole Myers

Cole Patrick

### - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Abigael Atkins  
Peter Gilbert  
Sierra Hale  
Grae Miller  
Julia Mitchell  
McKenna Phifer

#### Honors

Hannah Giannelli  
Natalie Gohman  
Maksim Leontiy  
Emily Werth

### - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Andrea Bogdan  
Noah Carandanis  
Tim Chepelevich  
Carter Clear  
Ian Gustafsson  
Nate Larson  
Zachary Nelson  
AnnaRomina Nurra  
Emily Powers

#### Honors

Ben Green  
Chloe Means  
David Nacrelli  
Grace Rojas  
Claire Watts

### - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Brooklyn Bresko  
Savannah Hale  
Kayleigh MacGibbon  
McKenna Patrick  
Luke Sullins  
Noelle Wakefield

### Honors

Felicity Brennan  
Nina Piscitello  
Selina Webster  
Matthew Mitchell

### - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Ally Love  
Adrienne Mai  
Keon Miller  
Spencer Powers  
Honors  
Katie Bailey  
Ana Chepelevich  
Axel Clear  
Megan Gustafsson  
Grant Kendall  
Matthew Mitchell

### - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Shane Atkins  
Yeeun Lee  
Luke Nelson  
Jonathan Shields  
Samuel Titchenal  
Honors  
Luke Carandang  
Kennedy Hill  
Clayton VanDyke  
Tory Webb

### - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade -

#### Highest Honors

Micah Gandara  
Josh Mitchell  
Luke Osborn  
Franziska Ulrich  
Honors  
Michael Allen  
Jackson Hill

Ryan Patrick

## Outreach Opportunities

**All-School Summer Workday:** Last fall, over 40 volunteers of all ages came to spruce up DCS. It was a fun and successful event.

We plan to have the workday again this summer before the start of school, so indoor needs can be addressed before teachers begin to set up their classrooms. We would like to continue to spruce up the playground, take care of landscaping needs, increase campus safety, and add paint to freshen up classroom walls. We encourage you to come serve together as a family! And of course, FREE lunch will be provided to all who come.



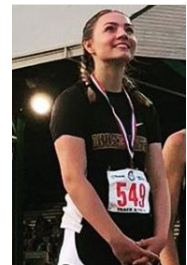
Mark your calendars now for the school wide summer workday — **August 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

**SUMMER CAMPS:** Sports Camp, Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp



**TRACK AND FIELD:** We had almost a dozen athletes make their way down to Eugene to compete at the world famous Hayward Field. Of the 12 entries we had DCS made the podium seven times. Congratulations to our athletes on a great season.



### Damascus Community Church

**Sunday Services:** 8:15 & 11:00 AM

**Community Groups:** 9:45 AM

**Children's Sunday School:** 8:15, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

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