

Social Media!

DCS posts to several social media platforms because we want to keep parents, students, and alumni informed about the latest events and opportunities going on at DCS. We also want to market ourselves to prospective DCS families. Please stay abreast of all the wonderful things occurring by following DCS on one or all of these social media platforms and share them with your family and friends.

Website: www.dcs4you.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dcs4you.org/

Twitter: [DCS@DCSeagles](https://twitter.com/DCS@DCSeagles)

Instagram: [dcs_eagles](https://www.instagram.com/dcs_eagles)



New Building News!

The Elder Council has contracted with Influencing Generations for Christ (IGC) to evaluate and present strategy-planning recommendations for DCC and DCS. This will include discovering information about us that will involve various constituencies of DCC/DCS. IGC will be on campus this month conducting interviews with individuals and focus groups to ascertain information for their report. Praise the Lord that within the past year \$42,785 has been contributed to the Facilities Development Fund.



Outreach Opportunities

Over the past several months, students at DCS have had multiple opportunities to present themselves as servants of God to those in our community. Please read over the recap of these events below.

Veteran's Day: We had the honor to invite veterans on to our campus on November 10th and spend time honoring their service and sacrifices. The morning's events included a video tribute, thank you cards and songs by our primary students. Our secondary students shared some thoughtful letters written for their Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Competition. A video produced by our sophomore students highlighting several veterans they interviewed at the VA assisted living center in The Dalles, which was a part of their living classroom experience. We then adjourned to enjoy some desserts provided by the AMEN ministry. This was another example of our students serving as the visible presence of Christ in our community as they honored these brave men and women.



Christmas Giving: It was a blessing to observe the generosity of our students and their families this past Christmas. Our seniors spent some time sweeping the sidewalks of Damascus; our 5th graders spearheaded a fundraiser and raised \$2,000 for a veteran's family who recently adopted six foster care children, and our junior high girls were able to take a collection of donations to Shepherds Door.

Bake Sale: Our wonderful home economic students made some delectable desserts to be sold at the book and craft fair (see below) to raise money for Ana Wakefield. A big thank you goes out to these selfless students, to Mrs. Boyette and to the parent volunteers who baked and donated all the supplies, which enabled them to raise \$745.30.

The activities above are just a few examples of how our students demonstrate love and community as they grow in their faith and walk in truth.



Exchange Students



We are thrilled to have seven exchange students attending DCS this year. We have a diverse group representing Germany, Spain, Israel, Rwanda, South Korea and the Philippines. These students provide additional diversity to our student population and the opportunity to experience the beauty of the larger body of Christ and learn about new cultures. If you would ever be interested in hosting an exchange student, please let us know.

Book and Craft Fair

Scholastic Book and Craft Fair: "Thank you! Thank you from my heart," exclaims our librarian Mrs. Dennis. "I was thrilled with your help and support during our Scholastic Book Fair. Fun was had by all, especially with the story telling talents of Alyssa Kennedy and Kaleb Easterbrooks. They were amazing! It was good to see parents

encouraging their kids to read. We sold \$2800 in books, placing us in the top % of profit for the library. This is huge in helping our budget. I will be able to purchase a lot of books and supplies to benefit the kids. There were 29 books purchased for teachers from their Wish Lists. I was also able to buy 22 books for "My Father's House" with the \$127 that came in from raffle tickets. They were very grateful and said the books were going straight to their Children's Center. After a good rest, I'm ready to do it again next year!" ~ Mrs. Linda Dennis

Upcoming Events

- Blood Drive: 10:30 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. this Wednesday, January 10th
- No School: Teacher Inservice this Friday, January 12th
- No School: MLK Day this coming Monday, January 15th
- End of the 1st Semester: Friday, January 19th
- Spirit Week: Monday, January 22nd – Friday, January 26th
- Report Cards Sent Home: Thursday, January 25th
- Re-enrollment Begins: Friday, January 29th

Staff Spotlight: Caitlyn Gentle

As many of you are aware, Mr. Wakefield has decided to take a long-term leave of absence for the duration of the school year. His daughter Ana, who is recovering from a terrible car accident, requires his assistance.

Over the past two months, Mrs. Mitchell has graciously stepped in to cover his classes. When Mr. Wakefield made the decision to take an extended leave, the School Board immediately pursued a solution that would maintain stability for our students. Over Christmas Break, the Board approved the hiring of Mrs. Gentle for the long-term substitute position.

Mrs. Gentle is a graduate of North Clackamas Christian and has spent the past six years teaching at Willamette Christian in Eugene, Oregon. She has both state and ACSI licensure. We are pleased to have her join the DCS family. If you have the opportunity, please welcome her and thank her for her willingness to step in mid-year to serve and minister to our students.

Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

Winter Sports: Our elementary basketball seasons concluded before Christmas break, just as the junior high and high school basketball seasons were revving up. Please check our website for game times and locations for all teams. We look forward to seeing your face in the crowd supporting our Eagles!



Easy Fundraising

Box Tops: A big thank you goes out to Amy Hill, who spearheaded our box top fundraiser. We were able to raise \$417.30 for DCS through your efforts.

DQ: Our most recent Dairy Queen Night on the evening of the Christmas program yielded \$200. DQ has graciously partnered with us on select nights to give us a percentage of their sales. Proceeds will benefit our tuition assistance program.

Scrip: Another easy fundraiser, which resulted in a wonderful return, was scrip. In just the first two weeks of December, we raised \$548 for teachers to use in their classrooms. This is a no-cost fundraiser to us yet yields huge results. It only requires us to purchase gift cards to stores, restaurants, and gas stations we already shop at through the DCS school office. The turn-around is usually just a couple days. As we all know, gift cards make for great gifts for teens or an easy way to bless someone in your life! Look for an order form sent home with your kids or contact the school office to purchase cards. I want to thank MaryBeth Davis for her organization and consistency in handling our orders!

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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