

## Ana Wakefield



Tragedy has struck our small community. On Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Ana Wakefield was involved in a terrible car accident. The impact she has had in our lives and across the community has grown very evident as the news of this event has rippled throughout the DCS family. Ana is not only a daughter of staff member Dave Wakefield, but she is an assistant volleyball coach, DCS alumni, a youth discipler, a volunteer, and a servant in many more capacities.

While I personally have struggled to make sense of this event, I am reminded of a larger lesson in all of this. Ana has always been able to give an account for the hope that resides in her in both word and deed. This challenges me to examine my life and assess if others would be able to clearly observe my radical devotion to Christ and my desire to serve Him. I pray that we seek to live the life worthy of our calling as Ana has and continues to do so. Please continue to hold Ana and the Wakefield family in your prayers.

- Principal Zachary Davidson

## Recent News and Events

**Cardus Study:** The *Cardus Study* is a comprehensive study done on the motivations and impacts of Christian school education. The study compares graduates from different schools—Christian, home, religious, Catholic and non-religious. An interesting trend emerges from the data.

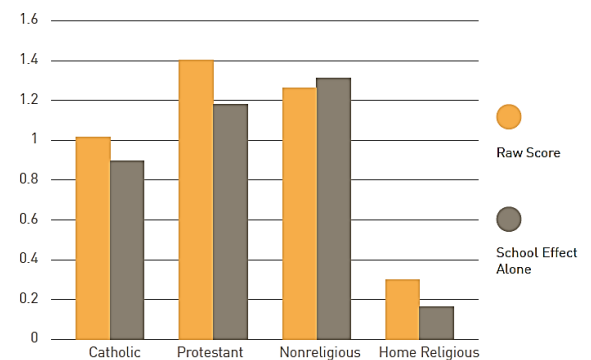
According to the study, Christian school graduates report a higher rate of the following in comparison to their counterparts:

- 1) Infallibility of Scripture
- 2) Church Attendance
- 3) Tithing
- 4) Reading the Bible individually and as a family
- 5) Praying individually and as a family
- 6) Being more politically involved
- 7) Greater involvement in their community
- 8) Serving in missions
- 9) Seeking a job that fulfills their calling
- 10) Preparedness for college

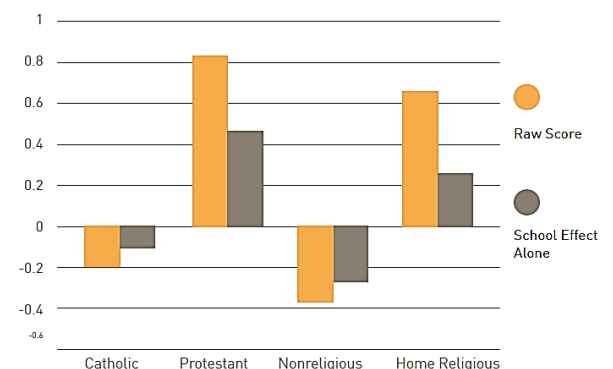
Cardus Survey Link:

[http://www.tpcs.org/aboutus/CardusCardus\\_Education\\_Survey\\_Phase\\_I\\_Report.pdf](http://www.tpcs.org/aboutus/CardusCardus_Education_Survey_Phase_I_Report.pdf)

Prepared for College



A job that fulfills my religious calling



**LEGO Club:** Over 20 students are participating in our first session of LEGO Club, and we have many more students signed up for future sessions. Students are divided up into primary and intermediate groups and are busy completing LEGO builds. Students also get to program their creations. We feel so blessed for the fundraising done by the elementary students in last year's Read-A-Thon to provide this opportunity for our students.



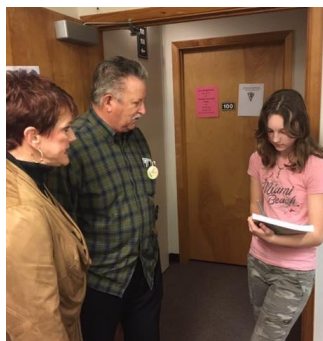
**Teacher Training in Technology:** Already this year, our teachers have had two opportunities to receive outside training in technology. Title II funds through the Gresham-Barlow School District were used to send all of the teachers to the Oregon Google Summit. At the Google Summit, teachers were exposed to the variety of ways Google Classroom can be used to extend and share student learning. The conference also exposed the additional infrastructure required to fully take advantage of all the technology we currently have and would like to procure in the future.



In addition, Technology Coach Amanda Taylor traveled up from Orange County, where she coaches educators at Saddleback Unified School District. She spent two days on our campus exposing our students and teachers to *Ozobots*, tiny robots that provide opportunities for our teachers to fuse programming and robotics with the content they are already teaching students.

**Exchange Students:** We are thrilled to have six exchange students attending DCS this year. This diverse group represents Germany, Spain, Israel, Rwanda and the Philippines. Not only do these students provide additional diversity to our student population, they provide our regular student body with an opportunity to experience the beauty of the larger body of Christ and to learn about a new culture. If you would ever be interested in hosting an exchange student, please let the school office know.

**Grandparents' Day:** Grandparents streamed into the sanctuary last Friday to worship with our secondary students and hear our special speaker, Bruce Malone. Following secondary chapel, they had the opportunity to enjoy some pastries and coffee provided by DCEF before enjoying performances by each of our elementary classes. Songs, poems, letters and skits highlighted the affection and love our students have for their grandparents. Grandparents received colorful buttons and creative projects from their grandchildren. This was a great event, and I appreciate all of the work our staff and students put forth to execute such an amazing day to honor grandparents.



**Elementary September Awards:** 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 September. Great job everyone!

DAVID AWARD		SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for JOY
<b>K</b>	Kayden Meyer	Elijah Purington	Alicia Miller
<b>1st</b>	Eunice Cristurean	Ethan Magda-Strava	Miley Foley
<b>2nd</b>	Chris Collins	Junior Hollier	Spencer Mortell
<b>3rd</b>	Evan Goodin	Connor Briece	Haavah Lorenzen
<b>4th</b>	Addie Buller	Gabriella Pappas	Jackson Liepold
<b>5th</b>	Reece Miller	Teagan Smith	Ernest Koval
<b>6th</b>	Ben McClellan	Sydney Sudaisar	Sarah Budey

## Upcoming Events

- PSAT Test for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Clackamas Community College Visit on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Half-day for K-8<sup>th</sup> graders only on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (11:45 A.M. elementary dismissal and 12:00 P.M. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dismissal for conference prep)
- **DCS/DCC Harvest Festival is Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.**
- **Parent-teacher conferences** from 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. on November 2<sup>nd</sup> (11:45 A.M. dismissal for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders and noon dismissal for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- **Parent-teacher conferences** from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (No school K-12)
- School auction for November 4<sup>th</sup> **POSTPONED**
- Veteran's Day Special Event: A special reception and elementary presentation to honor veterans will occur on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 P.M.
- Scholastic Book and Craft Fair from 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Scholastic Book and Craft Fair from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Thursday and Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanksgiving break: No School from November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Staff Spotlight: Dave Wakefield



I was born in Redland, California. Shortly after, my family moved back to Portland, Oregon. I became a believer at the age of 9.

I attended Clarkes Elementary and North Clackamas Christian. Later, I graduated from San Diego Christian College with dual majors in Education and History. At San Diego Christian, I met my beautiful wife Rachel. After graduation from college, I worked for North Clackamas Christian as a teacher, coach, athletic director and administrator. In 1998, I returned to school at George Fox to complete my masters in Educational Administration. God led me to serve as a teacher, athletic director and administrator at DCS while my kids were in attendance here. I began my involvement at DCS as a coach in 2000, and my family also became involved at

Damascus Community Church.

My summers are busy with home improvement projects, basketball summer leagues, and various athletic director responsibilities. My wife and I have been married since December of 1990 (almost 27 years) and have 4 children. In our spare time, we love to spend time in the outdoors. One of our main ministries is coaching women's basketball. God has blessed us by allowing us to coach and influence many players over the years. I thank the Lord for all the opportunities He has given to my family and me!

## Outreach Opportunities



**DCC / DCS HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Our annual Harvest Festival is this coming Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:00-8:00 P.M. We still need volunteers to help man a booth at our carnival-style festival, mainly the 7:00-8:00 P.M. time slot. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Davidson at (503) 290-9393. This event is important because it provides hundreds of kids in our community a fun and safe alternative to Halloween's trick-or-treating. We hope you can attend the festivities as well! So, plan to bring your whole family and invite your friends to enjoy a fun-filled night!

## Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

**FALL SPORTS UPDATE:** Our fall sports are all winding up this week as the winter sport of basketball begins. Please check our website for game times and locations for all teams – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, junior high, and high school. We look forward to seeing your face in the crowd supporting our Eagles!

- **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball** – We had a very young but excited group of elementary volleyball players. They had lots of fun playing together!
- **JH Volleyball** – We are SUPER proud of these players, who ended their season as league champions—undefeated!
- **JH Soccer** – Our team had a wonderful season and end undefeated. This is a talented team and has a bright future.
- **HS Volleyball** – Our volleyball team finished up 3<sup>rd</sup> in league, and will play Perrydale at sub-state. They are a young team and will be a dominant team in the future.
- **HS Soccer** – Our varsity soccer team continues to play in the playoffs and will miss the six seniors departing after this 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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