

## **We've Got Spirit! How 'Bout You?**

This week is Spirit Week for DCS students. Paint, silly outfits, floor to ceiling posters, smiles, class competitions, a Lip sync, dress up days, etc.—this week looks and sounds completely different than any other week of the year. The sounds of laughter and the energy flowing through our halls unite our students in a way no other week does. Spirit week is a great time to see kindergarteners through seniors get excited for their school. But, all this excitement is just an avenue to express our school pride—it's a reminder that the daily interactions and learning activities are really what have united the students and staff together. DCS is a place like no other. We are excited to be here, and we let it show!

- Principal Zachary Davidson



## **Dress Up Days!**

Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in this week's activities and dress up days. Students will be receiving points based on participation in the dress up days, class competitions, and other activities to earn some great prizes. Here's an overview of the week:

- **Monday's activities:** PJ day, Poster décor, Lip sync practice
- **Tuesday's activities:** Character day, Lip sync practice, Lunch with buddy class
- **Wednesday's activities:** America/patriotic day, Class competitions
- **Thursday's activities:** Throwback Thursday (dress up from past decades), Lip sync competition
- **Friday's activities:** School spirit day, School-wide assembly, Homecoming/honor court presentation



## **Recent News**



**DCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Students were able to display their Christmas spirit in January this year. The Christmas concert had been snowed out twice in the month of December and finally was given the spotlight on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Students, parents, and staff alike were excited for performances to finally take place. The band and choir students put on a wonderful performance! Ho Ho Ho Hot Chocolate!

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** DCS is now on several social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We wish to keep parents and alumni informed about the latest things going on at DCS as well as market ourselves to prospective DCS families. Stay abreast of all the wonderful things occurring at DCS by following one or all of these social media platforms and PLEASE share them with your family and friends.

- Website: <http://www.dcs4you.org>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/dcs4you.org/>
- Twitter: DCS@DCSeagles
- Instagram: dcs\_eagles



**A GREAT TIME AT THE 2017 WINTER FORMAL:** Our high school students were excited that the winter weather let up just in time for this year's Winter Formal, held at Portland's University Club. High school students enjoyed dinner, a comedian, limo rides, and more. Special thanks goes out to all of the people who made the night such a memorable one!

**ELEMENTARY AWARDS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY:**

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 months of December and January. Great job everyone!

	DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for KINDNESS
K	Lazarus Bray	Graham Morrison	Miley Foley
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brielle Balensifer	Chase Means	Kaydie Briece
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nathan Zagaryuk	Daniel Olson	Ashlynn Sudaisar
		Calvin Green	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jillian Handley	David Janzen	Jonathan Janzen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Reece Miller	Kyle Davis	Victoria Smith
5 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Davidson	Elijah Nikiforets	Sarah Budey
6 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Mitchell	Emily Werth	Grae Miller
	DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for GOODNESS
K	Danikah Kennedy	Brianna Palmer	Carter Liepold
1 <sup>st</sup>	Zachary Miller	Michael Hannah	Michael Foley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elijah Davidson	LillyAnn Wildman	Connor Briece
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Addie Buller	Shawn Johnson	Jackson Liepold
4 <sup>th</sup>	Richelle Milne	Ava Mai	Natalie Collins
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ransom Lorenzen	Zachary Herdener	Cole Patrick
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Gianelli	McKenna Phifer	Natalie Gohman

## Upcoming Events

**TIME FOR RE-ENROLLMENT:** You will soon be receiving a notification for re-enrollment through RenWeb for the 2017-2018 school year. Please act on this re-enrollment request by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. As we plan staffing and book orders for the fall, it is imperative that we have an accurate count for enrollment. More importantly though, we want to insure your child has a spot in his or her class for the fall. Already this winter, we have been blessed to receive interest from several prospective parents and have enrolled five new students mid-year. Although we give current students priority over new students, we recognize new families could possibly bump current families if re-enrollment is not secured. The month of February is dedicated for this process. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Mattecheck at (503) 658-4100, ext. 200. Please note: If you decide to re-enroll after March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the associated registration fee will not be credited to your account for the following school year.



- Monday – Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Spirit Week and Homecoming
- Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>: Re-enrollment begins via RenWeb
- Monday, February 13<sup>rd</sup>: Open forum about the secondary program, 6:30 P.M. for junior high and 7:30 P.M. for high school, in the library
- Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: ASVAB testing
- Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: Regular School Day: Presidents Day
- **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Pastor Appreciation Day!!**
- Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: DCC Women's One Day Spring Retreat at Alton L. Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek with guest speaker Linda Urbanowski, "Traveling from Bitterness to Forgiveness to Downright Love"
- Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Re-enrollment is due
- Wednesday – Saturday, March 1 – 4<sup>th</sup>: Potential basketball run for state in Baker City, Oregon
- Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: School Auction
- Monday – Friday, March 27 – 31<sup>st</sup>: Spring Break (School resumes Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

### **OPEN FORUM ABOUT SECONDARY ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES:**

Parents of current or prospective secondary students are invited to attend an open forum on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. For convenience, we will be hosting two separate forums. First parents of junior high students will gather in the library from 6:30 – 7:30 P.M., followed by parents of high school students from 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. During this time, we will discuss the programs and curriculum available to our secondary students as well as provide information about planning for college and their future. Please RSVP to the school office if you plan to attend.



## Staff Spotlight: Gerald Johnson

It is an honor to introduce myself to you. My name is Gerald Johnson, and I serve as one of the many Elders who shepherd the flock at Damascus Community Church.



I was born in Moline, Illinois, in 1949 when my father was attending a Lutheran Seminary. His first church was in Aberdeen, Washington. From there, we moved to Gresham, Oregon, in 1960. I attended Gresham public schools and one year at Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, Washington. I joined the U. S. Army in 1968 where, for the most part, I worked at the Post Stockade at Fort Carson, Colorado, and ended my enlistment in 1971. Upon returning to Oregon, I attended Mt. Hood Community College.

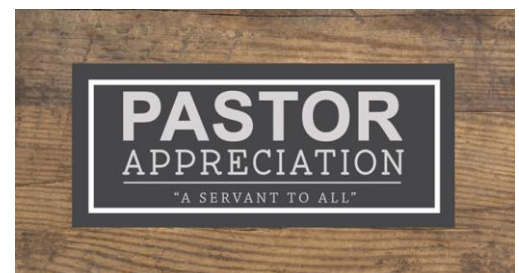
I professed Jesus Christ as my Savior at Damascus Community Church in April of 1974 and was hired by the Gresham Police Department in September of that year. During my time there, I worked patrol, planning and research, and training. As I was promoted, I commanded the Patrol Division, the Investigations Division, Computer Forensics, and the Special Emergency Response Team. I attended the FBI National Academy in 1990 and retired as Deputy Chief of Police in 2003. I began working at DCC as the Business Administrator in 2004 and retired from that position in 2011.

While attending DCC, I have served as an usher, on the Stewardship Team and on the Elder Selection Committee. I was ordained as an Elder in 2001. I am currently the Elder Council Chair/School Board Chair.

I met my wife Barbara at DCC, and we raised our three children there. Our kids each attended DCS until middle school, and then they attended the public schools in Gresham. Barbara was a substitute teacher at DCS for a couple years. We are blessed to have four grandchildren. I enjoy photography, road trips and meeting with men who truly have God's heart for all of DCC's ministries including DCS!

## Outreach Opportunities

**PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY:** I am excited to announce that on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, DCS will be hosting our first annual Pastor Appreciation Day to honor and show our appreciation to the local pastors and youth directors for their influence in our students' lives. They will be joining us for chapel at 8:15 A.M. We will then be serving breakfast to our special guests at 9:00 A.M. in the gym.



The scriptures tell us to recognize and honor the Godly ministers who serve faithfully the flock of God. Paul wrote the following words to the church at Thessalonica: *"Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work..."* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

Damascus Christian reaffirms the importance of home, family, and church in the lives of each student. We are grateful for those who preach God's word to us and who love and guide us. Please help us spread the word about this special day by having your child give the invitation that was sent home to their pastor or youth director. There are more invitations available in the church office. It will be such a treat to have so many of our students have their pastors come and visit!





**SPRING BREAK ROCKWOOD OUTREACH:** DCC will be hosting a Sports Camp March 27-29<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army Youth Center in Rockwood, Oregon. Adult volunteers and students age 12 and above are invited to serve together at this camp. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Andy McClellan in the church office at 503-658-3179.

**ELEMENTARY CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADER:** DCS is also in need of a volunteer to come in on Wednesday mornings to lead worship for our elementary students. Chapel worship time usually runs from 8:20 - 8:40 A.M. If you are interested, contact the school office.

**SCRIP GIFT AND CASH CARDS GIVE BACK TO DCS:** Scrip is an easy way to support our school by purchasing gift cards for items that your family regularly purchases. You simply fundraise while you shop! For example, if you regularly fill-up your car at the local Safeway gas station, you could purchase Safeway cash cards through DCS. You receive the gift cards to use as you would like, and DCS wins by receiving a certain % back from Safeway for the purchase of the gift card.



If you are planning to purchase gift cards as birthday presents or gifts, plan ahead and order them through DCS.

## Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

**WINTER SPORTS:** If you haven't had an opportunity to come out and watch our basketball teams, what are you waiting for? All teams are very successful right now, with our varsity boys and girls teams ranked in the top 10 in state and looking toward Baker City. Our junior high teams are also sporting a winning record. Please consult our weekly Eagle Eye or the school website for upcoming games, so you too can cheer on our Eagles.



**SPRING SPORTS:** Keep your eyes and ears open for information about our spring sports program—Track and Field. Athletes of all abilities and interests can join together to form a winning team!

**SPRING DRAMA PRODUCTION:** Auditions are coming up for the spring drama production. They will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. DCS students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to audition and should prepare a 1-2 minute memorized monologue to perform at their audition. Talk to Kaleb Easterbrooks or see Mrs. Easterbrooks in the Athletic Office to sign up for an audition time.



### 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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