

Blessings Abound!

As we come to the conclusion of our first quarter and prepare for conferences, I have reflected back upon what a great start to the year we have had! I have been especially blessed this past week to observe two opportunities our students have unique to DCS to grow their faith. First, our 5th and 6th grade students mentor and teach younger elementary students during each family chapel. Second, adults from DCC/DCS meet weekly with small groups of our secondary students to build personal relationships. Both of these awesome programs follow the model of stronger Christians leading and discipling younger Christians.



- Principal Zachary Davidson

Recent News

Grandparents Day: Grandparents streamed into the sanctuary last Friday escorted by members of the senior class to observe performances by each of our elementary classes. Songs, poems, letters, videos and skits highlighted the affection and love our students have for their grandparents. Grandparents also had the opportunity to win some prizes during competitions and 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
K	Zachary Miller	Chris Collins	Spencer Mortell
1 st	Evan Goodin	Ashlynn Sudaisar	Haavah Lorenzen
2 nd	Addison Buller	Jackson Liepold	Kyle Botofan
3 rd	Victoria Smith	Kyle Davis	Ava Mai
4 th	Will Sussman	Ransom Lorenzen	Sarah Budey
5 th	Julia Mitchell	Hannah Gianelli	Emily Werth
6 th	Carter Clear	Noah Carandanis	Luke Lehman

Upcoming Events

- 1st Quarter ends October 30th.
- Attend the DCC/DCS **Harvest Festival** on October 31st from 5 – 8 P.M.
- **Parent-teacher conferences** will be held November 5th and 6th. School will dismiss at noon on the 5th and will not occur at all on the 6th.
- A special reception for veterans, which includes a presentation by our elementary students, will occur on Veteran's day, Wednesday, November 11th.
- An informational meeting about secondary drama opportunities will occur November 12th during lunch.
- No school will be held November 23rd and 24th for teacher in-service.
- Thanksgiving break will be November 25th – 27th.



Staff Spotlight: Pam Mattecheck



I am truly blessed to be a part of Damascus Christian School, serving as the secretary in the school office. I began working here in 2003, and have had the privilege of getting to know many of the families and students that have walked the halls here at DCS. My husband and I have two boys that also attended and graduated from DCS.

When I am not at DCS, I enjoy spending time with my family in the great outdoors or at home, cooking and playing games. My favorite things to do include camping, water skiing, hiking, hunting, fishing, cooking and trying new recipes. I am married to my high school sweetheart, and we have two wonderful boys and now two beautiful daughter-in-laws.

Financial Update

Starting November 6th, we will begin installing our cabling to provide campus Wi-Fi. We anticipate adding new cables, nine access points, new switches and a sonic wall. While this is a highly anticipated improvement, it will not change our vision, mission or commitment to strong fundamental teaching practices. However, this will provide teachers with more flexibility and reliability when using technology in both instruction and planning. Our students will also benefit by learning through more dynamic lessons and being protected when online. We are all very excited to more effectively utilize current and future technology in order to enhance instruction, communication and collaboration.

In addition to technology upgrades, we have purchased School Guard, which is a company that uses a phone app to increase communication both within the school and outside the school in times of a crisis or emergency. Please visit their website at <http://schoolguard.guard911.com/> to see how this product will increase our ability to respond in such a crisis.

Outreach Opportunities

LOBBY GREETERS: We are seeking volunteers to staff a reception desk in the foyer or lobby by the upstairs entrance from 8:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Volunteers would work shifts of 2 hours (or longer if desired) for the purpose of greeting visitors, signing them in and out, providing guest badges, and directing them to their destination. This is a great opportunity to warmly welcome visitors to our building and maintain security for our students.

DCC / DCS HARVEST FESTIVAL: Our annual Harvest Festival is this Saturday, 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 so 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 and neighbors to enjoy a fun-filled night!



Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

DRAMA OPPORTUNITY: DCS will be presenting a spring **drama production** this school year. As we desire to maintain our strong fine arts legacy, we eagerly anticipate providing this opportunity for our junior high and high school students. An informational meeting will take place during lunch on November 12th for students who are interested in participating. Please stay tuned for more information related to our drama program.

FALL SPORTS UPDATE:

- **5th-6th Grade Volleyball** – Our elementary volleyball team made it through the season losing just one game. They were noted for demonstrating great sportsmanship during their matches!
- **JH Volleyball** – We are proud of these 13 players, who ended the season 11-4, missing playoffs by one place. As a team, they focused on being overcomers, team players & wise choice makers. The team verse this year was 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
- **JH Soccer** – This team's hard work paid off, earning a spot in the playoffs for the first time in 3 years. The memory verse for the season was Romans 15:2, "Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." This verse is to help remind our players that they need to encourage each other not only as good team mates but as fellow Christians. The coaches pray that the players develop these skills that are crucial in their walk with the Lord. They need to build each other up in the Lord and stand strong!
- **HS Volleyball** – Our volleyball team is enjoying a successful season, winning the league championship. They will be playing in the state playoffs beginning October 31st at Open Door. DCS also captured the "Coach of the Year" title with the tremendous sister-duo coaching of Emily Russau and Ashley Buller.
- **HS Soccer** – Our soccer team's tenacity was rewarded as they made it to the winner's bracket of playoffs.
- **HS Cross Country** – Congratulations to our runners, who all cut at least half a minute off their previous PR's (personal best). Faith did exceptionally well and will be representing DCS at the state meet.



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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