

Recent News

60 SECONDS TO VICTORY AUCTION RECAP: What a night! The gym was a buzz with ten colorful teams competing in 60-second competitions as DCS culminated a month of gathering pledges with games and an auction. In total, the event was a huge success as we were able to raise over \$30,000 for curriculum, furniture and other resources to address our aging building and curriculum needs. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Herdener for organizing this fun event, Ms. Rossos for providing a tasty buffet dinner, and to each and every one of you, who generously gave and supported our school ministry.



At the auction, those in attendance also viewed a quick presentation that shared the benefits of past auctions. For instance, significant upgrades to campus security have been made this year, including replacing our outdated



cameras with new hi-def cameras, a video-buzz in system and magnetic locks with card swipe access. In addition, technology improvements include upgraded servers, Wi-Fi, iPads and Chromebooks, purchased with auction funds and the Juan Young Trust grant. Last, attendees were introduced to plans for a new three-story building, which would contain all DCS classrooms.

MRS. KLINGBILE'S RETIREMENT: On April 25th, the auditorium was filled with students, staff and friends and family of Mrs. Klingbile. The whole school took a pause during the hectic end of the year to honor her 38 years of ministry at DCS. The testimony of her students and colleagues portrayed what a special woman Mrs. Klingbile is and what a special place Damascus Christian is. She will be missed, but her influence on DCS will carry on.



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!

MAY'S AWARD RECIPIENTS			APRIL'S AWARD RECIPIENTS		
DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for Gentleness	DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for Self-Control
K Chris Collins	Spencer Mortell	Carter Adler	K Kaydie Briece	Zachary Miller	Madison Searls
1st Mark Sacara	Lilya Wildman	Evan Goodin	1st Lilly Larson	Nathan Zagaryuk	Jason Lupulescu
2nd Jonathan Janzen Natalie Boyette	Shawn Johnson	David Janzen	2nd Gabriella Pappas	Luke Brown	Jillian Handley
3rd Kyle Davis	Ava Mai	Anna Berezanskaya	3rd Emma Hansen	Tori Myers	Eva Ryan
4th Caleb Davis	Samantha Boyette Elijah Nikiforets	Zachary Herdener	4th Sydney Sudaisar	Demetri Carandanis	Will Sussman
5th Emily Werth	Natalie Gohman	Abbey Atkins	5th Maksim Leontiy	Sierra Hale	Grae Miller
6th Noah Carandanis	Rachel Roth	Kylee Maxwell	6th Ian Gustafsson	Ella Brown	Andrea Bogdan

Keaton Coffey Memorial: Thank you to everyone who participated last 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.



Upcoming Events

- Free **Library storytime** every Wednesday at 10 A.M. The theme is “Kids Around the World”.
- 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.
- Drama Camp: June 6-9th from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- **DCC Family Movie Nights:** Free dinner (5:30 P.M.) and free movie (6 P.M.) for the whole family in the DCC auditorium on each date below
 - June 12th (*Finding Nemo*)
 - July 20th (*Inside Out*)
 - August 21st (*Frozen*)
 - September 18th (*Up*)
- Volleyball Camp: June 13-16th from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- **DCC Sport Camp “The Great Comeback”:** August 1-4th from 9:00 – 12:15 P.M.
 - Cost \$20; if registered after July 22nd the cost increases to \$25
- Jr. High Summer Camp at Black Lake Bible Camp: July 10-16th
 - Cost \$290; deposit of \$75 due June 1st (registration forms available in the DCC office)
- High School Summer Camp at Black Lake Bible Camp: July 24-30th
 - Cost \$290; deposit of \$75 due June 19th (registration forms available in the DCC office)
- Lincoln City Retreat (watersports and beach retreat for incoming Juniors and Seniors): August 12-14th
 - Cost \$99; deposit of \$49 due July 1st (registration forms available in the DCC office)
- **All-school workday:** TBD—FREE lunch provided!



Reflections from the Principal: Zachary Davidson



After concluding my first year as principal at Damascus Christian School, I have humbly come away with two observations. Damascus Christian has a strong family culture and an unwavering commitment to teaching from a Biblical worldview.

First, our family culture is apparent in observed interactions sprinkled throughout my day. Last month, I observed a junior student kneeling down to attentively listen to a third grader describe her state project. This past week, I witnessed a teacher meeting with a student in the sanctuary and interceding for them in prayer. Yesterday, I watched elementary students be entertained as high school students practiced for a skit. These interactions between students and also between students and staff are a beautiful thing, which cultivate unique opportunities for mentoring and discipleship. This family environment is one of the many attributes of DCS I have enjoyed watching and definitely something we do really well here.

Second, our strong commitment to a Biblical Worldview is paramount to everything we do. While many other Christian schools have adopted secular curriculum and chased various initiatives, we have held resolute to not compromise the Bible, which serves as our foundation. I have appreciated DCC as a church, our school and our many families that realize that Biblically founded education is a priority. Consequently, I am strengthening our efforts to involve students in discipleship and outreach opportunities.

Outreach Opportunities

Summer Work Day: Last fall, over 40 volunteers of all ages came to spruce up DCS. It was a fun and successful event. This year, we plan to have the work day toward the end of the summer before the start of school, so indoor needs can better 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. Like last year, we plan to offer free lunch to all who give of their time. Please keep your eye out for the date of this event.



Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

JH Track Recap: The 2016 middle school season had many highlights, one being the mere turnout for the team. We had a total of fourteen athletes half of which will be returning next year. Another highlight was heading home from meets with boys and girls teams always placing high in meets in the team scoring. Both boys and girls placed fifth overall at districts. We had a wonderful season full of personal records and outstanding performances. I am very proud to have been able to coach such a talented and fun group of Damascus student athletes. – Coach Juan

High School Track Recap: This year was a very challenging year. We had several athletes that were injured and several athletes sick at the beginning of the season. It took some time for everyone to get healthy. The great thing about this year's team is they worked through it. The true sign of a great team is how it handles adversity. They handled it very well. This year was a total team effort. Every single Athlete on the boys and girls team contributed at Districts. This year we had 37 personal records set.



- **HS Girls Team:** The girls repeated as district champions. This was truly amazing. The girls' team only consisted of six athletes. The entire girls team competed at state. Faith Richards placed 2nd in the 1500 meters and 2nd in the 800 meters. Nicole Manning placed 5th in the javelin and 3rd in shot put. Ashlynn Jones placed 10th in the long jump and 10th in the triple jump. The girls' 4x100 relay placed 7th and again placed in the 4x400 relay (6th place). In the overall team competition, the girls' team placed 5th in state. What an amazing six girls... they left it all on track.
- **HS Boys Team:** The boys' team placed 2nd at districts, sending 6 athletes to state. Moses Wakefield placed 2nd in state in the 3000 meter run breaking his own school record by 17 seconds. Moses also placed 4th in the 1500 meter run. Hunter Straub placed 8th in the long jump and 6th in the triple jump. Ben

Shields and Hunter Straub also placed 12th in the pole vault. Micah Gandara placed 10th in the boys 800 meters. The boys' 4x400 meter relay team placed 10th.

This year was a lot of fun everyone competed hard and improved every day. I would like to say thank you to the Seniors Hunter Straub, Ben shields, Emily Bedlion, Hanna Betsacon, Monty Phillips, and our two amazing exchange students—Juan Serralls and Davide Riboldi. All of you have been truly an inspiration, and I am honored to have been your Coach. Thank you to everyone and great job this season. – Coach Buse

Damascus Community Church

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

Community Groups: 9:45 A.M.

Children's Sunday School: 8:15, 9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

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