

Recent News

FINE ARTS FAIR: On April 8th, DCS hosted an open house to showcase the many talents of our K-12 students.



Those who attended were graced with the opportunity to listen to individual elementary kids sing and play the piano, eat scrumptious cookies baked and served by the 8th grade boys Home Ec. class, take a selfie with an Egyptian sarcophagus, and view skillful art work created by our high schoolers. This event presented a wonderful collection of items demonstrating the many gifts of our students, hard work of our teachers, and the creativity of our own God.

ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT: On April 12th, the auditorium was filled with the sound of music as family and friends listened to the elementary classes perform during the spring concert.



Kindergarteners through 4th graders sang a collection of worship songs that spoke about trusting in God. It is so neat to hear fifty young voices lift their song in praise. Yet, one of the most memorable moments was when Mrs. Klingbile's 4th grade class—self-dubbed the “Last Class Standing”—played a tribute to her on their recorders. They had selected her favorite hymn and played it for her,

bringing tears to her eyes. Mrs. Klingbile will be retiring at the end of the year after serving DCS for over 35 years.

ELEMENTARY AWARDS FOR MARCH: 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 March. Great job everyone! April's recipients will be announced soon and will be posted in the May newsletter.

	DAVID AWARD	SOLOMON AWARD	PAUL AWARD for Faithfulness
K	Jonathan Koval	Leah Robles	Joshua Zakharyuk
1st	Lilya Wildman	Jason Lupulescu	Evan Goodin
2nd	Ethan Myers	Loraina Phifer	Tayanah Balensifer
3rd	Wyatt Sussman	Garrett Walsh	Victoria Smith
4th	Elijah Nikiforets	Sarah Budey	Zach Herdener
5th	Abbigayle Bailey	McKenna Phifer	Haley Botofan
6th	Luke Lehman	Griffin Hill	Grace Rojas

ACADEMIC HONORS FOR 3rd QUARTER:

4th Grade

Highest Honors

Samantha Boyette
 Esther Davidson
 Ransom Lorenzen

Cole Patrick
 Sydney Sudaisar
 Will Sussman

Honors

Sarah Budey
 Demetri Carandanis
 Zachary Herdener

Gemma Kleve
 Cole Myers
 Keira Roush

5th Grade

Highest Honors

Abbey Atkins
 McKenna Phifer

Honors

Natalie Gohman
 Sierra Hale
 Grae Miller

Julia Mitchell
 Emily Werth

6th Grade

Highest Honors

Andrea Bogdan
 Noah Carandanis
 Carter Clear
 Ian Gustafsson

Luke Lehman
 Kylee Maxwell
 Zach Nelson
 Daniel Wilson

Honors

Lauren Baumgarth
 Ella Brown
 Nathan Larson
 Logan Maxwell

Emily Powers
 Rachel Roth

7th Grade

Highest Honors

Brooklyn Bresko
 Savannah Hale
 Nathan Henry

Nina Piscitello
 Luke Sullins
 Noelle Wakefield

Honors

Kayleigh MacGibbon
 McKenna Patrick

8 th Grade	Highest Honors		Honors	
	Jonathan Baumgarth Axel Clear Brenner Henry	Adrienne Mai Keon Miller Spencer Powers	Katelyn Bailey Caleb Carpenter Zach Carpenter Sierra Ellis	Megan Gustafsson Matthew Mitchell Nicole Nikiforets Jacob Zakharyuk
9 th Grade	Highest Honors		Honors	
	Shane Atkins Mason Cote	Samuel Titchenal Clayton VanDyke	Luke Nelson Jonathan Shields	Tory Webb
10 th Grade	Highest Honors		Honors	
	Micah Gandara Joshua Mitchell		Michael Allen Jared Bresko	Ryan Patrick
11 th Grade	Highest Honors		Honors	
	Jacob Atkins Ashlynn Jones Elizabeth Leontiy	Beau Moody Moses Wakefield	Kyle Butz Jonah Gustafsson Joy Kendall	Ariane Mabano Nicole Manning Silas Marvin
12 th Grade	Highest Honors		Honors	
	Emily Bedlion Thomas Marlow	John Sharpe Hunter Straub	Hanna Betsacon Emily Geister Kayla Houston Davide Riboldi	Victoria Runestrand Ben Shields Audrey Tucker

Upcoming Events

60 SECONDS TO VICTORY AUCTION: Please join us May 7th to support our school and have a lot of fun too. Teams of students will compete in 60 seconds challenges, much like the TV show “Minute to Win It”. We call this great event “60 Seconds to Victory”! There will be a silent auction and buffet style dinner as well.



Although this event is still over a week away, students have already been working hard to earn team points. They have been requesting pledges from friends and family and have raised over \$13,000. The students are close to achieving their goal of \$20,000 and the opportunity to receive some prizes from the staff—like a special movie with

popcorn. A big shout out goes to the elementary students, who have really embraced this competition and have brought in the majority of the money. Proceeds from this event are directly going back into the classroom to meet teachers’ needs as well as going toward tuition assistance.

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES: Just like around Christmas time, the end of the school year brings with it a number of events that fill the calendar. Please encourage your students to end this last quarter academically strong and to enjoy their time with teachers and classmates before we depart for summer.

- Drama production: *The Magician’s Nephew* – Thursday–Saturday, April 28th–30th
- **FACTS application deadline for 2016-2017 financial aid – Saturday, April 30th**
- 6th Grade Outdoor School – May 4th–6th
- National day of prayer – Thursday, May 5th
- “60 Seconds to Victory” fundraiser and auction– Saturday, May 7th
- Junior/senior dessert – Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 P.M.
- Elementary Literature Night – Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 P.M.

- District Track Meet – Friday and Saturday, May 13th—14th
- Band concert – Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 P.M.
- Secondary Field Day – May 18th
- Seniors’ finals week and last day – May 24th–27th
- Carroll Klingbile’s Retirement – May 25th at 1:30 P.M.
- Senior Awards – May 26th at 2:15 P.M.
- Memorial day (No school) – May 30th
- Secondary Finals May 31st – June 2nd
- Kindergarten promotion – June 1st at 10:00 A.M.
- Last day of school – June 2nd
- 8th Graders ½ Day and 8th Grade Promotion – June 2nd at 7:00 P.M.
- Senior Commencement – June 3rd at 7:00 P.M.
- All-school work day TBD—FREE lunch provided!

Staff Spotlight: Vicky Boyette



Vicky Boyette was born and raised in Gresham, Oregon. She felt the Lord guiding her into teaching from a young age. Since graduating from Warner Pacific and obtaining her teaching license, she has taught in both public and private schools.

She met her husband, Neil, at a little starter church that had been meeting in a school gymnasium. Since they did not have a church building to hold their wedding in, they searched for a church that might be willing to allow them to use their building. In 2000, Damascus Community Church graciously allowed the young couple to marry in their facility.

Now, sixteen years later, DCS acts like her home away from home. Mrs. Boyette teaches junior high English, history, and home economics. She and her husband have two daughters who attend DCS.

Mrs. Boyette loves gardening, sewing, cooking and traveling. Her favorite passage from the Bible is Proverbs 3:5-6. “Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

Financial Update

FACTS – TUITION ASSISTANCE: Our school is blessed to have financial resources to come along side parents. We can provide tuition assistance through scholarships for families, who struggle to afford Damascus Christian School. This past year, twenty families were awarded scholarships. While we do have limitations to the number of families we can help, I would like to encourage those who need financial assistance to visit our website and submit an application with FACTS, an outside organization that helps us determine how to best meet the financial needs of the applicants. This is a confidential process. Applications must be submitted by April 30th to be considered for tuition assistance next year.



MOTHER'S DAY SCRIP GIFTS: Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th! Scrip is an easy way to support our school by purchasing gift cards for items that your family regularly purchases. You receive the gift cards to use as you would like, and DCS wins by receiving a certain % back for the purchase of the gift card. Plan now to purchase gift cards as birthday presents, graduation gifts, and even Mother's Day gifts.



Outreach Opportunities



Bake Sale Surprise: Recently, several high school students planned and put on a bake sale to fundraise funds for a friend to go on a summer mission's trip, all unbeknown to the student herself. This creative and self-less act raised enough funds for Victoria Runestrand to attend Uncharted Waters (UW) training camp. This opportunity will allow Victoria the opportunity to travel with UW and put on camps around the United States. Interestingly, Victoria has volunteered her time and talents at all six of Damascus Community Church's sports camps. We wish her travel mercies and pray that God will use her in mighty ways to reach our country's youth. We also are proud of the students who ministered to Victoria by seeing her need and acting on it. It's a reminder to all of us that God can use any act or deed, big or small and even sweet, to further His kingdom.

Mission Trip Recap: On Friday May 13th, the secondary students will join for a chapel with a special emphasis. All this year, students have been involved in various ministries and will be given a chance to share about their experiences and to be recognized for their service. For example, several students were involved with the sports camp in Rockwood sponsored by DCC and Salvation Army. Another student spent Spring Break in India and Nepal. Other students plan to spend some of their summer doing outreach. Our girls' high school basketball team will be going to Mexico to work with the NOE center, while another student will be traveling to the Philippines.

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.

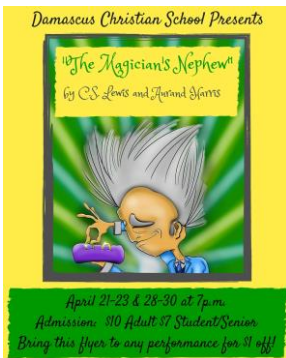


Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights



TRACK AND FIELD: Rain or shine, approximately twenty high school student athletes have been out practicing and performing at meets. Under the guidance of head Coach Buse, these students have set personal records and look forward to districts at Portland Christian on May 13 and 14. We have several students poised to qualify for state and earn a place on the podium. Please consult our weekly Eagle Eye or the school website for upcoming meets, so you too can cheer on our Eagles as they jump, run and throw their way to success.

KEATON COFFEY HERO HALF: Come walk, run or volunteer to support the Coffey Family on May 28rd in Sweet. Register at www.herohalf.org and join the team: Damascus Eagles. Email to reserve a seat on the bus: elaine.milsark@damascuscc.org. The Hero Half benefits: the DCS Keaton Coffey Memorial Scholarship and other organizations that support veterans.



SPRING DRAMA PRODUCTION: Our students and guest director Katelyn Pirot have worked hard to prepare lines, costumes, and an enthralling theatrical performance of C.S. Lewis's *The Magician's Nephew*. Performances will continue to run this Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30. See Nancy in the bookkeeping office for tickets or purchase them at the door.

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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