

## Recent News

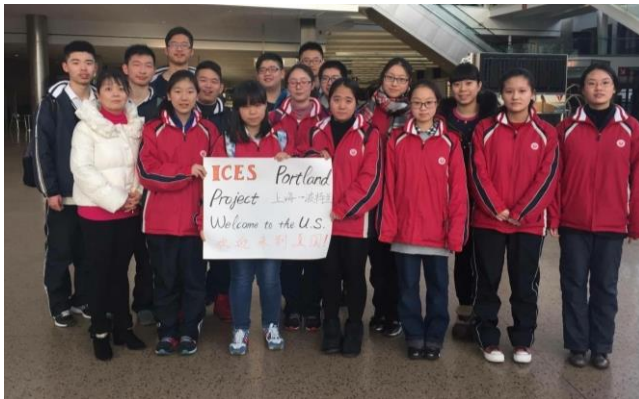
**GRANT AWARDED:** DCS recently was awarded \$10,000 from the Juan Young Trust to purchase a mobile cart of chrome books. The chrome books will be available for all students as a tool to research, learn keyboarding skills, collaborate with others, and take assessments. This purchase is an excellent opportunity for our teachers to expand the classrooms' resources and enhance our students' overall education. Receiving this grant for the chrome books is the second phase in the technology plan, with the first being the recent addition of WiFi to our campus. We are striving to make our education more relevant to our students' lives and futures. We would like to thank DCEF for their work in securing these funds.



**OPEN FORUM ABOUT SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES:** Parents of current or prospective junior high and high school students are invited to attend an open forum at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in Room 101. 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.



**CHINESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** In mid-January, fifteen Chinese students from Shanghai, China, came to Oregon to gain a feel for whether they would like to return for an American high school education. Multiple



families in the school, who were gracious to open their homes and schedules, hosted these students for seven days. This was a fantastic opportunity to broaden our students' cultural awareness and to be a good testimony to these students and their chaperones. In addition to the host families, we appreciate the teachers and entire DCS student body for sharing their classrooms.

If you are interested in similar hosting opportunities in the future, please contact the school office.

**ELEMENTARY AWARDS FOR DECEMBER:** 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 December. Great job everyone! January's recipients will be announced soon and will be posted in the February newsletter.

	<b>DAVID AWARD</b>	<b>SOLOMON AWARD</b>	<b>PAUL AWARD for KINDESS</b>
<b>K</b>	Madison Searls	Joshua Zakharyuk	Chris Collins
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Elijah Davidson	Connor Briece	Nathan Zagaryuk
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Brandon Roth	Natalie Boyette	Addie Buller
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Anna Berezanskaya	Emma Hansen	Natalie Collins
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Zachary Herdener	Caleb Davis	Sydney Sudaisar
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Sierra Hale	Maksim Leontiy	Abbigayle Bailey
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Andrea Bogdan	Logan Maxwell	Noah Carandanis and Tane Olsen

## ACADEMIC HONORS FOR 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Samantha Boyette Esther Davidson Ransom Lorenzen Cole Patrick	<b>Honors</b> Sarah Budey Gemma Kleve Keira Roush	Sydney Sudaisar Will Sussman
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Abbey Atkins McKenna Phifer	<b>Honors</b> Sierra Hale Grae Miller	Emily Werth
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Andrea Bodgan Zach Nelson Ian Gustafsson Luke Lehman	<b>Honors</b> Lauren Baumgarth Ella Brown Noah Carandanis Carter Clear Griffin Hill Nate Larson	Kylee Maxwell Tane Olsen Emily Powers Rachel Roth Claire Watts Daniel Wilson
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Brooklyn Bresko Savannah Hale Nathan Henry Nina Piscitello Luke Sullins Noelle Wakefield	<b>Honors</b> P J Janzen Isaac Layzell Kayleigh MacGibbon McKenna Patrick	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Jonathan Baumgarth Brenner Henry Adrienne Mai Keon Miller Spencer Powers	<b>Honors</b> Katelyn Bailey Caleb Carpenter Zach Carpenter Axel Clear Sierra Ellis	Megan Gustafsson Matthew Mitchell Nicole Nikiforets Jacob Zakharyuk
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Shane Atkins Sam Titchenal Victoria Webb	<b>Honors</b> Mason Cote Kennedy Hill Luke Nelson	Jonathan Shields Matthew Sullins Clayton VanDyke
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Michael Allen Micah Gandara Josh Mitchell	<b>Honors</b> Jared Bresko Ryan Patrick	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Jacob Atkins Kyle Butz Ashlynn Jones Elizabeth Leontiy Silas Marvin Beau Moody Moses Wakefield	<b>Honors</b> Gabe Coe Hayley Ellis Joy Kendall Ariane Mabano Seth Murphy	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Highest Honors</b> Emily Bedlion Davide Riboldi John Sharpe Ben Shields	<b>Honors</b> Hanna Betsacon Juan Eugenio Emily Geister Kayla Houston Melanie Hovda	Thomas Marlow Victoria Runestrand Hunter Straub Ben Wescott

# Upcoming Events

**RE-ENROLLMENT:** You will soon be receiving a notification for re-enrollment through RenWeb for the 2016-2017 school year. Please act on this re-enrollment request by February 29<sup>th</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 been conducting tours. 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 Mattechek at (503) 658-4100, ext. 200. Please note: If you decide to re-enroll after February 29<sup>th</sup>, the associated registration fee will not be credited to your account for the following school year.



- Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – DCC presents “The Family Project”, a 12-week video series, 5:30-7:00 P.M.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Script Contest Drawing for \$20 to the Olive Garden.
- Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Open forum for the secondary program, 7:00 P.M. in Room 101
- Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Re-enrollment begins via RenWeb
- Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – ASVAB testing
- Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – No School: Presidents Day
- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Mid-term reports
- Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – DCC Women’s Spring Retreat, “Journey to Joy”, at Alton L. Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek
- Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – Re-enrollment is due

**LIBRARY RE-OPENING:** Hip! Hip! Hurray! Our data entry is almost complete, and we are planning to re-open our DCS library next week Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am so grateful for hours and hours of help from Mark Rutherford and Lisa Clear. Thank you also for praying for us during this time. God is faithful!

We are planning a special time of celebrating our return “HOME” next Wednesday, Feb. 3. Parents, you are invited to drop in for a little time of celebration right after dropping off your kiddoes. Some of you may have never been in our library before. This is your golden opportunity. Please join us!



## Staff Spotlight: Whom Do I Go To About...?

When you have questions about DCS or need some help, want information, wish to share a concern or present an idea, to whom do you turn?

*It depends upon the situation...*

- If it correlates directly with **schoolwork, assignments, homework, make-up work, due dates, projects, detentions, classroom discipline, etc.**, you go to the **teacher(s) responsible**. They are your best source for first-hand information. Because they are most often teaching, you may have to leave a message and have them get back to you when they are free.

- What about **school calendar, up-coming school events, times, dates, immunizations, fundraising procedure forms, lost and found, etc.**? Those questions should go to the office. **Mrs. Pam Mattecheck** does a wonderful job in keeping track of what's happening, when, where, and at what time. (503) 658-4100 ext. 200
- I have a question about **sports – upcoming games, departure/return times, rescheduled game dates/times, eligibility, officiating, etc.** **Jennifer Easterbrooks** is our athletic secretary for all grades, and she can be reached at (503) 658-4100 ext. 222.
- What about questions relating to **high school academic requirements, college-career information, making up a credit from a failed class, scheduling, and details (SAT's/ACT's), major events (Sr. Retreat, Spirit Week, Mission's Week), home-school communication, etc.**? The person with those answers would be **Mrs. Jan Dauntless**. (503) 658-4100 ext. 224
- When it comes to **financial matters**, **Mrs. Nancy Gustafsson** our bookkeeper is the person you can turn to. She can be reached Monday through Friday at (503) 658-4100, ext. 108.



We trust this will be helpful to you as various questions, concerns or ideas arise during the course of the year. Realizing that DCS is only one ministry at Damascus Community Church, we are not always able to act upon suggestions or ideas as they may have an adverse impact on another ministry.

## Outreach Opportunities

**LOBBY GREETERS:** We continue to seek 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.

**SCRIP GIFT AND CASH CARDS:** 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

**SPRING DRAMA PRODUCTION:** This Spring's drama production will be *Magicians Nephew* directed by Katelyn Perot. Auditions will be held on February 8 -10 after school in the auditorium. Performances will be April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>rd</sup> in the auditorium.

**A NIGHT AT THE MODA CENTER:** Both varsity basketball teams had a rare opportunity to play on an NBA basketball court in Portland’s MODA center. In addition to having victory on the court, this opportunity served as a fundraiser for the DCS basketball program. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Easterbrooks and the coaches for providing this opportunity for our student athletes.



**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 first in league. 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! We are also looking to fill an assistant Track and Field coaching position.

## **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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