

Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Auction Action

In our last Auction Action article, we learned about how New Year's resolutions began. This week I thought that it would be fun to learn about some of the things people ate on New Year's Day, thinking it would bring them good luck in the coming year. Isn't it wonderful that we, as believers in Christ, don't have to depend on "luck" but know that all things that come into our lives are from the loving hand of our Father in Heaven. But here are some of the things the ancients believed:

Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends. Parties often last into the middle of the night after the ringing in of a new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky

if that visitor happened to be a tall dark-haired man.

Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune. (I love this tradition, don't you?)

Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures. The hog, and thus its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

I don't know what all of you ate on New Year's Day, but I do know that it didn't make any difference as to how your

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Cheer Clinic Performance Rescheduled



Due to the snow last week, the DCS Cheer Clinic performance has been rescheduled for Friday, February 2nd in the DCS gym. The girls game begins at 5:30 and the boys begins at 7 PM. Join us and see the future of cheerleading at Damascus Christian School!

DCS Cheerleaders Compete This Saturday!

Your DCS Varsity Cheerleaders will begin their competition season this Saturday at the Oregon City Cheer Invitational at Oregon City High School. We are scheduled to compete in the morning – doors open to spectators at 8 AM! Join us and support your DCS Cheerleaders! *Go Eagles!!*

School Closure Announcements

You may have noticed during last week's snow closure that our posted notices on TV were pretty hit and miss. Some stations posted our closure right away; others were later or not at all. In checking with the web service that hosts our notices, they were hit by an overload of schools, offices, businesses and government notices of closures or delays. That bogged their entire system down and caused some of the problems mentioned above. They have corrected the problem and should be in better shape next time they are needed.

We would suggest that if you are in doubt about the status of DCS and you have not seen or heard anything on TV or radio by 7:30 AM (we try to get the information to the notice website no later than 6:30 AM), simply log on to a local TV station website (KOIN.com, KPTV.com, etc.) and go to their "School Closure" section. There you will find all school delays and closures even though they may not be posted on the ticker-tape at the bottom of the screen.

You may also receive DCS school delay/closure information

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year is going to go. God is the sovereign giver of our blessings. If you want to be a blessing and receive a blessing in this new year, it won't be because of what you ate on New Year's Day. BUT, it just might be from helping with the DCC Auction 2007. Below are a few suggestions as to how you might be involved so that you can both be a blessing and, and hopefully, receive a blessing yourself:

1. Help with your child's class project
2. Be a sponsor; there is still time to do this: (contact **Dorian Forrar**)
3. Donate small items into the **drop boxes** which are available January 18 & January 26th, from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. in the foyer. These items will be used to make up baskets to be sold at the auction. The items need to be new. Each week has a different "focus" item(s). This week January 18th, the focus is lotions and candles. January 26th the focus will be any variety of small items you wish to put into the **drop box**.

It is **NOT** too late to bless others by your work and/or giving to the DCS Auction 2007. Please take advantage of the convenient drop boxes, or call the school office to see where **YOU** can help. **YOU** are needed and **YOU** do make a difference!



Re-Enrollment Packet Will Be Sent Home January 26th

Each year at this time, we sent home re-enrollment packets for parents to complete and return to the school. This information allows us to know what space and grades we may have openings for the following school year. Because of early enrollments, we are urging DCS parents to complete the forms and return them to the school office by the due date of February 9th. Following that date, we will begin to process new applications. If you are not planning on having your child attend DCS the 2007-2008 year, we would ask you to notify the school so that we can make definite plans for that spot. **Thanks!**

Spirit Week/Honor Court Active and Enjoyable

Another Spirit Week and Homecoming has come and gone, but the fun memories linger. Each day was greeted by a different dress-up theme, the wall hangings in the gym were outstanding, and the Honor Court representative of the Lord and DCS.

Selected from the freshman class were **Anna S.** and **Austin C.** The sophomores chose **Jessica R.** and **Michael D.** Juniors voted for **Rebekah S.** and **Nathan F.**, while the seniors picked **Sarah H.** and **Jeff H.**

These folks were honored between the varsity girls and boys games on the 12th. Congratulations!

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directly to your email at no cost to you. Simply follow these directions – go to www.flashnews.net; click on FlashAlert.net; click on "Subscribe To"; enter your email address, hit "Create Your Account"; click on "Portland/Vanc./Salem" area; Click on "Private & Charter Schools – Portland"; click on "Damascus Christian" and "Emergency Alerts". You are then automatically subscribed; you will be sent our latest information directly to the email address you have listed. We trust that one of the above resources will be of help to you!

Games Schedule Changes

Due to the snow closure of school, numbers of our games had to be rescheduled. If you go to www.highschoolsports.net, you will have a listing of all our rescheduled high school games and practices.

Join Us For Park And Pray

God has answered our prayers on behalf of DCS. It isn't because of the qualifications of those praying. It is because of their availability to pray and their belief that God is who He says he is and God can do what He says He can do!

We need your help. Your children have needs, your children's teachers have needs, you have needs, and on and on. The good news is that there is power available when we join together to pray for those needs.

God says, "You do not have because you do not ask God." Please join us for one hour a week, one hour every other week, or whenever you can be with us to pray.

If you have questions, please call **Nancy Tukua** at (503) 658-4916.

Park and Pray,
Mondays at 8:30 AM,
Prayer Room (located
next to the kindergar-
ten room).

**Damascus Christian School's
6th Annual Auction**

CLASSIN' UP DCS
Equipping For Excellence

***** Auction *****

**Save The Date:
Saturday, March 10, 2007**

Silent Auction:	4:00-6:00 pm
Cabaret Dinner:	6:00-7:00 pm
Live Auction:	7:00-9:00 pm

For tickets and more information call:
(503) 658-4100

- Pray for your business or the supporting of health education in your community.
- Auction item donations being accepted through February 28, 2007.
- Contact Dorian Forrar (503) 658-4100