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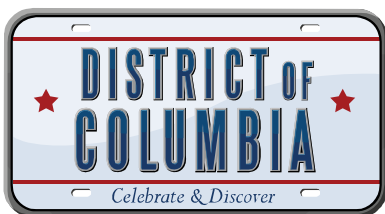
"Annie" takes to the stage this Thursday

The well-known and loved "Annie" bursts forth on stage with opening night set for this Thursday, April 23rd, 7 PM. Weeks of intense rehearsals have gone in to this musical production and it promises to be another winner!

Tickets are a very reasonable \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens (62+) *except* on the Thursday presentation dates when there is a \$1 reduction per ticket! Show dates are Thursday through Saturday, April 23rd-25th and April 30th - May 2nd, 7 PM, in the gym. Be sure to get your reserved seating-only tickets before or after school in the foyer or during the school day in the school office.



Living History - Washington, DC trip almost here



Friday, May 29th, our sophomores and juniors, chaperones, some parents and grads grab an early morning flight heading east for eight days of jam-packed sightseeing and on-the-spot history lessons. It is our every-other-year DC and regions beyond trip with **Mrs. Urbanowski**. Throughout the year, the students are reacquainted to our American heritage through her U.S. History classes. By the time the trip rolls around, her learners are well schooled in the details of how our country was established by men committed to Judeo-Christian values. The only thing missing is to see the actual sights where history took place. Thus, the

Washington, D.C. trip. For those who have been on one (or more), there is nothing like it.

It begins by landing in the DC area and boarding a plush tour bus complete with a well-versed Christian tour guide. There is a brief welcome and orientation to the DC area and what lies ahead of our party. For this year's group, there will be a first-day visit to the Jefferson and FDR Memorials before returning to their hotel, devotions, and evening meal. Saturday begins bright and early as they head for Gettysburg, then lunch and back to DC for a tour of the Holocaust Museum. Dinner and three evening memorials follow - Vietnam, Lincoln and Korean. Each evening is concluded with a group devotional time.

Sunday is an early rise and shine day followed by a student-led worship service at the hotel. Then it's off to Arlington National Cemetery and our participation in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Next is the Iwo Jima Memorial, then off to Alexandria, Virginia, and Mt. Vernon. Then it's the Air Force Memorial, back to the hotel and dinner. That evening, our group attends the *Christians in History* program featuring George Washington Carver.

Monday (are you exhausted yet?) they visit the United States Capitol, Senate and House Galleries and the U.S. Supreme Court. Lunch is followed by a visit to the Smithsonian Museums and the National Archives. Tuesday, it's off to the White House, National Gallery of Art, Embassy Row, and the Washington National Cathedral. That afternoon, they will depart for Williamsburg and the Lanthorn Tour (an evening walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg). Wednesday, our travelers tour Jamestown Settlement and then off to Busch Gardens for some well-deserved fun and games. Thursday, June 4th its more time spent at Colonial Williamsburg and a visit to the impressive Governor's Palace. There is some time to squeeze in a little shopping at Merchant's Square, then depart for the airport and the long flight back to the PDX Airport and home.

Anyone who has gone on this whirlwind tour would agree it is exhilarating and exhausting. And yet without exception, all would agree Mrs. Urbanowski turns in to the Energizer Bunny. She is everywhere, bubbling with enthusiasm and gleefully prodding her brood to keep up with her. Please pray for final preparations and travel safety for this wonderful living history tour, May 29th through June 4th.

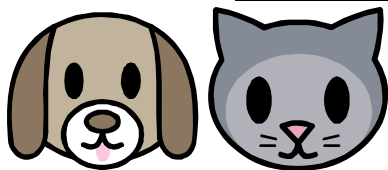
DC trip chaperone training

If you are going on the DC trip as a chaperone, there will be a mandatory training session, Tuesday, May 12th, 7 PM, in room 108-109. Please be sure to put this important meeting date on your calendar. If you have a conflict with that date, please contact **Mrs. Urbanowski** as soon as possible at (503) 658-4100, ext. 210. Thanks!

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Be kind to animals writing contest nets two DCS winners



Two members of **Mrs. Huggin's** Creative Writing class placed in the Oregon Humane Society's 60th annual *Be Kind To Animals* Photo-Story event. **Rebecca H.** and **James M.** wrote stories addressing the theme "My Dream for Pets" and won first place and Honorable Mention respectively in the Grades 11-12 category. Becca and James will both be awarded prizes, a limited edition T-shirt, a special award certificate, and an invitation to the A'Cat'Emy Awards. Congratulations!

DCS sweatshirts still available



Mrs. Stephens has announced that she has some adult medium, small, and YL sweatshirts available for sale. They are maroon with a gold eagle on the front and sell for \$18 each. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Stephens at (503) 658-4100, ext. 222. *Go Eagles!*

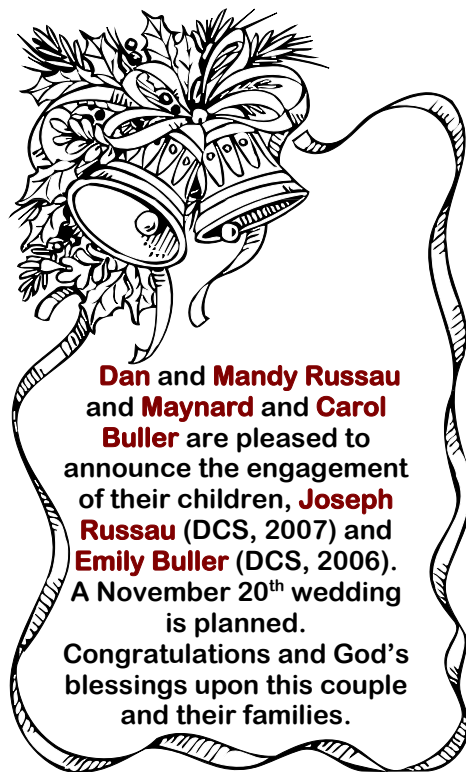
RenWeb – are you using it?

One of the distinctives of Damascus Christian School is the parent/school communications tool we utilize called *RenWeb*. *RenWeb* allows our teachers to post grades on daily work, quizzes, tests and projects each week so that parents can access their secure site to keep up with their children's grades. It also gives the parents/teachers the ability to communicate via email. You can access the school directory for parents' numbers as well.

If you are not taking advantage of this tool, we would encourage you to do so in order to be better informed as to your child's progress (or lack thereof...). If you have any questions about accessing your *RenWeb* site, please contact **Pam** at the school office (503) 658-4100, ext. 200. Thanks!



Wedding bells will ring for DCS grads



Dan and Mandy Russau and **Maynard and Carol Buller** are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, **Joseph Russau** (DCS, 2007) and **Emily Buller** (DCS, 2006). A November 20th wedding is planned. Congratulations and God's blessings upon this couple and their families.

Parking lot



As a staff, we want to thank our parent and student drivers for following our drop-off/pick-up routine by always coming in the top entrance to the campus and driving slowly through the parking area. This has been a huge factor in ensuring the safety of each student. Please continue to follow the right-turn only pattern on the west exit. Thanks a lot!

BOOK FAIR: A Great Success!

In spite of the economy and computers, we now have undeniable proof that people still love to read! Thanks to all of our DCS families who helped make the Faith Book Fair a great success. Our profit for the week was \$235.10. I was able to purchase several books from the fair for the library and put the remainder in the Library budget for future acquisitions. Thank you faithful readers! **Mrs. Dennis**, librarian.

