



### Senior chapel thought provoking

Last Friday, our seniors presented a thought-provoking and challenging chapel. Numbers of them reflected on their personal spiritual journey – the struggles, doubts, frustrations, and victories. One student, **Katie B.**, chose to share thoughts in the form of a poem she had written entitled, *True Everything*. It goes like this:

“I quit.  
That is usually considered a bad thing.  
And never something a person like me would do.  
But I quit.  
That’s all there was left to do.  
I had run out of hope,  
Had run out of faith, trust, and peace.  
But worst of all, I ran out of passion.  
My desire, my drive,  
So I quit.  
I quit trying to do it all on my own.  
I knew where I wanted to go.  
Who I needed to lean on.  
But my pride kept getting in the way.  
I had taken the first step  
Which seemed hard enough.  
I knew what the next step was,  
But I told myself, ‘You’re not ready.’  
My whole world seemed to be crumbling,

And I was telling myself,  
‘I wasn’t ready’ to go through  
the pain of healing,  
But what I really needed to do  
more of  
Was quit.  
Quit making excuses.  
Quit trying to do it all on my own.  
Finally, I threw my hands up  
in defeat,  
And yelled, cursed, cried, and  
eventually lay still.  
I felt like I had nothing left.  
But in reality,  
The only things gone  
Were the things I thought  
were everything.  
My true everything was still  
right there.  
As always.  
Just waiting.  
I felt horrible.  
I always seem to make Him  
wait.  
I made my True Everything...  
wait?

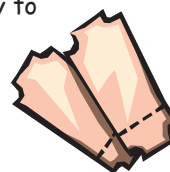
And yet, unlike the things on  
the surface  
The things I thought were my  
everything,  
They NEVER seemed to wait.  
And if they did  
They didn’t like to.  
But my True Everything,  
He waited  
Because He wanted to.  
Because I’m worth it.  
No pressure added,  
No reminder needed.  
He just waited.  
He waited for me to  
remember my True  
Everything.  
When everything is falling  
He catches me.  
He remains everything.  
I quit because without my  
focus on my True Everything,  
I lose my hope.  
I lose my faith, my trust, and  
my peace.  
And worst of all, my passion.  
And so, I choose to quit  
Every single day.

### Fools coming

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).

Neil Simon’s play, *Fools*, is this year’s fall production, presented by the Damascus Christian School drama department. *Fools* is a light-hearted romantic comedy set in the small village of Kulyenchikov, Ukraine (Russian Territory), during the late 1800’s. The play will run Thursday through Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 PM, in the auditorium. General admission adult tickets are \$6; students and seniors (60+) are \$4. Tickets go on sale October 27<sup>th</sup>.

This delightful play is overseen by Intern Director, **Krista Wierson**, assisted by Mentoring Director, **Lisa Clossner**. The cast includes **Luke D., Michael D., Michelle D., Emily E., Brittany H., Madeleine R., Jessica R., Emily S., James W.** and **Kayleigh W.** Be sure to get your tickets early to enjoy *Fools*.



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# Battle of the Books!



Last Saturday saw the culmination of the DCS library's first ever *Battle of the Books*. Though the combatants were well behaved, the event was not lacking its share of excitement. Last May, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders were challenged to form teams who would all read the same twelve books. Their goal was to collectively remember enough of what they read and successfully face the challenge of other teams in what is now known as the Battle of the Books.

Eventually, five teams of four members each completed the reading and prepared for

battle. They were then peppered with questions like, "In which book was a boy named after a mushroom?" Or, "Who was warned to beware of pride and arrogance?" Or, "What flower helped the heroes breathe?" And, "In which book did the father say to his son, 'You've done a grown man's job, son. I'm right proud of you.'"

The pace was quick as heads tipped forward in earnest consultation. All who witnessed the event were amazed at the depth and breadth of recall shown by each of the teams. When the dust was settled, the victory trophies went to **Lydia M., Carrie O., Hannah S.** and **Valerie W.** Their team spirit was evident to all and their

preparation won the day. They were known as the "Nozely Monsters" with the apt motto of, "Stick your nose in a good book." That's great encouragement for anyone who may have a battle coming up.



## Cross country team running well

It has been an exciting season for our cross country team. Several years of hard work are paying off. At the District meet, to be held at Lane Community College in Eugene, Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, our team will be competing for a chance to go on to the State

Meet, which will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Come on out and cheer our awesome *Eagles* on to State! **Go Eagles!**



## Keep your eyes on the ball - volleyball that is!

Our varsity volleyball team is doing very well, thank you. They are poised to enter the District Play-Offs this week, with the winners heading to State. Come on out to cheer on our **Lady Eagles!**

## Soccer team headed to play-offs!

For the first time in DCS soccer history, our team is headed to the District Play-offs. After years of building and developing under coach **Paul Granlund**, our *Eagles* have come

together as a formidable team with the hopes of moving up the District ladder. At this point, our play-off game will be Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced. Keep tuned and **Go Eagles!**

