

**DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
CHALKMARKS  
HOME OF THE EAGLES**



**The Heart Of Education is Education of the Heart**

***For Times Like These***



We live in difficult days with the enemy of our souls mounting a full-out frontal assault on God’s people, attempting to discourage, disrupt, disillusion, and distract us from His mission and commission. Because of that, we need all of the encouragement and support we can muster in order to thrive and move forward. Peter reminds us that we are merely passing through as sojourners; this is not our home nor our preferred future (I Peter 1:1-12).

We have been sent to accomplish a mission, custom-designed for us by our Heavenly Father, based on our gifting, experiences, interests, and skills. Paul tells us, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10). Peter goes on to say, “Therefore, gird your minds for action...” Get prepared. Don’t be conformed to the way you used to act. Think about what role you are to play in this relentless conflict between good and evil. Are you deliberately and purposefully seeking to push back the influence of iniquity and injustice in your sphere of influence or are you content to operate in the realm of business as usual?

As our economy continues to sink, we may become fearful and fretful. Those establishments and institutions that have always served us well are beginning to crumble. People in which we have placed our confidence are proving fallible, unreliable, and at times, untrustworthy. Our dollar continues to shrink in value.

Without regular encouragement and support, it is easy to forget why we are here. If we are distracted by the cares of this world, we lose focus on life’s real purpose – to know Him

and make Him known to others. As the Westminster Catechism reminds us about the chief end or purpose of man – to glorify God and fully enjoy Him forever. That is why we stress the importance, yes, the imperative, of regular fellowship with other believers in a local Bible-teaching church (Heb. 10:24-25). That is why we emphasize the essential need to be daily, personally in the Word of God to give us proper perspective and direction (Psm 119:9-11). That is why our mission statement says DCS exists to *assist* Christian parents in the training of their children (Deut.6:4-9). The parents’ instruction and training of their children is to be deliberate, purposeful, regular, consistent, and centered upon the true meaning of life – what we do here and how we spend our resources



now will determine our role and responsibilities for eternity.

For times like these, we would repeat – be faithful in a local Bible-centered church, be deliberate in your own spiritual nourishment, be purposeful in the teaching and training of your children, be thankful for a Savior who loves and cherishes you, and be alert to the wiles of the evil one. In addition to the tools mentioned, we would recommend the following resources to help equip and encourage you in this journey – [www.passingthebaton.org](http://www.passingthebaton.org) and [www.breakpoint.org](http://www.breakpoint.org).

“Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 15:5-6 NASB).



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## High School Class Registration Next Week

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, our high school students will be registering for their 2010-2011 classes. Seniors followed by juniors will register on Tuesday. Sophomores and freshmen will complete their registration on Wednesday. Parents of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving a registration packet via their student. Please look over the course offerings including required classes and electives.

Bible is going to change a little in its format, but the emphasis will remain the same – content coupled with application. In evaluating our Bible program, we made some changes in order to give our high school students a broad exposure to principles and content. We have put a four-year plan in place that will give 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders a better grasp of the Truth, served in a way that is relevant, thought-provoking, practical, and applicable. The titles may sound “heavy” but the subject matter is aimed at touching the heart as well as informing the mind.

Mr. Hayes and Mr. McClellan will be teaching 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Bible, while Miss Thompson and Mrs. Ubanowski will be working with the juniors and seniors. Again, in each of the classes, students will be asked on a consistent basis, “So what?! What difference should this make in my life? What can we take away from this lesson that will impact my life and those around me?” Please pray for our Bible teachers that they will live what they teach and challenge students to do the same.



## Financial Aid Available

Damascus Christian School has a limited amount of funds designated for financial assistance for those who qualify. We use the services of *FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment* in order to give us an objective, neutral third party. Application may be made online ([www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com)) or through an application form available in the school office. Application deadline is May 31, 2010, for the upcoming school year.

## New Additions to the DCS Family



Congratulations to Joshua and Amy J. on the birth of Ryker, born Friday, April 23rd. Ryker weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz., and measured 21” long, and is the brother of Terrence Palmer in Kindergarten.

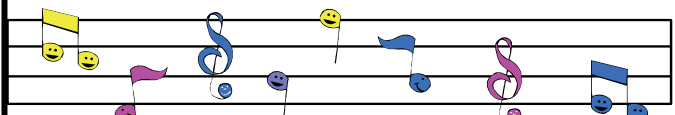
Congratulations to Ed and Emily C. on the birth of their second child, a son, Evan Otto, born Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Evan weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz., and measured 20” long. All are doing well. Emily formerly taught sixth grade at DCS.

## Anne of Avonlea Completes Her Visit

If you haven't yet seen the DCS Spring Drama production, *Anne of Avonlea*, you need to get tickets for one of the final performances. This Thursday through Saturday, Anne Shirley and supporting cast take to the stage to bring to life the fun and sometimes difficult dilemmas she finds herself in. It is a delightful story very well acted by our students. *Very well acted!* You do not want to miss it.

Tickets are available for \$7 per person before and after school in the foyer, through the school office, or at the door. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with the curtain rising at 7 PM. All seats are reserved.

## DCS Band Stand-Outs



Word has been received that Alyssa B. and Keira B. achieved *Superior* ratings from the Oregon Music Educators Association (OMEA) contest held April 24<sup>th</sup>. Alyssa took three *Superiors* in voice solo, French horn, and violin. Keira rated *Superior* in oboe. Congratulations!

