

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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A Special Year-End Thanks...



As we finish up our thirty-fourth school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership and people of Damas-

cus Community Church for their vision, generous support, prayers, and encouragement which made possible the ministry of Damascus Christian School. Without DCC, Damascus Christian would not exist.

In the early 1970's, the church leadership had a dream and desire to begin a Christian school as a part of the educational ministry of DCC. In 1975, that vision became reality. The school was nurtured and sustained through the faithful prayers and pioneering spirit of the DCC body. Through those early struggling years, the people of Damascus Community Church banded together to buttress this fledgling undertaking with many enrolling their children at DCS.

As the school grew, families attending other evangelical churches in the Portland-Metro area began to enroll their children at DCS. At this time, Damascus Community Church serves approximately 51 other local churches by providing the physical facilities and support staff for the school. Damascus Christian is not an independent school utilizing the buildings of DCC; it is a vital, purposeful part of the overall mission and ministry of Damascus Community Church.

The vision of DCC is to be "...the visible presence of Christ in our community." Damascus Christian helps fulfill that vision in various ways. We have a strong reputation in the community as a school of academic integrity and high standards with between 93-100% of our graduates typically going on to college. We are well-known for our amazing athletic

program with State championship banners in 1-A basketball and track. Our fine-arts department continues to draw in and witness to the community through drama, choir, the visual arts, and band. We take an active part in community affairs through various outreach programs including our Key Club, which shared a major role in the recent community-wide recycling event, Red Cross Blood drives, and the annual Damascus Day in the Park.

As we complete our thirty-fourth year and make preparations for our thirty-fifth, we say thank you to the leadership and membership of Damascus Community Church for helping underwrite the cost of the school operation by allowing us to utilize the facilities and staffing services of DCC. Thank you for making major adjustments during the week in order for us to have use of the classrooms, auditorium, gym, kitchen, and outside areas. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and counsel. Thank you for your continued support and vision. Again, without Damascus Community Church, DCS would not exist. We are grateful for the generosity of this church body which values families and provides the tangible proof through helping to sustain and support the ministry of Damascus Christian School. Thank you!



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7th-11th Graders' Achievements Recognized

Certificates of achievement, gracious (and sometimes humorous) comments, cheers and applause were part and parcel of this year's annual 7th-11th grade awards chapel held Tuesday, June 1st.



Students were recognized for various year-end accomplishments and achievements. Straight A's, outstanding work in specific areas, individual character recognition, and sometimes zany, one-of-a-kind personalized awards (think **Mrs. Schmidt**, DCS art teacher). As the honors were given out, it became very clear - Damascus Christian School is a special place with special people who form a special community.

Home, Church, and School – Three Essential Elements of Faith and Practice



Home is where the foundation of character and commitment to Christ is laid. Faithful family attendance and participation in a local, Bible-teaching church form the walls. DCS provides the roof, tying together home and church to create a safe, secure structure in which a young person can thrive, grow,

and mature in his or her walk and relationship with the Lord. If any of the three elements – home, church, or school - is missing or minimized, the potential for family and student spiritual stability is affected.

This summer would be a great time to do a Personal & Family Spiritual Journey Inventory. It's nothing fancy or formal. Just a checklist centered on life priorities. Ask yourself, "What is most important, *really* important, in my life? Where do I spend most of my time, energy, and resources?" Family? Job? Personal spiritual disciplines? Recreation? Accumulating stuff? Supporting a local church through regular participation and prayer? As you evaluate these things, the question must be asked, "What is life all about?" Is it the focused pursuit of temporal achievements or could there be a deeper, more significant purpose? Could this life be the training grounds for our next life, our forever life? Scripture would indicate the latter.

If your inventory shows an imbalance in effort and energy expended on the temporal things, this summer would be a good time to make some changes. Have you

become haphazard in your church attendance and participation? It's a wonderful time to reconnect and recommit to regular fellowship in the body of Christ. Your personal devotional life slipping? Now would be the time to prioritize your time alone with the Lord. These are simple things that can make a significant difference in spiritual outcomes, for you and your family and solidify the relationship between home, church, and Christian school.

Elementary Character Awards

The following elementary students received either the **David, Solomon**, or **Paul Award** for the month of May. **David** (showing a heart after God) – kindergarten – **Natalie R.**, 1st – **P.J. J.**, 2nd – **Nicolas O-R.**, 3rd – **Ashtin G.**, 4th – **Ryan P.**, 5th – **Luke DW.** and **Eli R.**, 6th – **Christine H. Solomon** (for showing wisdom in the choices made) – 1st – **Nathan H.**, 2nd – **Katie B.**, 3rd – **Luke N.**, 4th – **Laceyann C.** and **Hannah G.**, 5th – **Seth M.**, and 6th – **Libbie M.** **Paul** (demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit – gentleness) – kindergarten – **Ella B.**, 1st – **Isaac L.**, 2nd – **Ben P.**, 3rd – **Gabriel J.**, 4th – **Hayley E.**, and 6th – **Emily B.** Congratulations!

May Manners Matter

Elementary students who have shown exemplary manners in the month of May are: 1st grade – **Daniel B.**, **Beckett I.**, **Ian I.**, **Noelle W.**; 2nd grade – **Brenner H.**, **Aisha H.**, **Megan R.**, **Matthew U.**; 3rd grade – **Garrett A.**, **Kennedy H.**; 4th grade – **Shannon C.**, **Michael U.**; 5th grade – **Silas M.**, **Beau M.**; 6th grade – **Hanna B.**, **Monty P.** Well done!

2010-2011 Student Council

Congratulations to our newly installed DCS Student Council members, elected by their peers. President – **Hannah H.** (12), Vice President – **Eric R.** (11), Treasurer – **Caleb R.** (11), Secretary – **Taylur DeW** (10), Social Chairman – **Jeremiah W.** (11), Junior Class Representative – **Jake S.**, Sophomore Class Representatives – **Becky G.**, and Freshman Class Representative – **David R.** The DCHS Student Council Advisor is **Miss Alisa Thompson.**

