

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



The Heart Of Education is Education of the Heart

Spirit Week A Screaming Success!

Talk about loud! Friday's concluding Spirit Week pep assembly reached a new height in enthusiastic decibels as the combined elementary and secondary students screamed their lungs out in an attempt to show which class had the most school spirit. That, added to the huge poster displays, dress-up days, games, and other activities all added up to a fun-filled, spirited week, capped off with Saturday games with St. Paul and the introduction of this year's Honor Court. High school (freshmen through juniors; seniors entered into the spirit but did not tally points) class points were compiled throughout the week based upon the gym poster, games, dress-up days, and song enactment with the juniors coming in first, followed by the sophomores and freshmen.



Honor Court is a process in which each high school class votes on a boy and girl to represent their grade based upon Christian character and school spirit. The freshmen selected as their representatives **Taylor DeW.** and **Karsten S.** The sophomores chose **Kristan H.** and **Joseph M.** The juniors – **Isaiah A.** and **Anna F.**, and the seniors – **Anna Rose S.** and **Austin C.** Congratulations with your great choices!

The games with St. Paul were spirited and very competitive with the DCHS Eagles prevailing in the junior varsity boys and varsity girls, while our varsity boys lost their game through a last quarter surge by the Buckeroos.

Thanks to the staff, student council, students, and parents who made this such a fun, spirit-filled week. Go **EAGLES!**

Sportsmanship Reminder

Over the years, Damascus Christian School has developed a reputation of being a school that knows

how to demonstrate good sportsmanship and positive attitude, win or lose. We have deliberately sought to cultivate a culture of support and respect for the teams, coaches, officials, and fans. Lately, we have been noticing a different spirit at our basketball games. Outbursts against officials and opposing players and negative comments and jeers. As the apostle Paul would say, "These sorts of things should not be so."

Our desire and goal is that DCS would be a great place to host games. We want visiting teams to love to come here because of our positive and supportive attitudes and actions. We all realize that players (theirs and ours) are going to do things that should not be done. We understand that coaches sometimes lose their cool. We acknowledge that the refs are going to make poor calls on occasion. It is all part of the game. How we respond makes all the difference. Catcalls or unruly comments are not going to change the call and sometimes prove counter productive to our team.

The Oregon School Activities Association has a poster which hangs in our gym. It states: treat all participants with respect. Let the players play. Let the coaches coach. Let the officials officiate. Positively support your team. Know the rules of the game. Pursue victory with honor. Win with class, lose with dignity. Practice "The Golden Rule." Model good sportsmanship. It's all about **RESPECT!**

What do you do if someone near you at a game displays inappropriate conduct or unseemly comments? Gently remind them of who we are and Whom we represent. Our mission is to assist others to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. That includes athletic contests. Thanks.



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The Positive Side of Sportsmanship



This email was recently posted on OregonLive.com from an enthusiastic Columbia Christian fan: "Damascus vs.

Columbia was just a great game. The gym was electric for the match and everyone had a sense of the gravity of the game. This was a fight for 1st in District. The last time the two teams met was a decisive Columbia victory, but it was pretty evident that anyone could take this one. First, both teams played solid defense. Good defense comes from good coaching and both teams have no shortage of that commodity. The defensive effort on both sides of the court led to a low scoring 9-8 first quarter. After that, Columbia spread it out. Apart from an incredible half court buzzer beater from **Matt Y.**, the Eagles found it pretty difficult to get the ball in the hoop. The game got off track for the Damascus team as the whistle kept blowing and the 'Home Team' fouls kept rising. Columbia was pretty solid on free throws and I believe that is what eventually sealed the game for the visiting Knights. Both teams played pretty well in this defensive battle, and it wouldn't surprise me to see this game replayed at Multnomah in February.

Now, beyond the whole basketball part of the game (which really isn't my forte anyway). It's Spirit Week for the Eagles and there was a lot of team spirit going around today. There was even a pep band which was really quite excellent. Definitely the best band I have ever heard at a Valley 10 game and quite possibly the only one. Anyway, that was cool. When I'm at games, I cheer. Loudly (*Understatement!* ed. J). Some crowds just try to ignore me (*Impossible.* ed. J). Some just complain about me at every possible turn, but from time-to-time, the opposing crowd will try to get louder. Damascus was that way. There's nothing like a good loud gym. I also have to comment that I have never met an Eagle I didn't like. Totally rad people. They are always absolutely sportsmanlike, even during a tight game. I love that! It's a cool thing.

Anyway, it was a good game and I can't wait 'til the next meeting.

"OEEOE, CCS Superfan."

Thanks for your gracious and positive comments!

Honor Roll Updates

Please add the following students to the second quarter Honor Roll: **8th grade Highest Honors – Daniel V. Honors - Alyssa B. and Parker W.** Congratulations!

Another DCS Eagle Scout!



Yet another Damascus Christian School high school student has earned the right to be called an Eagle Scout. **Jake**, son of **Russ** and **Brenda S.**, completed the stringent requirements to merit the rank of Eagle Scout from BSA Troop 33 of Clackamas.

Saturday, February 6, 6 PM, Jake will be formally inducted into the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Milwaukie Covenant Church. Jake's parents invite you to this momentous occasion. Congratulations, Jake!



**Fine Arts Fair
Happening
Saturday
March 13th
Save the Date!**

Oregon Public Health Influenza Hotline Suspended

Due to the less-than-expected outbreak of the H1N1 Flu, the O.P.H. Influenza Hotline has been suspended indefinitely. You can still call the H1N1 Hotline (1-800-978-3040) and talk with live call takers to find immunization sites and ask general questions about flu viruses and vaccines. This service is available M-F, 8-6.

