

CELEBRATING OUR 34TH YEAR

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CHALKMARKS
HOME OF THE EAGLES



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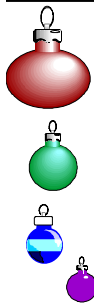
*Government/Economics Class
Features Dave Ramsey Material*

Numbers of you have discovered the benefit of the living-on-less-than-you-make philosophy of Scripture and Dave Ramsey (not that they are equal...). Dave has simply taken the financial principles found in God's Word and organized them in a common sense approach to money management. The result is people are discovering the joy of living debt-free *and* having more discretionary funds to use to further God's work.

We believe the financial principles Dave espouses are essential for our young people to learn *before* they are out on their own. Therefore, we are utilizing his *Foundations in Personal Finance* material in our senior-level Government and Economics class taught by Lisa McEnany. Some of the topics of this course include Budgeting 101 (giving every dollar a name before it goes out the door), Savings, Investment Options, Dangers of Debt, Consumer Awareness, Bargain Shopping, Career Choices and Taxes, Insurance, and Real Estate and Mortgages.

If you are unfamiliar with Dave's material and philosophy of money management, you can listen to him each evening on KEX, 1190 AM, or watch him on the FOX Business Channel. Good stuff!

*Christmas Wreath/
Poinsettia Sale Now On*



Each year our freshmen and sophomore classes sponsor a Christmas wreath and poinsettia sale in order to raise funds to help offset costs of their Washington, DC trip. These students are now taking orders for these festive trimmings. If you are interested in ordering, please contact a freshman or sophomore student. Further questions may be directed to **Sue Rankin**, **Sue Carroll**, or **Tina Marantette**. You may leave a message with **Pam** in the school office.

The sale will end Thursday, November 5th, with delivery to the school set for Tuesday, December 1st. Be sure to order now! And thanks!!

Calendar Changes



Our yearly calendar is finalized in the spring of the current school year for the following year. Most event dates have been pretty well established over the years, so they fall basically at the same time each year. There are times, however, when dates need to be changed for a variety of reasons. Here are changes that may affect you:

- 4 **Fall drama production**, *Our Miss Brooks*, has been changed from November 19-21 to November 12-14. Curtain time remains at 7 PM.
- 4 **Spirit Week/ Homecoming** has been moved from January 11th – 15th to the week of January 25th – 29th, with our Homecoming game with St. Paul on Saturday, January 30th; game times will be at 1, 2:30, 4, and 5:30 PM.
- 4 **Seniors' Not-Here-Day** has been moved from May 20th to May 17th.

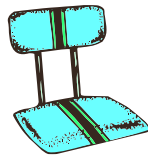
We apologize if any of these changes negatively impact your plans. We attempt to work out our scheduling carefully in order to minimize any later changes. Thank you for your flexibility!

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- ⇒ *OUR MISS BROOKS* TICKETS TO GO ON
SALE SOON!

Bleacher Seats On Sale

Be sure to order your soft, cushy bleacher seat for the upcoming basketball season. If you have ever test driven our bleachers, you have found they are HARD. A custom DCS bleacher seat is the perfect remedy. You may order yours for only \$37 (money well spent!) by contacting our athletic department (Kim Stephens or Jennifer Easterbrooks). They make perfect Christmas-is-coming early gifts.



School Pictures This Thursday



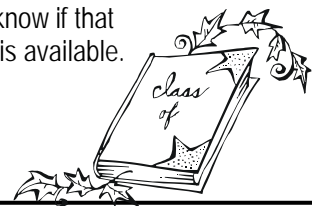
Be sure to send your school picture order form and payment with your children for their Thursday, October 22nd, photo shoot.

Hearing and Vision Screening Service Offered

As in years past, we will be offering hearing and vision screening for students Monday, October 26th. The order forms were sent last week with your child. Hearing screening will be \$8; vision screening is also \$8, *or* both screenings for only \$11. Further information may be accessed on our Ren-Web Parents' website.

Yearbooks For Sale!

Do you have more than one student at DCS? If you do, you may want to purchase some of the older yearbooks to complete their collection. The yearbook department is overflowing with older yearbooks that we would like to sell to help us purchase a new yearbook camera. Last year's book would be \$40, but any year before that (which is available) will be sold for only \$20! If you are looking for a certain year, please give leave a message with the school office for Mrs. Boss. She can let you know if that year's book is available. Thanks!



H1N1/Swine Flu Reminders



We continue to hear much about the H1N1 Flu. We want to exercise caution to prevent the spread of this (and other illnesses) by passing along some common sense tips.

Health officials recommend parents and children get both the seasonal influenza and the new H1N1 vaccines as they become available. Remind (and model) proper hand washing with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Hands should be washed before eating or drinking, after using the toilet, after coughing, sneezing, or using facial tissues, and before touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Remind your children not to share food, drink, or other personal items such as lipstick with others.

Most importantly, please keep sick children at home. If your child becomes sick at school, you will be called to come pick them up. Make sure your emergency contact numbers are current. Have a back-up plan to deal with sick children. Some information is stating that anyone who has been sick should not return to public life until 72 hours after the last symptoms have gone away. We are saying people who are sick should stay home until they are feeling better and have not had a fever for 24 hours

(without fever-reducing medications like acetaminophen and ibuprofen).

If you or your child(ren) have been diagnosed with the H1N1 flu, please notify the school office at (503) 658-4100. Thanks!

Costco Membership Available

Costco is offering Gold Star Memberships to non-members for only \$50 for the first year of membership. Those who join will receive coupons worth more than \$50! A special form is required, which may be obtained from the DCS bookkeeper, Darla Friday. Stop by and pick up a registration form and start saving money!

Our Miss Brooks

Fall Drama Production

Tickets Will Be On Sale

Later This Month -

Watch For Them!