

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



The Heart Of Education is Education of the Heart

*Pray for the Schneider Family*



In case you hadn't heard, former DCS Mom **Danette Schneider** went in to the hospital over the weekend with a severe headache and nausea. After running some preliminary tests, they discovered two lesions on her brain. They did a biopsy on Saturday and are awaiting the results. Danette continues

in ICU at this writing. Due to the pain and seriousness of this situation, they are not recommending visitors other than family and close friends.

In talking with her husband **Jeff**, he asked us to keep them in our prayers. Remember their two children – **Amy** – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and **Aaron** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade, who have been home schooled for the past several months. You can keep updated on Danette's condition on their Caring Bridge site – [www.caringbridge.org/visit/danetteschneider](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danetteschneider).

*Don't Stop!!!*

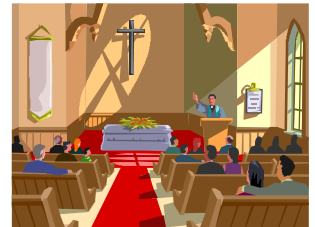


We have had recent reports of near-accidents due to compassionate DCS parents who are heading west on Highway 212 stopping to let east-bound drivers turn left on to Rust Way. Please – DON'T STOP to do this. It creates a dangerous situation for those heading west who may not notice that you have stopped. It is also frustrating for west-bound drivers who may not appreciate your thoughtful deed. Thanks.

*Former DCC Pastor of Family Ministries Dies*

**Ross Tunnell**, former Damascus Community Church Pastor of Family Ministries, passed away Friday night, November 27<sup>th</sup>, after a lengthy struggle with

Parkinson's Disease. Ross also served as interim pastor at DCC prior to the calling of Dave Whiting and taught at Western Baptist Theological Seminary (now Western Seminary). Ross was a gifted communicator with wit, practical wisdom, and keen insight into Scripture. He taught several classes at DCS and acted as our family counselor.



A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM, at Good Shepherd Community Church in Boring.

*DCS Students Selected to the Oregon Middle School All-State Band*

Congratulations to **Keira B.**, DCS 8<sup>th</sup> grade oboe player, and **Alyssa B.**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade French horn player, who have been selected to the Oregon Middle School All-State Band, conducted by internationally known composer and conductor **Andrew Balent**.



100 students from 80 middle schools throughout the State have been selected. Out of all these students, five come from private Christian schools.

This select band is part of the Oregon Music Conference being held in Eugene, January 14-17, 2010, with over 5,000 directors and students attending. The Oregon Middle School All-State Band will be performing on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM, at the Hult Center.

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST ON NEXT PAGE**

- ⇒ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET
- ⇒ BOOK FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- ⇒ DECEMBER CHAPEL
- ⇒ SCRIP! SCRIP! SCRIP!

## Annual Christmas Banquet Set for the 19<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Break also means Christmas Banquet. This year's affair will be held Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at Good Roots Community Church, 1908 Courtney, Milwaukie, from 6:30 – 9 PM, and will include a special catered dinner and a student talent show. Tickets are \$20 per person. Appropriate dress is modest formal attire. If you have any questions, please contact Student Council Advisor **Alisa Thompson** or any of the DCHS Student Council members.



## Book Fair and Pancake Breakfast

This week, the library tables are heavily laden with a vast variety of books. All kinds of books – pre-school to adults, fiction and non-fiction – all priced to help your Christmas shopping budget. Books are an endearing gift that continues to bring joy and satisfaction long after the giving occasion has passed. So stop by the library to check out the great selection of books.



If you choose to do your shopping on Saturday, you also have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, prepared by that world-famous chef **Lou Eddy**. Breakfast will be served in the lower main building classrooms from 9 AM until noon. Donations will be gladly received with all profit going to our high school girls' basketball program. For your convenience, book fair books will also be available for you to purchase. All proceeds from the book fair go to our library acquisition fund.



## December Chapel Schedule

For a special blessing and encouragement, you might want to check out our weekly chapel program. We run two separate programs, one for elementary students and one for our seventh through twelfth graders, all designed to touch the hearts and minds of our students. Parents and DCS friends are always invited and welcome to attend.



December elementary chapel schedule (Wednesdays, 8:35 AM, in the auditorium) – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Character Awards and Family Chapel; 9<sup>th</sup> – **Darla Priday**; 15<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade presentation.

Secondary Chapel schedule (Fridays, 8:35 AM, auditorium) – 4<sup>th</sup> – **Pastor Steve Hardy**; 11<sup>th</sup> – *Halel* and Band presentations; 18<sup>th</sup> – **Steve Hayley**.

## Got Scrip?

If you haven't noticed, Christmas is coming. For most, that means extra entertaining and gifts. That means extra shopping and racking your brain to come up with a meaningful gift for those hard-to-shop-for relatives and friends. As our mission statement says, we are here to assist you. We can do that through our Scrip program. Scrip gift cards may be purchased from a great variety of stores – restaurants, grocery stores, hardware, specialty shops, auto-related, etc., etc., etc., with a portion of the vendor profit coming back to DCS. Scrip gift cards are the perfect stocking stuffers or gifts that need to be mailed because they are small and light weight. Scrip can be purchased in various denominations. So, be sure to purchase plenty of Scrip; order forms can be downloaded from the DCS website, can be picked up from the office, or are included in your Scrip envelope from a previous order. However you get your order form, be sure to use it!

