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January Lunch Menu can be found on the DCS website.

Calendar of Events

January 6 School Resumes

January 10

Anniversary Celebration

January 11

H&S Citrus Sale

January 14

Spelling Bee

January 20

No School – MLK Holiday

January 25

Homecoming & Pasta Nite

January 29

Elementary Speech Meet

February 8

ACT

February 17

No School – Presidents' Day

March 7-8

Band & Choir ACSI Music Festival

March 7

Elementary District Speech Meet

March 10-13 OGT

H&S FRUIT SALE

H&S Citrus will be selling fruit on Saturday, January 11, 2014 in the parking lot from 8:30-10:00 a.m. This is not a school fundraiser but a good opportunity to buy fresh oranges and grapefruit from Florida. Please visit www.hscitrus.com for pricing information. The company prefers checks or money orders made payable to H&S Citrus. This is a service that many appreciate and is not a school or church fund-raiser.

DCS SPEECH MEET

Wednesday, January 29 is the Delaware Christian School speech meet. Parents are welcome in the classroom at 9:15 a.m. to listen to students as they recite poetry, Bible verses or other selections. Pre-school students and audio/visual equipment are not permitted in the classroom.

$NATIONAL\ GEOGRAPHIC\ GEOGRAPHY\ BEE\ (4^{TH}\text{--}\ 8^{TH}\ Grades)$

Tristin Boytar (8th) finished first and Matthew Barber (8th) was a close second. As the DCS winner, Tristin will now take a written test that is entered into national competition. Questions were provided by National Geographic Magazine and were a stretching experience. Great job, guys!

THANK YOU CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you to the DCS families who gave \$4,590 during the Christmas programs. This amount averaged around \$164 per certified staff! We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

ELEMENTARY MISSION PROJECT

The elementary mission fund project is the Better Way Ministries. Better Way is a ministry of hope and healing to the Short North area of Columbus. Located at 38 West Greenwood Avenue, this outreach ministry has touched the lives of thousands of people with food and the love of Jesus. Ministries include witnessing teams, Bible studies, a Thanksgiving feast (1600 meals served), High Street barbeques, school supplies for inner city kids and Christmas "giveaways," etc. Mrs. McGrath volunteers weekly at this organization and she is often the evening speaker. If you want more information about Better Way please visit their website at www.thebetterway.webs.com. We are still collecting for Better Way. Please send in your donations with your student.

REPORTING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The school is required to report infectious diseases to the Health Department. A list of contracted diseases is reported anonymously, unless it is a Class A disease. Examples of diseases that should be reported to the office: Class A-Measles, Rubella, E Coli, Hepatitis, Lyme Disease, Meningitis; Class B-Chickenpox, influenza; Class C-Conjunctivitis, Scabies. Other diseases that are reported include Mononucleosis, Pneumonia, and Strep Throat. If your child has any of the above diseases during the school year, please report it to the school office.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

During inclement weather, school closings and delays will be announced on One Call Now, TV channels 4, 6, 10 and 28, radio station 610AM and will be posted on www.610WTVN.com. Please note - DCS does NOT follow the same closing schedule as Delaware City Schools. Our school will be listed separately. Do not confuse our school with Delaware Christian Academy. If the weather worsens during school hours, we will not close early. It is, however, the parent's decision to pick up their child early if they wish to do so.

GRADE CARDS

Individual class grades will be posted on Edline by Tuesday, January 7. Grade cards for K-12 will be posted to Edline by Friday, January 10. If you have any questions or need a parent/teacher conference, please call the school office or email the teacher. For high schoolers, remember that it is the semester grade that becomes part of the transcript. Each nine week is weighted at .4 and the semester exam is .2.

DCS WINTER SPORTS

Basketball is in full swing for junior and senior high students. Check the Athletics tab of the school website for complete schedules and then come out and watch some great basketball. Wrestling, under Coach Marquis is also underway. All wrestling matches are held off campus. If you have an interest in this new DCS sport, contact Mr. Marquis at jamie.marquis@dcschool.org.

STUDENT CONGRATULATIONS

Matt Gessner, senior, was the first DCS student this year to be selected as the Delaware Gazette Teen of the Week. Matt had a nice, full page write up and photo in the Gazette which was a good testimony for Christ. Matt is the son of Matt and Sally Gessner of Delaware.

Brady Gregory, sophomore, has been selected to participate next summer in Operation Barnabus, a national ministry of the Grace Brethren Churches. Brady is the son of Mike and Jami Gregory of Marysville.

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Calendar of Events (Continued)

March 13 End of the 3rd 9 weeks

March 14 No School – Teacher Work Day

AUCTION MADNESS...LET THE FUN BEGIN

Auction Madness continues as the Athletic Boosters prepare for the 17th annual sports auction on Saturday, March 22 in the Delaware Christian School gymnasium. Tickets are \$12 each or a reserved table of eight for \$80 and will be on sale beginning February 1. Free childcare will also be available (pre-registration required.) Plan to join us for an exciting evening to raise funds to support our student athletes!

Donations are still being accepted, corporate sponsorships are available, and the elementary classes will soon begin assembling class baskets to sell at the auction. There are also many opportunities to volunteer! If you are interested in making a donation or in volunteering to help with the auction, please email Brenda Cooper at donations@auction.dcschool.org or call her at 740-815-5741.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DELAWARE CHRISTIAN!

DCS is celebrating 40 years of Christian education! To celebrate, we will be serving cake and punch on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 after the boys' JV and Varsity games against Tree Of Life. Alumni and current families are encouraged to attend this event as we reflect on how far we have come in 40 years! Please invite former staff, teachers, classmates, etc. to come to this exciting party. Alumni members and their spouses will be able to attend the Jan. 10 game with free admission; the general public and current families will be charged regular admission rates. An alumni shootout game will be held during half time of the varsity game where the first place winner will receive a \$25 gift card; second through fourth place winners will each receive a \$10 gift card. We will be creating a Facebook Event page, so be on the lookout for this to stay current with that night's events.

HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR GRADES 7-12 ~ JANUARY 21-25

This year's Homecoming theme is Candyland. Hallway decorating for grades 7-12 may take place <u>only</u> on Friday, January 17 from 3:30-9 p.m. and Monday, January 20 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. under the supervision of Chandra Ruminski (due to Monday being a holiday). Homecoming week students may wear appropriate, modest clothing to represent the day's theme. **Dress-up days for 7-12 grade students**:

Tuesday, 01/21: Candyland Character – **no jeans** Wednesday, 01/22: Nerd vs Jock Day – **no jeans** Thursday, 01/23: Superhero/Villain Day – **no jeans**

Friday, 01/24: DCS Spirit Day –DCS spirit colors or school sport team uniform; no jeans

If a student is not wearing the correct clothing he/she must wear an approved DCS uniform. Any student in violation of this rule will serve a **detention**. Please be certain items are modest and in good taste. If the student is in doubt, don't wear it.

The homecoming dinner for grades **9-12** and staff members will be held on Friday, January 24, at Country Gatherings (2866 State Route 203, Radnor) from 7-11 p.m. Tickets will be on sale starting January 7 during the lunch period. The ticket price will be \$20 and includes dinner with entertainment by Jon Koloff and Emilie Rogers.

Basketball game schedule:

Saturday, January 25:

- Middle School Girls vs. Wellington @ 12:00 p.m.
- Middle School Boys vs. Wellington @ 2:00 p.m.
- *Varsity Girls vs. Wellington @ 4:00 p.m.
- *Junior Varsity Boys vs. Wellington @ 6:00 p.m.
- Homecoming Court @ 7:15 p.m.
- Varsity Boys vs. Wellington @ 8:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the 2014 Homecoming Court: Freshmen Alex Schneider and Alaina Durant, Sophomores Armand Rosario and Bree Moore, Juniors DJ Copley and Rachel Kirkham, Seniors Brock Bishop, Katie Morgan, Adam Houser, Alix Stone, Michael Hsu, Katy Sullivan, Austin Roden, and Sadie Wiegert. The Homecoming Ceremony will take place between the JV and Varsity games. The JV game will end at approximately 7:15 p.m. Attendants and parents should arrive with 4 minutes remaining in the JV game.

PASTA NITE! SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, FROM 4-7 P.M.

The junior class will provide the annual pasta dinner on Saturday, January 25. Our Homecoming event is also this day, so please come and support the basketball teams and enjoy some delicious pasta, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts! The dinner will be served from 4-7 p.m. and you also have the option to pre-order. Pre-order forms and prices are available in the school office and on the website.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS AND COLLEGE AGE: FREE HELP WITH FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Thursday, Jan. 9, 8-9 p.m. (FREE Webinar) offered by Cedarville University. Pre-register at www.Cedarville.edu/webinars. Sunday, Feb. 9, 2:00 p.m. at Columbus State - Delaware Campus by Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

It is critical that families applying for any kind of financial aid including that of your chosen educational institutional file as early in 2014 as possible. Get those taxes done early or estimate! Either of these resources should be very helpful.

STUDENTS CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN HONORS WEEKEND

Four members of S.O.A.R. (Sing out and rejoice) have been selected to participate in the honors weekend at Cedarville University in February. Juniors Hailee Carney and Alex Nimon, sophomores Audrey Williams and Andrew Standley will participate in rehearsals with Cedarville music faculty culminating in a performance. Students are selected based on experience and director's recommendation.

^{*} Please note the schedule change since December's newsletter.