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The law of the
LORD is
perfect,
reviving the
soul.

The statutes of
the LORD are
trustworthy,
making wise
the simple.

The precepts of
the LORD
are right, giving
joy to the heart.

The commands
of the LORD
are radiant,
giving light
to the eyes.”

Psalm 19:7-8

Re-enrollment for the 2010/2011 school year

Is in progress. Go to ParentsWeb and click on the Family Information tab and then the Re-enrollment tab to begin.

Park to Pick up

You may drop off students directly at the gate in the mornings but please remember, “Park to Pick up.” This means please park in a parking space and then let your child see that you have arrived. Students are not allowed to go into the parking lot until they see that you are there waiting for them. Do not pick up in driving lanes. Following these rules helps protect the safety of our students.

Important 2010 Trip Dates

May 12-14: 7th Grade San Diego Splash Trip

May 26-28: 6th Grade Alpine Adventure Trip

May 28-May 31: 8th Grade Catalina Trip

June 11: MS Honors Disneyland Trip

Applications and Recommendations

High school applications and recommendations submitted to the middle school will be returned in one week. If additional paperwork is required, please allow two weeks. Providing behavior records, SAT's, immunization records, demographic and personal information is the responsibility of the parents. Missing SAT and immunization records may be provided by contacting the DCS registrar.

Costs for 2010

8th Grade Banquet – \$64

Honors Disneyland Trip – \$95 (estimated)

Teacher Appreciation

It's time to honor our DCMS teachers. We will be celebrating our teachers on Tuesday, May 18. If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact Jodi Jones in the middle school office or Robin Silva at 803-4568.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found cart is overflowing and will be donated to Grace Resource on Friday, May 21. Please have your student come in to look for any lost items.



GRADUATION

The graduation ceremony is a family event and we encourage students to celebrate it with their families. Because of that, the only sanctioned school party is the graduation banquet and we discourage parent sponsored parties that might detract from the class unity for all 8th graders that have earned their diploma. Many families elect to enjoy a meal after the ceremony at a local restaurant with close friends and their families. This allows the celebration to be family-centered. Please assist us by complying with these desires.

We request that students wear the same clothes for 8th Grade Banquet that they select for graduation. This ensures quality photos and time for dress code adjustments while limiting costs for parents. While some parents can afford two sets of clothes for these events, others cannot and we ask the parents to kindly consider classmates with their courteous compliance to this request. You will be appreciated by all.

Dress Code

Boys Hair – A maximum length should not extend to cover more than half the ear and should be off the collar.

Hair checks will be initiated before graduation. Please make arrangements for haircuts ahead of schedule.

Boys

- Shirts must be completely tucked in
- Pants must be worn above the hip
- Ties must be worn
- No jeans of any color, slacks only
- Dress shoes only, no canvas shoes
- No oversized or baggy pants
- No tuxedos
- Any questions should be addressed before graduation

Girls

- Dresses – no more than 2” above the knee
- No backless (no bare skin below the normal bra line)
- No strapless, spaghetti straps, or low-cut dresses (no dresses that show any cleavage)
- Shoulder straps must be at least 1” wide no exceptions – a little jacket may be worn if straps are narrower than 1” – but the jacket must remain on the entire evening, and cannot be see-through. Adding 1” opaque ribbon to the strap has been a successful alteration in the past
- Dress shoes only
- Slits in dresses should not extend more than 2” above the knee while standing
- Any questions should be addressed before graduation



Graduation Reminder

Parents of 8th grade students should plan to pay June tuition by Tuesday, June 1 to avoid graduation ceremony complications.

Thank you . . .

Diakonia

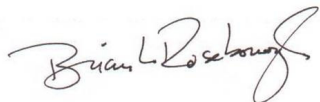
Thank you to our graduating Diakonia members who served faithfully throughout the year. This group of individuals used their gifts to accomplish great things. I am proud of them and appreciate them.

Cheerleaders

I do not remember when we had a team of cheerleaders that so faithfully served our school and represented our campus. These young ladies continually excelled not only in their positive spirit and impact on many programs, but also in the reputation they held throughout the year. They are talented and bright and I will not soon forget seeing them perform the cheer they created around our theme verses for the year. Congratulations to them and their leaders Mrs. Bistline and Mrs. Sakamoto on their accomplishments this year.

Moms in Touch

On behalf of the middle school students and staff, I would like to thank the individuals that supported our efforts with prayer, especially our own Moms In Touch group. This group of individuals faithfully met with God on our behalf and we thank God for their help this year.



Access to RenWeb

Access to RenWeb will be blocked for those with delinquent tuition accounts beginning Friday, May 28.

Medications

Please make sure you come into our office to pick up your child's medications by Friday, June 9.

Help Support DCS!

Purchase your raffle ticket for an opportunity to win a Harley-Davidson Roadglide Motorcycle and many other great prizes. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at the main campus or by calling 661-948-5071. Proceeds from these ticket sales go back to 23 local charities including Desert Christian Schools. Each ticket purchased can be designated to a DCS staff member of your choice to be entered into a drawing for a day off with pay accompanied by a \$50 gift card from the AV Mall.

2010/2011 Year Cheer

Parent information meeting for those with children interested in **MS Cheer** will be on Thursday, May 20 at 5:15 p.m. in the Multi-Use Building. For those interested in **HS Cheer**, the meeting is on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the HS campus.

Meet our Staff

Vickie van Boheemen – Opportunity Teacher

Describe briefly how you became a Christian:

Christ has always been in my life. I came from a very Christ centered/God serving family. I was about 4-5 years old when I asked Him into my heart, to be Lord of my life. I have seen His faithfulness throughout my years. He never fails.

Who was your favorite teacher growing up and why?

My favorite teacher was my 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Rubenolph. She was never too busy for her students and always found good in every person. There was always a lesson taught with every mistake; always teaching her students to reach for the stars.

What is the best book you've ever read besides the Bible?

“Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret” A total girly book.

Your Starbuck Order:

Venti soy – 3 pumps vanilla latte with an add shot

Susan Blanchard – 6th Grade Teacher, Bible and Math

Describe briefly how you became a Christian:

While attending an after school CEF Club, I heard about Jesus. The teacher told me about the colors of the wordless book and I prayed and asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior in 1963.

Who was your favorite teacher growing up and why?

I loved all my teachers. They were so caring of me. My 5th grade teacher attended my church, and I thought that was pretty special. I would go to his home to play since his daughter and I were friends.

What is the best book you've ever read besides the Bible?

Not sure about best book. I don't really have one book that stands out. I have read several of Eugenia Price's books. I enjoy them because they are historical and often weave the salvation message into the story line.

Your Starbuck Order:

Iced Coffee

calendar

May 17: Catalina Chaperone Meeting, 7 p.m., Room N-1

May 17: Alpine Adventure Chaperone Meeting, 7 p.m., Room O-2

May 17–21: Graduation Ceremony Try-outs

May 21: Diakonia Meeting, 3-5 p.m.

May 22: 7th and 8th Grade Access trip to Dodger Stadium

May 25–28: Farewell Chapel Try-outs

May 31: Memorial Day, ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED

June 1: No School for 8th Grade Only

June 10: Yearbook Signing

June 10: 8th Grade Banquet

June 11: Honors Disneyland Trip

June 14: Farewell Chapel

June 15: Graduation Practice at Desert Vineyard, 8-10 a.m.

June 15: 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

**“Praise the LORD,
O my soul,
and forget not
all His benefits.”
—Psalm 103:2**