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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

—Hebrews
10:24, 25

Online Pre-registration for the 2010/2011 school year

began January 30. To get started open the email that was sent to you on January 13.

Park to Pickup

You may drop students directly at the gate in the mornings but please remember, “Park to Pickup.” 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 pickup in driving lanes. Following these rules helps protect the safety of our students.

Upcoming Access Trip

March 14—House of Blues (approximately \$40 for ages 10 and older and \$20 for ages 9 and under)

Upcoming Events

- **Father’s Eyes, March 12 & 13**—Girls conference for 6th-12th grades (Central Christian Church)
- **Battleground, May 7 & 8**—Guys camp for 7th-12th grades (Central Christian Church)

“These two events provide a remarkable opportunity for our students to grow! I highly recommend them.” *Brian Roseborough*

MS Daily Bulletin

The middle school *Daily Bulletin* is available to parents daily on Renweb. The bulletin is a great way to stay informed with what’s going on daily on our campus. It includes information such as school closure dates and dismissal times, games and practice times, reminders on trip payment dates, etc. Please access this great source of information.

Middle School Office Instrument Cubicles

Only band instruments used for school orchestra may be kept in the office. All other items must be kept in student lockers or with parents until needed. This includes sports bags, class assignments and materials, and any items for after school use. Students were given until Monday, February 8 to make these arrangements.

Carpool Needed

I am looking for a family who lives in Rosamond to help me transport my daughter to and from the middle school. Please call Mindy at 317-4370.

Grade Trip Costs for 09/10



<u>Trip</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Upcoming New Payments</u>	
Alpine Adventure (6 th Grade)	May 26–28	\$230	March 2	\$90 Plus Registration Form
San Diego Splash (7 th Grade)	May 12–14	\$295	February 23	\$100 (2nd Payment)
Catalina (8 th Grade)	May 28–31	\$300	February 16	\$100 Plus Registration Form

There will be a \$10 late fee added to all payments made after the scheduled payment date.

Moms in Touch

Come and join our prayer warrior moms every Monday from 1:45 to 2:45 in Room R-1. Moms in Touch is a group of moms that get together to pray for our kids and our school. Please contact Sue Killian at Patrick-k@sbcglobal.net or Irene Aguilar at Irenemaguilar@yahoo.com if you have a specific prayer request.

Dress Code for 8th Grade Banquet and Graduation

We request that students wear the same clothes for the 8th Grade Banquet that they select for graduation. This ensures quality photos and time for dress code adjustments while limiting costs for parents. This helps support all students.

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 two inches above the knee while standing
- Any questions should be addressed before graduation



Payment Lock Box

There has been a payment lock box installed at the reception desk in the middle school office. This lock box will make it more convenient for parents to drop off payments (trips, tuition, sports, etc.).

Absences and Tardies

Notes are required regarding any absence or tardy, including doctor, dentist, and orthodontist appointments. Also, please call the middle school office to report your child's absence due to illness. Remember, you can check your child's tardies to school and class on RenWeb daily, while checking their grades.

Student Recognition - Cookie Donations

A big thank you to our middle school parents who have volunteered to bring in cookies and milk for our student recognition students. We still need your help for our upcoming student recognition days. Therefore, I continue to ask for parent volunteers who would like to donate one or two dozen cookies, on a one time basis, to bless our student recognition students. If you are interested in donating, please contact Jodi Jones at the middle school office at 723-0665.

Costs for 2010

Sports Fees: \$100
Access Trips: \$35 – \$65
8th Grade Banquet: \$60 (estimated)
Honors Disneyland Trip: \$95 (estimated)
Graduation Costs: \$0
Memories from DCMS: Priceless (Psalms 36:7)

DCS 21st Annual Auction

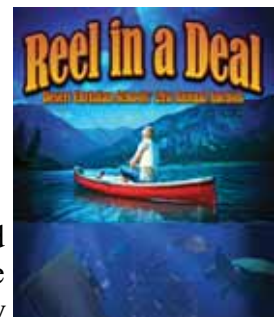
The DCS 21st Annual Auction "Reel in a Deal" is Saturday, February 20 and taking place in the Gymnasium. "Reel in a Deal" is for adults 18 years of age and older. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a delicious meal catered by Outback Steakhouse. Just some of the 500 items up for bid are: a Lab puppy, trips to Vegas, Arrowhead, Big Bear, and Mammoth, barbeque grill, iPod, Dodger tickets, tools, patio furniture, classroom projects, and more. You may purchase tickets for this event at the main campus or by calling Cheryl Corlew at 948-5071, ext. 233. This is a fun event and one you won't want to miss!

HS Drama Production

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Shakespeare, Thursday, March 25 **and** Friday, March 26, 7 p.m., Highland Church in Palmdale on Rancho Vista Blvd. Tickets on sale at the main & high school offices starting mid-February. Prices: adults, \$6; students, \$5; students with ASB cards, \$4; and children 6–12 yrs., \$3; free for children 5 & under.

Calendar

- 2/11: Chapel, Student Recognition, 8–9:45 a.m.
- 2/12: Diakonia Mtg., 3–5 p.m.
- 2/14: Valentine's Day
- 2/15: NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day, PF Avail.
- 2/19: 1st Catalina Payment Due (8th Grade)
- 2/19: Medieval Times Trip (7th Grade)
- 2/20: DCS Annual Auction, Gymnasium, 5:30 p.m. (Preview at 5:00 p.m.)
- 2/22: Moms in Touch, 1:45–2:45 p.m., Room R-1
- 2/23: 7th Grade Diakonia Applications Due
- 2/23: 2nd San Diego Splash Payment Due (7th Grade)
- 2/26: Diakonia Mtg., 3–5 p.m.
- 3/1: Open Registration Begins
- 3/2: 1st Alpine Adventure Payment Due (6th Grade)



Shopping 4 Students

We are in the final month of the “Shopping 4 Students” program and as you can see, DCS is in third place! With the month of February left to go I am confident that we still have a chance to move to 1st place! Take a moment to read Shopping 4 Students School Rewards flyer and see the opportunities you will have in February to help raise more points, and remember, you can turn in any receipts dated October 2009—February 2010. Take your receipts to Guests Service at the A.V. Mall, or bring them to any one of our campuses and we will take care of it for you. Thank you to all the families that participated in this program. More information regarding the winners will be sent out in April. If you have any questions, please call Kimi Champagne at 948-5071, ext. 256.

Points Through Jan. 31, 2010

1 St. Mary's School 727,320	6 Bethel Christian School 247,225
2 A.V. Christian 661,975	7 Westpark 238,440
3 DCS 621,865	8 Palmdale learning Plaza 197,230
4 Esperanza 342,845	9 Ocotillo 195,790
5 Quartz Hill 254,245	10 Valley View 147,220

Meet our Staff

Cheryl Shiplett: 8th Grade Teacher, History and Computer

Describe briefly how you became a Christian:

I accepted Jesus as my Savior when I was four years old. Having grown up in a Christian home seeds had been planted and watered. Our family attended an “old fashioned” revival meeting. The message spoke to me and I recognized a need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Who was your favorite teacher growing up and why?

Mrs. Keys, junior high home economics cooking teacher. My favorite quote of hers was “God made fingers before forks and knives.” She appreciated us as individuals and didn’t expect us to be “cookie cutters” of each other. She made class fun and respected us.

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

The O’Malley Series – a set of books about adoption and foster care written by a Christian author, Dee Henerson. Each book shares the story of a different member of the family and their journey to be adopted into God’s family.

Jodi Jones: Office Secretary

Describe briefly how you became a Christian:

I was 21 and had everything a girl could ask for . . . a brand new car I just bought off the lot, my own apartment, a great full time job, and a boyfriend with a career. But, something was missing in my life. A friend of mine invited me to a concert at Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa. After the concert, a guy in shorts and a Hawaiian shirt stood up and gave a message (I’m pretty sure it was Greg Laurie). After his message and invitation, I think I was the first person who practically ran to the front to accept Jesus. My life has never been the same.

Who was your favorite teacher growing up and why?

My Spanish teacher in high school. She used to help me with my homework and used to go over all the questions I missed on tests to explain them to me. She was amazing.

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

The Twilight series.

Your Starbuck order:

Grande non-fat decaf white chocolate mocha, no foam, no whip