



Dakota Christian School Newsletter

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Got Love

Greetings from Dakota Christian School! I must begin by writing that I have returned to my roots. Ninety years ago, my grandparents (on my mother's side) moved from the Netherlands to Platte. Actually Bovee. They lived here for about 9 years and because of the difficult times in the 1920s, they moved to California. During the time my grandparents lived in South Dakota, five of my uncles and aunts were born. My mother was the only one of her siblings born in CA, so she never lived in SD to know the difficulties faced by her family. Be-



cause my mother never lived in SD, I never heard much about life in South Dakota. Now I have settled in the Platte area. Okay, actually the great town of Harrison. While in South Dakota, my grandparents faced great challenges of just making a living. My challenges will not be so great. I will have an easy time compared to my grandparents. My challenges involve learning about the area, the people, and the school. I welcome the challenges of a new area and a new school. With the grace of God and the prayers of His people the challenges will be easily met.

One my tasks will be exemplifying our theme for the year "Got Love?" Our theme verse of "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" indicates a focus on how the staff and I plan to interact with each other this year—with love. Not that this hasn't been our focus, but that we are determined, not only in our lives but also to instill into the life of each student the love of God, the love of Christ, and the love of one towards another. I plan on being a principal who will show that the love of God is in my heart and permeates all that I do and say.

Finally, thank you for your kind words from those whom I have already met, your willingness to support Christian education in our community, and your willingness to be part of the continuing voice of the love of God in South Dakota. Together we have a wonderful year educating God's covenant children.



Dr. Cookson

DCS Staff for 2011-2012

- Greg Bosma:** Social Science, Physical Education
 - Jacque Boyle:** Math, Varsity Volleyball coach, Sophomore class advisor, Student Council co-Advisor
 - Vicki Buitenbos:** Hot Lunch Cook
 - Joel De Haan:** English, Cross Country coach, Track coach, Senior class advisor
 - Karissa De Jaeger:** 5-12 Band
 - Crystal De Lange:** assistant girls' basketball coach
 - Rachel Faller:** K-4 Music, Pre-School, Chapel Advisor
 - Kevin Haan:** Science, assistant volleyball coach, Freshman class advisor
 - Harv Hofstee:** Tech Support
 - Karen Maas:** Hot Lunch Cook
 - Jenna Masur:** Junior High English, Literature, Keyboarding; Elementary Aide, Sideline Cheer coach, assistant Competitive Cheer & Dance Coach
 - Lori Miedema:** Fifth and Sixth grades
 - Barry Miedema:** Bible and PE
 - Sam Mudder:** Hot Lunch Cook
 - Shane Niewenhuis:** Varsity girls' basketball coach
 - Jeanne Noteboom:** Business, Computer
 - Lois Van Dusseldorp:** Librarian, 5th-8th art
 - Jody Van Zee:** First and Second grades
 - Jan Van Vuren:** Junior High Math, Science, Keyboarding, & Bible; 6th grade math
 - Marie Vande Zande:** Kindergarten
 - Marilyn Vanden Hoek:** Third and Fourth grades
 - Bonnie Vander Ley:** Office Assistant
 - Chad Vander Pol:** Varsity boys' basketball coach
 - Shauna Vander Pol:** Office Manager, Athletic Director
 - Brenda Veurink:** Business Manager
 - Donna Veurink:** Guidance Counselor, Faith & Life, Western Religion, Student Council Advisor, Yearbook Advisor, Junior class advisor
 - Kim Zomer:** 5-12 Vocal
 - Curt Ver Steeg:** Custodian
- Platte-Geddes Staff (PGDC)**
- Frank Cutler:** JH football coach
 - Darren DeNeui:** Varsity football coach
 - Marla Tegethoff:** Remedial Services, Competitive Cheer & Dance coach
 - Andy Van Essen:** Assistant football coach

The DCS 2011-2012 Theme is "Got Love?" - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

School Reach Phone System

Again this year we will be using School Reach to notify our parents & students of early dismissals, school cancellations, or late starts as well as other general announcements or reminders.

Please notify the office of any additions/corrections that you would like made to this calling chain.

Hot Lunch Information

The Hot Lunch program will begin on Tuesday, August 23. You can send a payment with your child/ren on the first day of school. Make checks payable to DCS Hot Lunch. A payment of any size can be made and will be deposited in your JMC family lunch account. Cost of meals is \$2.25/meal for K-2nd grade students, \$2.75/meal for 3rd-6th grade students, and \$3.00/meal for 7th-12th grade students and adults.

You can view your account online or call school to inquire how much is in your hot lunch account. The menu and helpers will again be posted in the monthly Newsletter as well as on the link off our webpage entitled "Calendar".

The Hot Lunch staff will provide meals on Monday through Thursday. On Friday, various groups will provide different lunch options as a fundraiser for their group. Information on the Friday lunches will be sent home on Mondays in the PreK-6th Newsnotes and will also be posted on the "Daily News" link of the school webpage.

Hot Lunch Helpers Needed

The list of Hot Lunch helpers will remain the same as last year, but we are looking for more volunteers. If you would like your name added (or taken off) please call Kirsti Muckey at 243-2215.

Just a reminder that helpers are asked to be at school at 11:45 on Mondays & Wednesday at 11:55 on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Newsletter Mailing List

Notice to supporters and parents: if you know of any interested persons who would like to receive a copy of the Newsletter each month, please call the school office at 243-2211 or send an e-mail to office@dchs.net. The DCS Newsletter can also be read on a link off the school website at www.dchs.net/newsletter.

To all of the 2010-2011 volunteer drivers:

Thank you seems like such a small token of our appreciation, but it is sincere! Thank you for giving your time, your gas, and sometimes your grocery money to get the Armour and Armour area kids home from school. We appreciate ALL of YOU! Thanks again!

Heath & Jessica Brouwer
Dan & Rachel Faller
Jon & Julie Lane
Jordan & Sara Reimnitz
and families

DCS Phone Information

For those of you who haven't left a message on our after hours automated phone system, following are some basic instructions for leaving a message in the General Mailbox or a certain extension number. All messages left in the General Mailbox will be retrieved by Brenda or Shauna in the office. For all other staff, you have the option of dialing the extensions by name or number. Following are the extension numbers for our staff:

100—Brenda Veurink or Shauna Vander Pol	208—Lois VanDusseldorp
101—Dr. Cookson	210—Rachel Faller
103—Donna Veurink	211—Music Room
104—Bonnie Vander Ley	303—Jeanne Noteboom
106—Curt Ver Steeg	304—Joel DeHaan
150—Harvey Hofstee	305—Greg Bosma
201—Marie Vande Zande	306—Jacque Boyle
202—Jody Van Zee	307—Kevin Haan
204—Marilyn Vanden Hoek	309—Jan Van Vuren
207—Lori Miedema or Barry Miedema	310—Jenna Masur
	311—Kitchen
	312—Stage

***Just a reminder that if you're trying to reach your child after regular school hours during an extra-curricular practice, you may try ringing the Stage extension (#312). Hopefully someone will hear it and answer.

Season Passes Available



Family Pass—\$80.00

Adult Pass—\$35.00

Student Pass—\$15.00



Season passes can be used at all home DCS volleyball, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball games for the 2011-12 school year.

Passes can be purchased at the DCS office or at home athletic events.

Individual prices will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students at the regular games and \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students at the double headers.

Bible Bee to be Held at DCS

Here it is! The 2011 Local Bible Bee is coming to Dakota Christian School on Saturday, Aug. 27. Family registration begins at 12:00 PM with our praise team leading us in a time of worship. The public is invited to attend the final challenge round around 4:00 and closing time of worship and celebration ceremony around 4:30 PM.

Our contestants have been hiding God's Word in their hearts this summer; and they are ready to share what they have learned with our judges, parents, grandparents, and anyone who is ready to have their life changed by hearing the living, active Word of God. **We still need more judges, registration workers and guides.** Thank you in advance for volunteering to help us! Please give Carolyn (680-4832) or Renae (680-2106) a call if you would be willing to help in any way.

Booster Club Golf Tourney Recap

On behalf of the Booster Club Golf Tournament, we would like to thank all golfers, hole sponsors, prize sponsors and tournament sponsors for participating in the 17th Annual DCS Booster Club Golf Tourney. We had 108 golfers and over 110 Hole/Prize/Tournament sponsors! Due to your generosity, over \$10,000 was raised for the Booster Club!

First Flight Division Winners:

1st Place (18 Holes – Lakeview Golf Course, Mitchell): Steve Pickart, Gaylord Gerlach, Craig Pickart, Tyler Toenies

2nd Place – Chad Feenstra, Tom Gerlach, Darwyn Sprik, Jerry Dykstra

Second Flight Division Winners:

1st Place (18 Holes at Wild Oak Golf Course, Mitchell): Gary Iedema and the Northwestern Energy Team

Third Flight Division Winners:

1st Place (9 Holes at Lake Platte Golf Club, Platte): Marlin Maas, Gord Lefers, Michael Maas, Wilbur Maas

Prize Winners: (each prize winner received choice of \$25 or a donated item)

Randy Dykstra – Closest to pin on second shot on Hole #1 or #10

Mark Kuipers – Closest to pin on first shot on Hole #2 or #11 (prize donated by Dakota Tom's)

Matt Hubers – Closest to flagged tree on Hole #3 or #12

Myron Veurink – Longest putt on Hole #4 or #13

Tyler Toenies – Longest drive in fairway on Hole #5 or #14

Aaron Storm – Closest to pin on second shot on Hole #6 or #15 (prize donated by BW Insurance)

Frank Cutler – Closest to pin on first shot on Hole #7 or #16

Tyler Samuelson – Longest putt on Hole #8 or #17

Kenny Dilts – Closest to pin on first shot on Hole #9 or #18 (prize donated by Dakota Tom's)

Char Severson – Longest putt on Hole #5 or #14 women only (flat iron from Hair Boutique)

Driving Schedule Notice

A volunteer driving program could again be arranged, IF there is enough interest shown. If you would be interested in using a driving schedule for your family, please contact Dan or Jody Niewenhuis by **this Friday, August 26.**

PreSchool News

Dakota Christian Preschool will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Two morning sessions from 8:30-11:30 will be available during the 2011-2012 school year. Mondays and Wednesdays will be for those students who will be three years old by September 1. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be for those students who will be four years old by September 1. Children may join both sessions, if desired. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Rachel Faller.

Live Above

TLC: Everyone does it...thinking, learning and communicating. Some people do TLC from "above the line", while others see things from below. What is this line, you say? Well, for every 100 people, 20 of them are positive, optimistic, and focused; they are above the line. The other 80 below the line generally have a negative view on life, feel hopeless and powerless. The funny thing about the 20/80 is that it is a choice. Now why would anyone choose the bottom 80? Mostly because our patterns of TLC are **learned**. Here's my new motto...Live above. Since I cannot control my conditions, but I can control my experiences, I'm going to exercise that control. If it's a choice, I choose to live above the line. Will you join me? (Thoughts and ideas are from Top 20 Training, 2011 Summer Education Conference, a great thing to do in the summer!)

Donna Veurink, Guidance Counselor

Reach for the Stars

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the 16 children who participated in the summer reading program "Reach for the Stars." These 16 children collected over \$2400 worth of pledges. The school received approximately \$1400 worth of books for the library and classrooms. DCS would like to thank Jacob, Megan and Melanie Mudder; Brandon Van Zee; Andrew and Cameron Sybesma; Hannah and Sonya Hansum; Lexie and Kelsey Vander Pol; Kennedy and Noah Sejnoha; Madison Bosma; Danica Middendorp; Mary Lou Siems; and Andy Benton.



Special Congratulations to:

- ◆ Madison Bosma for being the top pledge collector. She collected \$365.
- ◆ Brandon Van Zee for coming in a close 2nd. He collected \$305.
- ◆ Noah Sejnoha for going beyond the reading call. He read 700 minutes in two weeks. (300 minutes is required)

The total minutes read by these 16 children were 5,754 minutes in two weeks. You all did a GREAT job!

Thanks,
Jody Van Zee

Thank you to . . .

- ◆ The parents of the Class of 2011 for the donation of desks for the high school wing.
- ◆ Thank you to alumni association for donation to purchase flooring on the stage.
- ◆ All the DCS Fellowship associate members who helped at auctions this summer by baking pies, bars, rolls, making BBQ, and serving.

DCS Financial Report

General Fund Checking Acct Report for June/July:

Balance 6/1/11		\$ 501.30
Deposits	\$ 151,937.30	
Withdrawals	\$ 152,370.74	
Closing Balance 7/31/11		\$ 67.86

Monthly Church Ministry Offerings

Funds received in June/July \$ 40,115.21

Budget Goal for Church Ministry Offerings

Yearly Budget Goal	\$ 140,000.00
Funds received as of 7/31/11	\$ 154,255.74
Budget surplus as of 7/31/11	\$ 14,255.74

Please join us at our

Opening Convocation

at

Dakota Christian School

Monday, August 22, 2011

Beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Jon Lane along with
the Platte CRC Praise Team
will be leading us in a time
of worship and praise!



3rd Annual "Taste of Dakota"

We are sending out an open invitation for you to join the DCS family for another "Taste of Dakota". On the menu for this year is canned meat, mashed potatoes, & happy meals for the kids. We are not anticipating big changes, but think you will be pleasantly surprised with some of the modifications from last year.



So mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 18th . . . Invite your Grandpa and Grandma, take your grandkids out for the evening, or treat a friend to a much needed night of fun at DCS! We are excited to spend the evening with all of you enjoying local talent, games, and food tasting. See you at the "Taste"!



Employment Opportunities for the 2011-2012 School Year

- ◆ JH/JV Boys' basketball
- ◆ HS Golf coach
- ◆ Half-time Custodian—will job share with Curt (position available immediately).

Contact Dr. Cookson at 243-2211 if interested or have questions regarding either of these positions.

DCS does not discriminate in its employment policies and practices, or in its educational program on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin or ancestry.

The mission of DCS is to assist parents by providing education based on a biblical worldview, thereby enabling their children to grow in Christian wisdom, to nurture godly character, and to serve Christ as Lord.

DCS August Board Activity

1. Marlin Maas opened the meeting by reading Proverbs 22:4-12, reading a devotional, and praying.
2. Roll Call showed Brenda Baan Hofman, Yvonne Bentz, Heath Brouwer, Marlin Maas, Carol Overweg, Keith Vanden Hoek, Steve Vander Pol, and Dr. Gary Cookson, Administrator present. Absent with notification were Doug Kaemingk and Ken Lieuwen.
3. Minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.
4. Agenda for the meeting was approved.
5. Correspondence: none to consider.
6. Finance: Treasurer's report was given. Bills to be paid were approved. A preliminary budget was looked at, Foundation Fund and Capital Campaign reports were received for information, Lyle Schipper is retiring from the Capital Campaign, Brent Veurink presented options for insurance for the employees for the 2011-12 school year.
7. Building and Grounds: New flooring for the stage floor will be installed soon, the stage curtain will be installed soon, there have been some problems with the cooling system.
8. Principal's report: Dr. Cookson has moved to Harrison and appreciates all of the help he received in his moving process. Obtaining a credit card for the school was approved. Ivan Groothuis and Dr. Cookson had a productive meeting earlier this summer. He has been reviewing all of the manuals. A discrepancy between the faculty handbook, board policy manual, and teachers' contracts was resolved. Clarification was made on personal days for teachers.
9. The janitor's contract was discussed.
10. Linda De Haai will be coaching 5th/6th grade basketball.
11. The newsletter will continue to be published 11 months of the year.
12. The Society meeting will be held on September 26.
13. Next board meeting will be held on September 8.
14. Meeting was adjourned.
15. Yvonne Bentz closed in prayer.