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DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Empowering the Mind, Engaging the Soul

MONTHLY BULLETIN *February 2012*

ANNUAL AUCTION NEEDS MORE ITEMS!

Our 22nd Annual Auction Gala, which takes place on Saturday, March 3rd at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells, is in need of more items! If you have any items or gift certificates that you would like to submit, please do so to Stacey Galindo or Krissy Devane in the Finance Office.

Contribution forms are available from Tracey in the front office. The contributions are tax deductible, and the more items we have, the more money we make for our vital tuition assistance program. We are so pleased to have "America's Mayor" Rudy Giuliani as this year's keynote speaker. We know

the event will be an enormous success, especially through your thoughtful contributions! We are also in need of volunteers both during the day for preparation and during the event itself that evening. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Krissy Devane at kdevane@desertchristianacademy.org.

EARLY RE-ENROLLMENT COMES WITH BENEFITS

It's re-enrollment time at Desert Christian Academy, and there are some important deadlines you need to know.

Given the increased overhead and costs to the school, the Board of Trustees has determined that changes need to be made for the coming 2012-2013 school year. Those changes are available through the published tuition schedule.

For families re-enrolling, if you do so by February 10th, 2012, you will be re-enrolled at the current tuition rates. After February 10th, the new rates will apply, so re-enroll quickly to secure the lower rates!

In order to re-

enroll, simply submit a signed tuition agreement along with a \$300 registration fee (per student), and complete re-enrollment online at Parentsweb! It's that easy, and you'll help in our planning process for the next year by enrolling in a timely manner.

Multi-family tuition discounts are available, and have been set as the following for the 2012-13 school year: A second child will now receive a 10% discount, a third, 20%, and a fourth or more, 30%. Despite a modest decrease in the multi-family discounts, careful financial aid consideration will be given to all families enrolling 3 or more students. Thank you for your continued commitment to Desert Christian Academy!



FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE APPROACHING

Financial aid is a vital part of what we do for the greater community here at Desert Christian Academy. We have many events focused directly on support of tuition assistance. To provide a Christ-centered and inclusive experience for as many families as possible, we will begin accepting

applications on February 1st through a link on the school website. Families may apply for financial assistance for the 2012-2013 school-year through March 30th. Please be sure to visit the website at www.desertchristianacademy.org and complete your application by that date.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 10th
Re-Registration Deadline

February 20th
President's Day
No School

February 28th
Watch D.O.G.S. Event
Courageous Movie w/ Carey Casey

PRESCHOOL



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PRESCHOOL

PAJAMA DAY
Pajama Day is Friday, February 3rd. All preschool classrooms will be dressed in their PJ's that day - teachers too! It is a real hoot!

GYMNASTICS
Preschool Gymnastics is scheduled every Tuesday morning at 9 AM right here in the preschool! The children really enjoy the program directed by professional athletes and designed specifically for preschoolers. See any teacher for details!



HIGH SCHOOL

DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WINTER RAVE!

High school students are invited to come out to ASB's Winter Rave on Friday February 3rd immediately following the boys varsity basketball game until 11:30PM. Students will rave the night away to DJ Nixon's legendary electronic beats! Cost is only \$5 - pay at the door. See you in Rooms 12 & 13!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

TARGET RED CARD HOLDERS CAN HELP SUPPORT DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!

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PSF PARENT SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

News and Information

- We want to thank each of those volunteers who helped College Planning Night run smoothly.
- Many of you are involved with the Auction on March 3rd. Please continue to work with your committees and Mrs. Krissy Devane.
- We are also looking for people who are interested in being co-chairpersons for our Helping Hands Committee. A description of the needs this committee helps fill are on our PSF page on the school website.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BOX TOPS

The fourth grade class is collecting BOX TOPS! If you can help, send your box tops to 4A or to the school office. Thank you!

PROJECT W.E.T.

A visit from the Coachella Valley Water District
On Friday, February 10th, Mrs. Maureen Perry will visit our 1st - 5th grade students to teach them about the sources and uses of water in our valley, water conservation and canal and water safety.

G*MATTERS

We would like to invite you to join the Attitude Airways cast and crew on Wednesday, February 1 for an all-school chapel hosted by G*Matters. We will begin boarding passengers at 10:20 AM. Leave your baggage at home and set your mind on the things above!

BLACK BUFFALO

From February 27th to March 7th we will be collecting bulk non-perishable food items, twin bedding, toiletries, school supplies, etc. for Black Buffalo's ministry to Native Americans. He will be speaking at our campus on March 7th.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT February 22-24 "A Life Set Apart"



Our 9th-12th graders will head off to Oakbridge, Young Life's camp between Ramona and Julian (in San Diego County) for a great time of teaching, worship, and fun. The cost of this retreat is \$250 and must be paid by Friday, February 17th. Please return the permission slip with your money as soon as possible. Information was emailed home on Friday, January 20th.

ROB BIAGI CONCERT

On Wednesday, February 15th, Rob Biagi will perform during a combined chapel of elementary and preschool students from 10:10 ~ 11:10 AM. The kids absolutely love this energetic, entertaining singer/songwriter. Both Rob and his seven year old daughter, Natalie, are Leukemia survivors! We will direct the chapel offering that day to cover the expenses of his performance so if you can,

please send a few dollars so we can continue to bring special guest performers to chapel to bless your children. If your schedule permits, please come to sing, dance, and worship with us. This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend or family that might be interested in checking out Desert Christian Academy. You may want to purchase one of his CD's if you don't already have one.

TALENT SHOW

Try-outs will take place on Thursday, February 2nd and Thursday, February 9th after school. The actual Talent Show will be on Thursday night, February 23rd at 7:00 PM. Auditions will be held and 20 acts will be selected to perform. Students who want to perform should submit application forms to Mrs. Sorensen as soon as possible. Audition forms can be picked up in the School Office.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Try-outs for softball and golf teams will take place February 6th through 11th.

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Seniors, please submit your senior portraits to Mr. Tobin this month so they can be included in the yearbook. If you have not yet had your portrait taken, please do so immediately. Contact Desert Photo Lab, Cordova Photography or Mr. Tobin for more information.
- Seniors, remember that the deadline to submit your FAFSA Form is March 2nd. Please contact Mrs. Tidwell if you have questions.

YEARBOOK ADS



It isn't too late to submit an ad! The Desert Christian Academy's Lil' Conqueror and Conqueror yearbook ads are now available for sale! Congratulate your child on a great year, create a group ad, promote your business, or acknowledge an entire class. Space is limited, so place your order ASAP!

If you would like to purchase an ad in either the

Desert Christian Academy elementary or secondary yearbook, please print the online form and return it to Mrs. Tobin. Payment must be received to reserve your ad for this year's yearbook. The deadline to order and submit the ad is February 17th. Email Kristi Tobin at krtobin@desertchristianacademy.org for more information.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Our Preschool Fundraiser is on February 24th from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM - cost is \$20 per child! All students are welcome...preschool, elementary and family friends! Come on down for a fun evening for the kids and a night off for the grownups!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK: FEBRUARY 22ND - 24TH

While the high school students are away at their annual retreat we will be planning special activities for the 6th-8th grade students. Activities will include themed dress days, special food, daily noon games, and a dance on Friday afternoon.



SCIENCE FAIR

Middle School Science Fair judging is February 2nd. Parents and students are invited to view all the projects in the gym February 3rd. Awards will be distributed at an assembly held that same day during 6th period.

JUNIOR CLASS VALENTINE GRAM SALE

Valentine Grams will go on sale the week of February 6th through 13th. They will be delivered in class to your special someone on Friday, February 14th. The Grams are custom-wrapped Hershey Bars with Valentine's messages available in four designs. Samples and additional order forms are located in the school office. Grams are also being

sold outside the elementary and high school entrance before and after school. They cost just \$3.00 each, so pick out a different one for each of your loved ones - they will be blessed by your thoughtfulness! All proceeds help pay for this year's Junior/Senior Prom. Order yours while supplies last!

LOST AND FOUND

Parents, just a reminder that it would be most beneficial to write your child's name in his/her Desert Christian Academy uniform jacket, sweatshirt, sweater, etc. We find many of these items left around campus that are not labeled and we do not know who they belong to. Whenever we find DCA outer wear with a name on it, we are able to return the clothing to the student. Any uniforms that are not claimed after a couple of weeks are added to the clothing exchange that occurs once a month during HeBrews.



22ND ANNUAL AUCTION GALA

A HEROES' WELCOME

A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION AND HONOR

Desert Christian Academy is both pleased and honored to announce that former New York City Mayor and Presidential Candidate Rudolph "Rudy" Giuliani will present the keynote address at the 22nd Annual Auction Gala "A Heroes' Welcome." The event will take place Saturday, March 3, 2012, at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells. The annual auction provides much needed funding for DCA's Tuition Assistance Program, which allows students from all economic backgrounds the opportunity to attend the college preparatory institution.



"Mayor Giuliani is the ultimate example of heroism, which is our central theme this year," says Dave Fulton, DCA Founder and Head of School. "We will be honoring everyday heroes from law enforcement, fire and safety fields,

among others. We felt Mayor Giuliani was the ideal person to help us do that."

Additionally, the event will honor local heroes such as mayors from valley cities and the area's first responders.

"It is entirely appropriate to honor heroes and heroism, and will provide so many great role-models for the students at Desert Christian Academy," says Mayor Giuliani. "I am grateful for the invitation, and look forward to helping instill the virtues of heroism and courage in these fine young student citizens."

Tickets are \$250.

For more information on The 22nd Annual Auction Gala "A Heroes' Welcome," or to make reservations to attend, please contact Desert Christian Academy at 760-345-2848 or visit www.dcaevents.org.

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 5:00 pm

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort, Indian Wells, California



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