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What is the Lion Fund?

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Benefits **ALL** students:
early education to high school

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Responds to immediate
school and student
program enhancements

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Supports educational
programs, athletics,
fine arts, and activities



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Dardis Communications

The junior class experiences professional training with Dardis Communications to grow essential skills including leadership, communication, professional presence, and interviewing techniques. This program provides real-world experience and builds skills that will serve students in the future to step out confidently into their next chapter.



Decodable Books

Instruction and support materials in each kindergarten classroom are now aligned with decodable books. They help readers develop and practice phonics knowledge and build confidence in independent reading.



Sensory Library

The early education sensory library offers young learners hands-on, multi-sensory experiences to encourage movement in constructive ways. Tools in this library include stretchy fidgets, textured fabrics, a velcro board, wobble boards, a stationary bike, and a mini treadmill. Sensory items help focus attention and develop self-regulation skills.



Razor Scooters

Razor scooters bring fun and fitness together for elementary students, helping them build balance, coordination, and muscle strength. In a safe, structured environment, students learn basic scooter skills, perform tricks, and practice trail safety and maintenance. Riding both indoors and outdoors encourages teamwork, confidence, and active exploration beyond the classroom.



Disc Golf Equipment for PE Class

Adding disc golf to PE introduces a fun, inclusive activity that promotes coordination, focus, and outdoor fitness. With portable disc baskets and new frisbees, the course can be easily set up anywhere on campus, making it adaptable for all ages and skill levels. Students learn throwing techniques, strategy, and sportsmanship while enjoying a low-impact game that encourages both physical activity and friendly competition.



Bari Saxophones

Two new baritone saxophones provide the opportunity for students to support the lower voices of the marching, concert, and jazz bands.



Early Ed/ATB Library

Through generous support, we purchased more than 1,000 books, creating a wonderful new library space for both our Early Education and After the Bell programs. The space became a vibrant hub of learning and imagination—our Early Ed classes visited and enjoyed these books multiple times each week, and our After the Bell students embraced the joy of reading together.



Green Room Equipment

New equipment for the DMC Green Room benefits students throughout the school and enhances how we share the DMC story. Student-led media and storytelling across campus will also be enhanced with this new equipment.



Speed Stacks

Speed Stacks are specially designed cups to build hand-eye coordination, agility, and focus. Students race to stack and unstack the cups in specific patterns, improving reaction time and bilateral coordination. This fast-paced activity promotes concentration, teamwork, and fine motor skills while keeping students active and engaged in a fun, competitive way.



School Spirit Items

To boost energy and unity during pep rallies, the Student Council used Lion Fund support to provide fun, spirited items that help every student feel part of the excitement. Beads, lion paws, and other game-day accessories created a lively, immersive atmosphere—encouraging students to stand, cheer, and celebrate together. These additions transformed each rally into a true school-wide experience, showcasing pride in our teams and strengthening the sense of community across campus.



Handheld Digital Microscopes

Handheld digital microscopes are an exciting addition to the middle school science curriculum, allowing students to explore the world in vivid detail. In life science, they examine flower structures and study epithelial tissue—like their own skin—making learning personal and engaging.



Interactive Floor Projection System

The Interactive Floor Projection System has been a wonderful enhancement to the After the Bell classroom. It provides children with an engaging way to move and stay active safely indoors, especially during winter or rainy days. Beyond physical activity, the system offers valuable educational opportunities—helping preschool students learn letters and numbers through interactive, tactile experiences. It's also used regularly to support children with sensory needs, offering fun, stimulating activities that promote proprioceptive input in a safe and enjoyable way.



HeBrews Coffee Cart

The upperclassmen are putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test with the launch of HeBrews, a student-run coffee cart. Students developed the name and logo for the coffee cart as well as marketing and business plans that include tithing. The vision is to grow the business each year until it can be a stand-alone coffee shop at our new high school campus.



Library Books for Middle School English Classrooms

With support from the Lion Fund, about 225 new books were added to middle school English classrooms, giving every seventh grader access to engaging, age-appropriate reading options. Students helped choose titles that reflect their interests, creating a refreshed library that encourages independent reading and fosters a lifelong love of literacy.



Keyboard, iPads and Modern Music Stands for the High School Worship Band

New technology has transformed the High School Worship Band, making rehearsals and performances more efficient and engaging. iPads now replace printed music, saving hundreds of pages each year while allowing students to transpose songs, add notes, and stay organized through a shared digital platform. A new keyboard—used across all school chapels and Worship Fridays—provides reliable, high-quality sound, helping students lead worship with confidence and excellence.



End Zone Camera

The End Zone Camera has become an essential tool for the football program, providing a valuable vantage point for both practices and games. By capturing footage from the end zone, coaches gain a clearer perspective for teaching and refining player assignments, techniques, and team schemes. This technology allows for precise analysis and correction of even the smallest details, enhancing player development and overall team performance.



Choir Acoustic Shells

Choir acoustic shells are portable structures designed to project and enhance sound on stage. They reflect singers' voices toward the audience while allowing performers to hear one another more clearly. By improving sound balance and clarity, acoustic shells create a fuller, richer choral tone and help ensure that every voice is heard—without the need for electronic amplification. They also enhance the overall listening experience for audiences and support better vocal performance for choirs of all sizes.



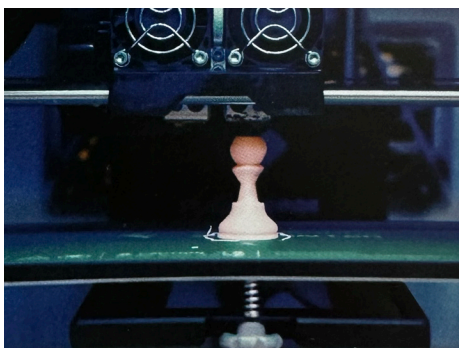
Photography Equipment

Professional cameras were purchased for the new middle school exploratory class, Introduction to Photography. This course teaches students a wide range of new skills in media to guide them in their future studies and careers. In today's digital world, photography and videography provide meaningful tools for capturing and sharing the message of the gospel.



Elementary Playground Updates

The updated elementary playground offers a vibrant and active space where students can climb, slide, spin, and explore safely. Enhancements include a new play surface, rope and steel climbers, twisting nets, a tunnel slide, spinner equipment, hangout areas, and ninja course elements like pogo pods and tire climbers. These additions encourage imaginative play, balance, and coordination—creating a fun, engaging environment where children can learn, grow, and make lasting memories.



3D Printers

The addition of 3D printers has opened the door to creativity and hands-on learning across multiple classes and activities. In courses like Creative Digital Design, students learn coding and design skills using programs such as Tinkercad to create and print their own 3D models. From dream houses and characters to imaginative inventions, students bring their digital designs to life—gaining practical experience in technology, problem-solving, and innovation while exploring how coding and engineering intersect with creativity.



Bibles for New Students

Each new middle school student receives a personalized Bible, making the moment both meaningful and memorable. With every student now using the same edition, the Bibles serve as a unifying resource for study, reflection, and spiritual growth. This gift symbolizes the school's commitment to nurturing students' faith journeys, encouraging them to engage deeply with Scripture and apply God's word in their daily lives as they grow in their relationship with Jesus.



DMC Mascot

The new mascot brings energy, a bold look, and will ramp up school spirit in a big way. You'll see our lion, Roary, making appearances at games, pep rallies, and special events—cheering on our students and welcoming guests with pride!



Marching Band Banner

The new marching band banner proudly represents DMC students as they perform in the community, complementing the uniforms also provided through Lion Fund. Featuring school colors and updated design, the banner strengthens school identity and pride. Marching band participation builds discipline, teamwork, and community while showcasing DMC's positive presence at local events and celebrations.



New Risers

As the show choir program grows, additional risers provide the space needed for more students to participate. These new risers enhance performances, improve visibility and sound balance, and ensure every student has the opportunity to be part of the ensemble's dynamic and engaging shows.



Mountain Throwers

All middle school students experienced a day at Mountain Throwers in 2025. They enjoyed God's creation while engaging in intentionally planned devotions, guided prayer, and a faith walk as a middle school community.



Blood Drive Support

Zoe Foster ('25) organized a student-led blood drive at DMC with LifeServe Blood Center that resulted in up to 93 lives saved or sustained. The Lion Fund provided snacks to help restore and refresh blood donors.



CodeBots

CodeBots enhance the High School Computer Science curriculum by connecting coding concepts to real-world applications. As students learn basic Python programming, they use CodeBots to bring their algorithms to life through hands-on robotics activities. This interactive experience helps students understand not just how to code, but why coding matters—showing the direct connection between programming and the physical world.



Dr. Tim Elmore

Thanks to the Lion Fund, DMC had the privilege of hosting Dr. Tim Elmore—bestselling author, leadership expert, and nationally recognized voice on the next generation. Featured on *CNN Headline News*, the *Wall Street Journal* and other major platforms, Dr. Elmore brought his powerful message to our campus, engaging students, parents, faculty, and staff in a thought-provoking conversation about equipping young leaders for the future.



Pass the Baton

The class of 2025 passed the baton to DMC's kindergarten class, starting a new tradition. Donations to the Lion Fund purchased the 100 keepsake batons and kicked off a one-year buddy program.



Strider Bikes

More than 100 DMC students learned to ride Strider Bikes purchased by the Lion Fund in PE from 2024-25. Elementary students practiced trail safety, riding etiquette, and encouraged one another along the way.



Missions Trips

DMC students have the opportunity to travel internationally and domestically for mission trips. Recent trips have included: Abaco to serve Haitian refugees, Honduras to serve rural mountain villages, and St. Louis, Missouri, to serve the downtown community. Students return from mission trips transformed, having stepped out in faith to serve others, living out what they believe, and seeing their faith come alive in meaningful ways.



Choir Robes

More students are using their gifts in the DMC choir to share the gospel through music. New choir robes were needed to support the growth of the program, continuing the professional look the choir has established for performances.



Dual-Credit Biology

The Lion Fund enriched the learning experience in biology by funding an incubator and DNA analysis supplies. These lab tools allow students to experiment, compare results, and engage in hands-on learning. As a dual-credit course, biology offers students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.



Show Choir Costumes

The Lion Fund helped the Show Choir shine with the purchase of new costumes for the 20-21 school year.



Hydroponics Growing System

The hydroponics growing system brings hands-on learning to elementary STEAM classes by allowing students to grow plants without soil. Using the Flex Farm system, students observe the entire process—from seed to harvest—while exploring the science and technology behind plant growth. This project beautifully integrates science, engineering, art, and math, fostering curiosity and stewardship as students care for their crops. The food is donated to a local food pantry, extending the lesson of growth into the community.



Lighting Equipment for Hype Videos

New lighting equipment enhances the production of athletic hype videos—cinematic features that introduce and celebrate DMC sports teams. With professional lighting, students can create high-quality, visually dynamic videos that capture the excitement and spirit of DMC athletics. These videos build pride, engage the school community, and showcase the talent and teamwork of Lion athletes.



Marching Band Uniforms

The new marching band uniforms provide a fresh, professional look that reflects DMC's school pride and excellence. Designed for comfort, durability, and visual impact, the updated uniforms unify the band's appearance and elevate performances at games, competitions, and community events. They symbolize teamwork, discipline, and school spirit—helping students represent DMC with confidence and pride.



Sousaphone

A new sousaphone provided the opportunity for students to support the lower voices of the marching, concert, and jazz bands.



Anatomy and Physiology Skeleton and Modeling Clay

The addition of a classroom skeleton and modeling clay provides high school Anatomy and Physiology students with hands-on tools to explore the human body in greater depth. These resources allow students to visualize and construct anatomical structures, reinforcing lessons on bones, muscles, and organ systems. By modeling and interacting with realistic materials, students gain a deeper understanding of how the body is designed and functions—making complex concepts more engaging and memorable.

- Materials for New High School Engineering Class
- Materials for New High School Graphic Design Class
- STEAM Equipment
- Home Game Streaming Camera
- Educational Centers for Elementary Library
- Electric Pianos
- Football Travel Bags
- Jazzminton
- Lesson plans and materials
- Classroom Furniture
- Athletic Uniforms
- Intercom System and Clocks
- Lions Stadium Upgrades
- Classroom Supplies
- Portfolios for Business IMPACT students
- Balance Beams for Early Education Playground
- Athletic Training Table