



WWCS Booster Club Newsletter

Winter 2017-18

Think of the Walla Walla Catholic Schools Booster Club as a well-established tree. It's got strong, deep roots.

Yet, in order to thrive it needs fresh, green shoots sprouting from the bark each spring.

Over the past few years, those green shoots — new Booster Club Board members — have been scarce. As a result, the current Board is comprised of people whose children have graduated from DeSales years ago. Too few Board members have kids in school right now. Or, if they do, they will be graduating in the next year or two.

Bottom line — we need you to consider becoming involved in Booster Club and, perhaps, serving on the Board. Please join us at our annual meeting on Sunday, March 11, at 6 p.m. at DeSales' cafeteria. This meeting will be held along with our winter sports awards. Pizza will be served (and, of course, fun will be had by all).

This will be a great opportunity to hear what Booster Club is about and meet our members. Our regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the DeSales library.

Now, to be clear, all the current Board members do a fantastic job managing the funds for our athletic programs and ensuring coaches and athletes get what they need to compete.

But we are looking to the future and many of us will soon be leaving the Board.

In addition, we also believe it is important to have parents of current students on the Board as they are in a better position to see exactly what is happening at DeSales, Assumption and in our athletic programs.

For example, Board member Hank Worden — who does have kids in school — has seen the way our student athletes are transported to events (by carpool) isn't working as well as it has in the past. Fewer parents are able to get away from work to transport students and fewer parents have big ol' Suburbans, so more vehicles are needed,

In addition, there are real concerns about traveling in the winter — particularly since the new Eastern Washington Athletic Conference is spread out farther geographically. A four or five-hour drive for one game is now common. Hank stepped forward to rent buses during the football season for longer trips. He was able to raise funds to pay the rental fee. (Big high five to Hank!) But this is not a long-term solution.

Hank suggests DeSales look into buying a bus. It's a great idea — and one the DeSales community should get behind.

This is one of the many reasons we need more involvement from those of you who have children in Walla Walla Catholic Schools.

If you are interested in getting more involved in Boosters, want to be the treasurer or a Board member, or want more information please talk to any Board member. My number is 509-520-4390 and my email is eskil@charter.net.

The current Board members are Vice President Brett Thomas, Treasurer Sandy Kimball, Secretary Kristi Richard, Polla Laib, Rose Worth, Jacque Roach and Hank Worden.

Go Irish!!!

President Rick Eskil

Girls' Basketball Preview

Welcome to the 2017-18 basketball season. The Lady Irish are 4 games into the season as I write this. We currently have 2 wins and 2 losses overall and 1 win and 1 loss in league. We are an extremely young this year with only 1 senior and 1 junior. The rest of the roster includes 6 sophomores, 2 freshmen, and 3-8th graders. With all of the youth, this is a team that will get better as the season progresses and make mistakes along the way. One thing they will do is work hard every time they hit the floor. We will be up tempo offensively and defensively and will be a lot of fun to watch. Come down to the gym and watch our girls outwork our opponents night in and night out. You won't be disappointed.

Coach Duncan

Honors for our Irish Athletes

Union-Bulletin Athletes of the Week

Dante Maiuri September 21, 2017

Juan Montero October 5, 2017

Luke Elmenhurst December 21, 2017

EWAC Football Honors

Matt Baumgart was the Defensive Player of the Year, first-team linebacker and first-team tight end on offense.

Juan Montero made first team as a wide receiver and second team as the defensive back.

Gavin Hayunga was first team offensive and defensive lineman,

Alvaro Campos was the kicker,

Joel Rodriguez made first team at defensive back and second team as a receiver.

Tim Worden picked up second-team honors at defensive lineman.

Irish Football Fall 2017

The 2017 DeSales football TEAM finished with an 8-4 record. After a season opening loss the Irish won 5 straight games. A rash of injuries contributed to a 2 game losing streak in mid-October. The Irish rebounded to win their final league game and finish tied for 2nd place in the EWAC, which earned them a home game for a District 5/6 playoff game with Tonasket. The Irish defeated Tonasket 31-7 to advance to the State playoffs. On the road at Manson, DeSales won 40-8, ending the Trojans' season and handing them their only loss to a 2B opponent. In the State quarterfinals the Irish lost to undefeated Liberty-Spangle. The Irish finished as one of the top 8 TEAMS in the State.

Six DeSales players earned All Conference honors; Matt Baumgart, Alvaro Campos, Gavin Hayunga, Juan Montero, Joel Rodriguez, and Tim Worden. Baumgart was named Defensive player of the year in the EWAC, averaging nearly 20 tackles per game from his LB spot. Matt is also an All State candidate. Several seniors completed their football careers at DeSales; Luke Anhorn, Matt Baumgart, Josh Elmenhurst, Gavin Hayunga, Francisco Jimenez, Fischer Miedema, Juan Montero, Eddie Rodriguez, and Joel Rodriguez.

This TEAM was special in its ability to overcome various challenges during the season; family tragedies, and health issues, as well as several key injuries.

Coach Spiess would like to thank The Booster Club and the whole WWCS FAMILY for supporting our student athletes.

Count On Me

Coach Mike Spiess

2017-2018 WWCS Booster Club Officers

President:	Rick Eskil
Vice President:	Brett Thomas
Treasurer:	Sandy Kimball
Secretary:	Kristi Richard
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At Large 3:	Rose Worth
At Large 4:	Hank Worden



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