



# WWCS Booster Club Newsletter

Winter 2018-19

Over the past two years, since DeSales has joined the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference, generous donors have contributed more than \$2,000 each time a bus was chartered so our football and basketball teams can make long trips to places such as Warden, Lake Roosevelt and Brewster. The thousands being spent are adding up.

It's clear that more travel will be necessary in the years to come.

And that's why the Booster Club is working with the WWCS administration to purchase a bus that can be used for athletics and school activities such as class trips.

To those who have been associated with DeSales athletics for a long time, many of whom have fond memories of driving Suburbans, Tahoes and Sequoias filled with young athletes to games hours away, the concept of having a school bus is puzzling.

Well, times have changed. It is getting harder and harder to get parents to volunteer to drive. Many folks can't get time off work, particularly for the longer trips that are becoming more frequent. In addition, fewer people are driving big rigs that hold seven or more athletes.

Winter weather is more of a concern as many of the long trips are north in isolated places in Eastern Washington.

Athletic Director Nick Hazeltine has reached out to our friends at Tri-City Prep and Walla Walla Valley Academy. They both have several buses that are regularly used. They have told Mr. Hazeltine that the investment in buses has been worth every penny.

Mr. Hazeltine has also found out the cost of purchasing full-size buses can be less than chartering a bus for one football game. Tri-City Prep, for example, purchases well-maintained buses from the Asotin School District that must be auctioned off by law because of the number of hours they have been in service. Asotin has been able to make deals for buses as low as \$1,500. The buses have been very reliable.

Of course, the purchase price is far from the sole cost. A bus would have to be maintained and qualified drivers would be needed.

Mr. Hazeltine along with Principal John Lesko are now working on those details, as well looking into the availability of a bus that would serve DeSales' needs.

No decision has been made at this point, but since the purchase of a bus would be a significant change to our athletic program, we thought it important to let boosters know what is happening

**Rick Eskil  
Board President**

## Winter Sports Schedules

### DeSales Irish Basketball Schedule

Date	Home/Away	Time G/B	Opponent
12/14/18	Away	6:00/7:30	Col. Burbank
12/15/18	Away	6:00/7:30	Tri-City Prep
12/18/18	Home	6:00/7:30	Pomeroy
12/20/18	Home	6:00/7:30	Dayton
12/27-28	Christmas Classic		at DeSales
1/03/19	Away	6:00/7:30	WWVA
1/05/19	Away	6:00/7:30	Lyle
1/09/19	Away	6:00/7:30	Mabton
1/11/19	Away	6:00/7:30	Liberty-Christian
1/12/19	Home	6:00/7:30	Kittitas
1/18/19	Home	6:00/7:30	Col. Burbank
1/22/19	Home	6:00/7:30	WWVA
1/25/19	Away	6:00/7:30	Sunnyside Chr.
1/26/19	Home	6:00/7:30	White Swan
1/29/19	Away	6:00/7:30	Dayton
2/1 - 2/2	League Tournament		Granger
2/8 -2/9	District 5/6 Playoff		Chelan
2/23	Regionals		TBD
TBD	State		



From the Booster Board!!



DeSales Irish

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## **Irish Girls' Basketball Preview**

We as coaches are excited about the 2018-19 season. We only lost one senior which means we have a lot of players returning that have played meaningful minutes. We plan on playing a little bit more up tempo on offense and continuing to pressure teams full court. Our kids spent a lot of time in the weight room to prepare for the season and are continue to work hard in the weight room and on the court. Our kids are excited to see how far this hard work will take. We as coaches are excited also. Come out and support this team. They have earned it!

**Coach Tim Duncan**

## **Irish Boys' Basketball Preview**

The DeSales Boys basketball program is excited to have 24 guys out playing this year. This is one of the best turnouts we have had in recent years and it allows us to play a 3 team schedule: Boys Varsity, Boys JV and Boys C team. At the varsity level we lost 4 players who all had big time contributions in the program over the last 2-3 years. This leaves us with only 2 seniors this year and a lot of inexperienced guys playing at the varsity level. Our goal to start the season was bringing great energy every day and seeing how much we can improve as a team to compete in a tough league. That inexperience proved costly early on with a couple of close loses (Pomeroy, Mac-Hi), but I can see the strides the players are making every day to become the best team possible. We have 6 coaches on staff helping out between the Varsity and JV/C levels. Every coach has a vast knowledge of experience in the game of basketball and it has shown with the growth of each player. This is a fun group of guys to coach and I am excited to see what the year brings as we get started in league play.

**Coach Hazeltine**

## **Irish Football Fall 2018**

The 2018 DeSales football TEAM recently concluded their season with a 3-5 EWAC record and 3-7 overall. We lost in district play at Lake Roosevelt 22-6. The TEAM started the season 3-1 in league play. Tough competition, some injuries and a roster already short on numbers made the last part of the season challenging. Our game at Lake Roosevelt was very encouraging for our squad. LR was undefeated and had put up some impressive statistics both offensively and defensively. Their QB/LB was one of the better players I have seen at our level. DeSales COMPETED very well. LR got us on a fake punt with 5 minutes to go which led to the deciding TD for them. Our guys played their best game against great competition. A nice way for our seniors to end their careers, though it is always tough to end with a loss. The effort also provides encouragement moving forward. I appreciate the contributions our seniors (Andrew Balderas, Alvaro Campos, Connor Leahy, Caden McCaw, Tim Scheel, and Mac Wahl) have made over four years. They are now Alumni of DeSales Football.

**Coach Mike Spiess**

## **Honors for our Irish Athletes**

### **UB Athletes of the Week**

Timothy Scheel 9/13/18

### **EWAC Football Honors**

Alvaro Campos	Kicker
Tim Scheel	WR
Mac Wahl	OL/DL
Tim Worden	OL/DL

### **Other All-Conference Honors**

Katelyn Hassler	Honorable Mention Soccer
Emily Ness	Honorable Mention Volleyball
Sadie Jones	Honorable Mention Volleyball

### **Athletes Competing for Wa-Hi Cross Country**

Dawson Neely, Ethan Haugen, Dominic Keene, Sam Haugen and Lauren Ruthven

**Swimmers:** Patrick Jones, Ethan Haugen, Damon Capriotti, Dawson Neely, Tim Scheel, and Simon Scheel

**Bowling:** Riley Elia

**Wrestling:** Tanner Bollinger