



# WWCS Booster Club Newsletter

## Message from the Booster Board

Dear Boosters,

As summer begins to wane and the fall sports is on the near horizon, the Booster Board wanted to touch base with you and all and offer a few reminders. If you enjoy attending DeSales football, volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball games — and who doesn't? — we have a deal for you.

Purchasing a family pass is a great way to save money. It also helps support the athletic programs at DeSales and Assumption School.

The cost of a pass is \$125 a year, which gets a family into any of the regular season sporting events. The cost of buying tickets for each game is \$6 per person. So, if two people from each family were to attend five football games and 10 basketball games a year, the cost would be \$180. A single pass is priced at \$75, which is also a good buy.

The sale of passes as well as your generous donations fully funds the athletic programs — from football in the fall to track & field in the spring. Our recent efforts with the Big Cheese Fundraiser was a large success and showed how a dedicated group of Irish athletes and a few of their family members can come together and work toward that common goal of raising funds for the next year's needs. We are hoping to see our sports families double down on this type of effort as in just a couple weeks we will be needing to staff the DeSales Fair Booths. This fundraiser has a rich history of generating a significant portion of our annual sports budget so will be looking for our Irish Sports Family to step up and use the electronic sign up program to grab a time slot.

Pizza Booth: <https://signup.com/go/MBQQbch>

Pasta Booth: <https://signup.com/go/oTfDDeA>

Thank you for the incredible support.

Go Irish!

**Brett Thomas, President**

Catch all the Irish Football action on the radio!

[www.khssradio.com](http://www.khssradio.com)

## Fall Sports Schedule

### DeSales Irish Football

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
9/13/19	TBD	Away	Colton
9/20/19	7:00	Home	Pomeroy
9/27/19	TBD	Away	Pilot Rock
10/4/19	7:00	Home	Lyle-Wishram
10/11/19	TBD	Away	Sunnyside Christian
10/18/19	7:00	Home	Tekoa-Rosalia
10/25/19	TBD	Away	Yakima Tribal
11/1/19	TBD	Away	St. John Endicott
11/7/19	7:00	Home	Touchet
11/16/19	TBD	TBD	Post Season
11/23/19	TBD	TBD	Post Season
12/1/19	TBD	TBD	Post Season
12/6/19	TBD	TBD	State Championship

### DeSales Irish Volleyball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
9/3/19	5:00	Home	Stanfield
9/7/18	TBD	Away	Stanfield Tournament
9/9/19	6:00	Away	Touchet
9/12/19	6:00	Home	Dayton-Waitsburg
9/19/19	6:00	Home	WWVA
9/21/19	12:00	Away	Kittitas
9/26/19	5:30	Home	Moses Lake Christian
9/28/19	TBD	Away	Pomeroy Tournament
10/3/19	4:00	Away	Mac-Hi
10/8/19	6:00	Away	Mabton
10/10/19	6:00	Home	White Swan
10/15/19	6:00	Away	Dayton-Waitsburg
10/17/19	6:00	Home	Liberty Christian
10/18/19	6:00	Home	Columbia Burbank
10/22/19	6:00	Away	TC Prep
10/24/19	6:00	Away	Columbia Burbank
10/__/19	TBD	TBD	Post Season
10/__/19	TBD	TBD	Post Season
11/__/19	TBD	TBD	Post Season
11/14-15/19	TBD	TBD	State Yakima

## 2019-2020 WWCS Booster Club Officers

President:	Brett Thomas
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Treasurer:	Heidi Burratto
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At Large 1:	Roy Elia
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At Large 3:	Rose Worth
At Large 4:	Hank Worden

Athletic Directors:  
DeSales: Nick Hazeltine  
Assumption: Mike Spiess



DeSales Irish

## Fall Sports Preview

### DeSales Volleyball

What a great honor and privilege it is to be working with the WW Catholic Schools Volleyball program. The welcome this spring as a new member to the team was warm and very much appreciated.

The Lady Irish Knights, for the most part, had the summer off. Future summer plans will be to incorporate a WWCS Volleyball Camp and the inclusion of the middle school players in scheduled gym time with the high school team.

The Lady Irish had a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to an exciting season!

The summer started out with 14 players participating in open gym nights and round robin scrimmages against schools in our local area. The goals for the summer were simple --

- Get to know all of the players, their skill levels, and their knowledge of the game.
- Work to improve the aforementioned.
- Get playing time in scrimmages to improve and bond as a team.
- And most importantly -- have some fun!

After seeing active participation throughout the summer, competitive performances in the scrimmages, and hard work and smiles on the court, I believe that all goals were accomplished!

The fall will bring the new volleyball season and a high level of excitement to the WWCS Volleyball program. Collaborative efforts are taking place to solidify the volleyball program into more of a seamless unit when transitioning from Assumption to DeSales. For example, both teams will be practicing at DeSales. There will be a slight overlap with the timing of the practices to allow the teams to be on the court at the same time and allow the ladies the opportunity to build relationships.

Coach Woods is expecting a good turnout for the Irish Knights with high numbers returning in the eighth grade. With the high summer turn out numbers for the Irish, it is hopeful that the Lady Irish will be able to field a junior varsity team. Practice will focus on properly performing the fundamental skills and learning/continuing to learn the game of volleyball. Combining proper fundamentals and increased knowledge with the energy and enthusiasm the ladies have for the game is an equation for success. Success will be defined as always being prepared to give their best to play their best while representing the WW Catholic Schools.

Come out and join the excitement this fall. We would welcome and greatly appreciate your attendance and support!

**Coach Steve Ruthven**

## Irish Football

WWCS Families - An article came out in the newspaper a few weeks ago about our transition from 11-man football to 8-man football. This was a necessary move made based on the turnout numbers we expect for football this coming season. DeSales will be in District 9 for 8-man football with the following teams: Sunnyside Christian, Oakesdale, Pomeroy, Colton, Lyle-Wishram, Tekoa-Rosalia, Yakama Tribal, St. John Endicott and Touchet. The move to 8-man football did not impact any other sports and those sports will remain in the EWAC for next year.

We will be looking at staying 2B or dropping to 1B for all sports for the following school year: 2020-2021. A couple amendments passed in the WIAA earlier this year allowing schools to drop a certain percentage of their enrollment based on free and reduced lunch numbers. This will cause a lot of schools to drop into smaller classifications and thus we must look at what fits our school best based on travel and sizes of schools we are playing. If you have any questions please reach out at [nhazeltine@thewwcs.com](mailto:nhazeltine@thewwcs.com).

## Repainted Locker Rooms to Welcome Students Back

A Booster Club-lead project to clean-out, clean-up, repair, refinish and repaint the DeSales locker rooms aims to foster Irish school spirit, as well as improve the overall experience for our guest and visiting teams to more appropriately reflect the excellence of our students and schools.

In addition to Booster Club financial support, this project is possible through the generous donations of materials, talent, time and cash from private donors, **the DeSales Alumni Association of Family and Friends, and DeSales Home & School**, and is unanimously approved by the Walla Walla Catholic Schools Board.

Special thanks to Dave Konen and Hank Worden, and to all who support the Booster Club by attending Irish sporting events, and through your sponsorships & donations! If you'd like to additionally support this project, financial donations are greatly appreciated! Please email [heidiburatto@yahoo.com](mailto:heidiburatto@yahoo.com) if you're interested in making a donation.

Go Irish!

Booster Club Locker Room Project Coordinators  
Heidi Buratto, Chrysy Jones & Catherine Worden

## DeSales Track District Results

The girl's team took first place in 11 of the 16 events at Districts.

The first places came from:

Katelyn Hassler in the 400, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Emmalayne Jimenez in the 800 (Holland Buratto took second).

Lauren Ruthven in the 1600 (and second in the 3200).

Morgan Thomas in the discus and shot put.

Lesley Arceo in the triple jump.

The 4x100 team of Holland & Kenna Buratto, Sadie Jones and Lesley Arceo.

The 4x200 team of Holland, Kenna, Emmalyne and Lesley.

The 4x400 team of Holland, Emmalyne, Katelyn and Lesley.

Kenna will also be going to the regional meet in the long jump after placing third.

Unfortunately, White Swan overtook us with numbers and grabbed the district title. In the 1600 they went 2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and in the 3200 they were 1, 3,4,5,6,7,8. That was enough to overcome 11 first place points. Sad, but true.

For the boys we also had a number of regional qualifiers:

Tim Scheel won the 400 and the 200.

Lucas Hicks won the 100.

Koy Fruci took second in the 800 and Jadon Bingham took third.

Patrick Jones took second in the 3200.

Ryan Rizzuit took second in the long jump.

Brandon Castillo took second in the discus.

The 4x400 team of Koy, Jadon, Ryan and Tim took first as well.

Andrew Balderas has a chance to move on if his fourth-place finish is better than district six's fifth place finisher.

**Coach Scheel**

## Girls' Softball Spring 2019

The season was pretty good for us, the girls came up strong the last few games and played together as a team. We ended up placing 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 12-5 record. By placing 4<sup>th</sup> we made the League Post season loser out game in which we played Mabton on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The girls played very well and we ended up beating Mabton 4-0. With this win (13-5) it put us into the League seeding Tournament Friday May 10 at the TRAC in Pasco.

**Coach Vera**

The DeSales girls finished 4th in league and lost at Regionals to Tonasket.

## DeSales Track Spring Review

### **DeSales Girls' State Track**

The girl's team placed 9th overall with the following: Katelyn Hassler is State Champion in the 400. She also took 4th place in both the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles.

The girls 4x400 relay of Katelyn, Holland Buratto, Emmalyne Jimenez and Lesley Arceo took 2nd.

The girls 4x200 relay of Sadie Jones, Holland, Emmalyne and Lesley took 8th.

Emmalayne Jimenez placed 10th in the 800.

Morgan Thomas placed 9th in the discus and 10th in the shot put.

Lauren Ruthven placed 12th in the 3200.

### **DeSales Boys' State Track**

Timothy Scheel placed 11th in the 200 and 13th in the 400.

Koy Fruci placed 14th in the 800.

Patrick Jones took 13th in the 3200.

The boys 4x400 of Timothy, Koy, Ryan Rizzuti and Nate Anhorn placed 16th.

## Baseball Spring 2019

My name is Keith Woelber and I am the new Baseball Coach at DeSales. I have been working alongside Dave Meliah as an assistant baseball coach at Walla Walla Community College for the past 4 years. I played 2 years of baseball at WWCC before transferring on and playing 2 years at the University of Jamestown in North Dakota.

**Coach Woelber**

**Baseball:** The DeSales boys finished 3rd in league and lost at Districts to Liberty Bell.

## **Baseball and Softball All Conference**

**Baseball:** 1 Player made First Team All Conference: Ryan Chase and 3 made Second Team All Conference: Bobby Holtzinger, Logan Jones and Caden McCaw

**Softball:** 3 Players made 2nd Team All Conference: Sandra Holtzinger, Emily Hamada and Tori Moon.

## **DeSales Golf**

DeSales Boys Golf won the Boys District tournament and sent 4 Golfers to State- Bailey Lesko, Dawson Neely, Shea Kimball and Jake Wylie.



