

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2010

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Mrs. Amy Tubbs	Art
Mrs. Laura Tucker	Art
Mrs. Ginger Ward	1st Grade
Mrs. Barbara Wright	Technology

A BLESSING TO BE SHARED

On the first day of school at our opening assembly for our Upper School students, I stressed to them that one way for us to have a great year together is for us to get our eyes off ourselves and look to the needs of others. I told them that our theme for this year, **A Blessing to be Shared**, will be used as a constant refrain to both redirect our thoughts and to motivate us to action. Implicit in our theme is the idea that we desperately need the sovereign, omnipotent, merciful God to rule over us, guide us, and bless us. A quick look around at the world (and at our own lives) confirms that we really aren't equipped to run things! We need to "see" our need for God and to fully grasp in our hearts and minds how He has blessed us.

The second part of our theme is a call to action. If we truly understand who God is and what he has done for us, we will feel compelled to share His love with those around us. How exactly that manifests itself can take many forms depending on the context. What we have to teach and demonstrate for our students is that the important thing is for the service to be sincere and based on our love for Christ. Jesus instructs us in Matthew 10:42 that "...if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." We also know that as we serve others, even in the "little" things, we serve Christ. In Matthew 26:40, Jesus says "...whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Our Lower School students have participated in several recent events that illustrate how even little children can share our Decatur Heritage blessings with others. With help from a local foundation grant, our Center for Excellence program this summer invited children from Austinville, Frances-Nungester, Woodmeade, Banks-Caddell, Benjamin-Davis, and Leon-Sheffield elementary schools to a week of Mallard Stables Horse Camp with our students. The children in our summer camp program made two trips for games and fellowship to Riverside Senior Living, an assisted-living facility. We will host students from Austinville Elementary during our Outdoor Classroom construction. Each of these events allowed our students to share joy, excitement, and blessing with others.

As you well know, God has designed us so that when we share blessings, we are blessed by the experience as well. Our prayer is that our students learn and experience early and often that our God is a great God, that He has blessed us greatly, and that we are here to be a blessing to others. We have been incredibly blessed at Decatur Heritage Christian Academy. Our students are sharing that blessing!



Scott Mayo

A BLESSING TO BE SHARED

"Challenging The Mind, Inspiring The Heart"



Decatur Heritage Christian Academy nurtures the mind, the body, and the character of each student. In academics, Bible, athletics, the arts, and service, we celebrate the pursuit of individual excellence and the spirit of collaboration that binds us together as a learning community. Integrity, respect, and compassion are essential to the school's mission. Our students graduate from DHCA well-equipped for college and beyond: prepared to act knowledgeably, to lead thoughtfully, to share generously, and to contribute meaningfully.

Decatur Heritage Christian Academy is all about relationships...relationships between students and faculty and families. You can see relationships at work as you walk through the halls, observe learning in classrooms and labs, enjoy fine arts performances and athletic events, and hear the sounds of a community that recognizes

God's provision in every aspect of life. The qualities of mind and heart that we encourage our students to practice in their work and their relations with others are the qualities of mind and heart to which we all aspire in our daily lives: courage, discipline, compassion, curiosity, and enjoyment of our work and play.

I am very blessed to be a part of what is happening at DHCA. The possibilities of the 2010-2011 academic school year are endless. We are experiencing record enrollment with students being placed on waiting lists, implementing new curricula, planning construction of an outdoor classroom, and sports teams gearing up. Let us all strive to be involved and support the excitement underway at Decatur Heritage, remembering that we have been graciously given "A Blessing to be Shared!"

Heritage Celebration 2010 "Invest in Your Heritage"

Thursday, October 21, 2010

5:30 PM

\$20 per person*

(*Leaf tickets sold separately)



Highlights Include:

Dinner

Join us for a "taste of the town" with samples from the city's favorite restaurants!

Silent Auction

Bid on a quality assortment of art, cooking, travel, sports and teacher time!

Leaf Drop

New this year, we are selling "leaves" on the DHCA tree for \$50 each. The leaves will be pulled off the tree during the **Heritage Celebration** and the owner of the last leaf on the tree receives free tuition for one child for a school year!

Order forms for the leaves will be available at www.dhca.org and in the office.

You do not need to be present to win.



Mark your calendars!

Invitations will be in your mailboxes soon!



August 9 - The Doors Open And.....



Sixth grade girls enjoy a relaxing break in the cafeteria before heading back to class.



Second Grade girls Lilibeth Nabors, Loryn Miller and Maddie Eubanks wear a big smile enjoying time together in the cafeteria.



Kindergarten is a new adventure for Mekih Benu-Salas and Danish Edupuganti.



After a morning of work, Joshua Burgreen, Alexis Percival and Clay Shaw are eager for lunch



Curious looks, smiling faces, reassuring words, and camera-snapping moms were captured as students and parents arrived for the opening of school.



Schylar Burney, Julie Reid and Emory Buckner eagerly anticipate the first day of school.



Mitchell Gowen, Briley Uptain, Brent King, Spencer Parker and Ben Hodge use their final opportunity for picture taking before the bell rings.

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Board's Eye View



What an exciting time at Decatur Heritage as we celebrate 15 years of God's grace and provision for our school. Approximately 100 new students (totalling 388 students making this a record year for enrollment) walk the halls of our beautiful new facility. Teachers are getting acclimated to their new environment and students. Center for Excellence prepares for another year of community impact. Our football team is ready for its first season of varsity competition. The volleyball team anticipates another run to the state tournament. Our first-ever fishing team won the state championship and achieved the honor of participating in the World Fishing Tournament for high schools. Plans to construct an outdoor classroom are underway and will provide an alternate and hands on way for teachers to instruct our students about weather, animal life, and horticulture. Our Parent Association greeted new families with plans for their annual fundraising event, **Heritage Celebration "Invest in Your Heritage"**. The energy of a new school year is palpable at every turn.

Your Board of Trustees is likewise excited to begin a new school year and see what God has in store for our school. As we transition to a new slate of officers, our entire school community should acknowledge the tremendous debt of gratitude we owe to outgoing Chairman Greg Stephenson. Greg has provided outstanding leadership and wisdom throughout his three-year term as Chairman. From campus site selection to design, financing, construction and moving, Greg has been an exemplary leader for our board during this critical period in its development. Next time you see Greg, please tell him "thanks" for a job very well done for our school family; he has served with distinction and integrity.

With this transition, I'd like to introduce the board's new officers: Lyn Cook will serve as Vice Chairman, Neal Holland will serve as Treasurer and Blythe Bowman will continue as Secretary. I will serve as Chairman.

I request your prayers for your Board as we earnestly seek to be in God's will – particularly during our meetings, which are typically held at 5:30 on the third Monday of each month. We appreciate your support of Decatur Heritage and look forward to its continued growth and development.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Stephenson".

The Funding Paradigm

In our first newsletter this year, we saw that five percent of our operating budget is generated through the charitable giving of our families and friends. While that is true (and truly appreciated), it doesn't tell the whole story. The goal for our Annual Fund campaign for 2010-2011 is \$110,120 (approximately 5% of our overall budget). These donations will be used to augment tuition revenue to fund the general needs of the school – from books to faculty salaries to the electric bill. These gifts allow us to provide (and plan for) an expanded program over what tuition alone can provide.

That does not fully encompass the impact that charitable giving has on the school, though. While annual giving helps make the budget work, these other venues allow the school to do marvelous things above and beyond the operating budget. The largest (based on dollars received) is capital giving. Our recent campaign, Building a New Heritage, generated over \$7 million, making our new campus possible.

Additionally, two other wonderful groups on campus work very hard to make our school the best it can be. The Booster Club and the Parents' Association, populated by dedicated, hard-working volunteers, put in countless hours to enhance and improve our school. A current push for the Booster Club is the production of our first-ever football program. Advertising proceeds from this publication will benefit the entire athletic program. The Parents' Association is already working diligently on the planning and production of their major fall fundraiser, the Heritage Celebration. Last year, this event generated over \$30,000! The proceeds from this year's event will fund initiatives above and beyond our budget, giving us the ability to move forward on enhancements that might have taken years to be funded through regular channels.

As you can see, there are many avenues for you to get involved in the growth of the school. Each of these ways provides its own unique and vital impact for our students. Please consider joining with us this year as you plan your charitable giving!

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to Sarah Armstrong and Grant Gill who were selected to The Edge Leadership Group for Morgan County. Only 30 students from the entire student population in all schools in Morgan County are chosen to be a part of this elite group. Students are exposed to leadership opportunities and provided individual tools, encouraging them to be a positive influence and of service to their schools and communities. Decatur Heritage is honored to have two of our own as part of this team.



KEY CLUB

Officers pictured are James Vinton, Treasurer; Landon Little, Chaplain; Carter Peevy, Vice President; Grace Harris, Secretary; and Trey McLemore, President.

Students in Grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to join Key Club. Contact one of the officers above to join!

Heritage Shepherds

What an exciting time to be at Decatur Heritage Christian Academy! Along with the new building are many new opportunities. One of these is the 6th grade **Heritage Shepherds**. It is a combination of safety patrol, mentoring, and community building, all wrapped up in a neat little package. This is a great way for the 6th graders to build character, grow new relationships, become leaders, and build bridges in the community. Current sixth grade students who are interested can contact Mrs. Kinworthy to become a member of the **Heritage Shepherds**.



Landon Smith & Jeremiah Hall



Eleanor Price, Abby Tubbs & Kayla Grimes



Nicholas Borden & Annie Riggs

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Decatur Heritage is expanding again . . . this time the growth is outside! An Outdoor Classroom will be located in the courtyard outside the Library and will consist of a number of Learning Stations designed to provide wildlife with water, food, a place to live and a place to raise their young. There will also be areas to grow fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, etc. The hands-on Learning Stations include:

- Water Garden (fish & turtles)
Designed and built by Vought Water Gardens and funded by GE with a grant of \$5,000.
- Butterfly Garden
- Songbird Garden
- Outdoor Pavilion
- Bog Garden
- Storybook Garden
- Log Decomposition Area
- Weather Station
- Raised Bed Gardens
- Fruit Tree Orchard / Reading Area

The first stage of the Decatur Heritage Outdoor Classroom will come to life on September 21 (rain date September 22). Each child at DHCA will be involved with this project. Mark your calendar to come help and work beside your child.

Additional funds are needed to build the other Learning Stations. The more funds we can raise, the more Learning Stations we can build. You may detach this section and send to the school with your donation.

Additional funds are needed to build the other Learning Stations. The more funds we can raise, the more Learning Stations we can build enhancing learning opportunities for our students.

I would like to contribute to the Outdoor Classroom project as indicated below and my check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to DHCA is attached. Any amount contributed is very much appreciated.

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

In Honor of: _____

Address: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

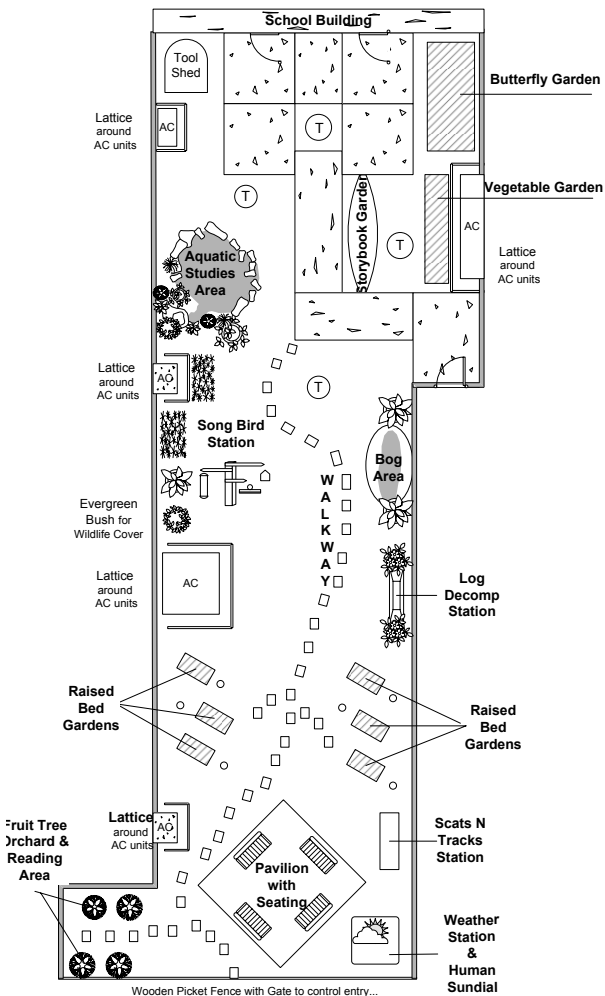
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In Memory of: _____

Acknowledged to: _____

Address: _____

All donations will be recognized in an upcoming edition of The Eagle Cry. Letters will be sent to honorees or the family of those memorialized. A tax receipt will be furnished to all donors.



NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CLASS OF 2009 - WHERE DID THEY GO?

As we begin a new school year at Decatur Heritage, our most recent graduates are starting new and exciting adventures at college. Twenty-seven alumni are spreading their wings at the following colleges and universities:

Auburn University
Mississippi College
Calhoun Community College
University of Mississippi
University of West Florida
Tennessee Temple University

University of South Alabama
University of Alabama
LeTourneau University (Texas)
Mississippi University for Women
University of Alabama in Huntsville
Mississippi State University

Fourteen graduates were awarded scholarships totaling over \$354,000. We are excited to see how God will use these students to make an impact on their college campuses.

Melissa Ross

~ Adding The Details Continues... ~



Melanie Gill designed a visual interpretation of Andy Stanley's book "The Principle of the Path" depicting the paths in life that we choose. The chaos in the background represents the choices we make taking us in one direction or another. The cross is the reminder that the answer is found only in God's Word: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him; and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



Continuing the design from the entrance hall, the new hardwood risers provide students, like Mrs. Coffey's 1st Graders, a place to gather for group time. Book shelving has also been painted to complement the décor.



The back parking lot has been paved and an additional 205 spaces are now available.

The "Details" are endless and many. Please contact Mr. Mayo to learn more about the "Details" and how you can be involved.



Ronnie, Danielle,
Carson and Bo Solley

"WHY WE CHOSE DECATUR HERITAGE?"

When it comes to your children you want only the best! For years we had been searching for the right atmosphere for our children. You want to look forward to dropping off your children at school where you can rest assured that they are

in good hands. You want to leave having lunch with your children thinking, "Yes, this is exactly where they should be!" We wanted to know that each person who would be with our children for most of the day had the same goals as we had for our children. We wanted to know they were in a loving, nurturing Christian atmosphere. We are so thankful that we made the decision to attend DHCA.

Every day we are excited about the possibilities in store for our boys at school. It is such a pleasure to go to school and see all the smiling faces from the children and the faculty. Each family at DHCA has the same goals and aspirations of being part of a school that excels in every way and puts a high emphasis on spiritual growth. Athletic games are even more thrilling as we are able to see the quality of children from elementary all the way through high school.

Our number one family goal is to teach our children to love the Lord with all of their heart. I truly believe they are learning that not only at home but also in school. We are so happy with our decision to join the DHCA family. We are blessed not only by the staff but also other families we are in contact with. Through DHCA, I think our children will not only get a wonderful education but will grow spiritually. Plus, they will have the privilege to be surrounded by other likeminded friends who will help them through their school years. Education is very important but being a part of a community of believers is even more important!

Carson, our 10 year old, loves school. He has had the excitement of being on the Robotics team, the newspaper staff and the privilege of learning Bible verses each week. To see the excitement your children have to learn and excel in a Christian environment is the biggest blessing. Now we are even more excited that Bo began kindergarten this year. He is excited because, "he gets to learn about God everyday!" As Mr. Jones says, "We are not lucky, we are blessed". It may be a sacrifice to send your children to DHCA, but you will see the rewards of it daily! We think that is priceless.

A big thanks to everyone who strives daily to teach and train our children with God as their guide!

Ronnie, Danielle, Carson and Bo Solley



Mrs. Scarlet Bolan, DHCA Food Services Director, with Melissa Simpson and Jo Sain (pictured left to right) joyfully serve in our Cafeteria. Thanks ladies for all your hard work to feed our children!

NOW SERVING.....BREAKFAST

Beginning September 7
7:30am to 7:45am

The cafeteria is excited to introduce BREAKFAST to our program. Breakfast will be served on Tuesday and Friday of each week from 7:30-7:45 beginning September 7. You must pre-order and may use the order form sent home with your elementary students. Meal order forms are also available on our web site and in the cafeteria.

Scarlet Bolan

that is excellent and which instills Biblical principles to guide their lives."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Birthday Books:



Eleanor Hellard
from Mom & Dad

Jared Little
from Mom, Dad & April



Eleanor Hellard
from Charlie Hellard

Katie McCullough
from Mom & Dad



Eleanor Hellard
from Dodie & Gr&pa

Jack Orr
from The Bowman Family



Nicolas Telepun
from Mom & Dad

Lida Orr
from The Bowman Family



Nicolas Telepun
from Gr&ma & Poppie

Lida Orr
from Marilyn, Carter & Saxon Sample



Nicolas Telepun
from Nana & Uncle Norm

Lucy Orr
from The Bowman Family



Nicolas Telepun
from Teta Laura

Lucy Orr
from Marilyn, Carter & Saxon Sample



Austin Burch
from Todd & Gayle Burch

Stratton Orr
from The Bowman Family



All Avid Readers
from Anonymous

Stratton Orr
from Marilyn, Carter & Saxon Sample



Matthew Barnes
from Lisa Crane

Willis Orr
from The Bowman Family

Avery Bowman
from Mom & Dad

Willis Orr
from Marilyn, Carter & Saxon Sample

Avery Bowman
from Blythe, Merrell & Florence

Florence Bowman
from Mom & Dad

Brooklyn Palmer
from Gran & Big Daddy

Florence Bowman
from Blythe, Merrell & Avery

Bo Solley
from Mom, Dad & Carson

Kai Hay
from Mom & Dad

Caroline Thompson
from Mom & Dad

Eleanor Hellard
from Marilyn, Carter & Saxon Sample

Riley Ward
from Daddy & Momma

Katie Lyn Hodge
from Mom & Dad

In Memory of:

Emily Hubbard
from Mom & Dad

Mrs. Jerrie Ash
from Decatur Heritage Parent Association

Emily Hubbard
from Gran & Big Daddy

Mr. Danny South
from Decatur Heritage Parent Association

Ethan Hubbard
from Mom & Dad

Mrs. Jerrie Ash
from Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Solley & Family

Ethan Hubbard
from Gran & Big Daddy

Riley Hurst
from Mom & Dad

Mrs. Jerrie Ash
from The Rosencrance Family



Emily pictured with husband Brandon, daughter Ella, Kate & son Branson

Ten years have passed since I attended Decatur Heritage. I remember the halls, classrooms, and the familiar faces that greeted me each morning! I feel fortunate for the time I was able to spend at such an awesome school!

While attending DHCA, I received an excellent God-based education that helped shape me into the woman I am today. Heritage has some of the most amazing teachers, teachers who truly want to see their students succeed in life. It is because of these men and women and their testimonies that I myself began teaching! I love to see my kids in class as they discover something new and exciting.

Since graduating I married a wonderful Christian man and we have a sweet son and daughter together! It is our hope to send our children to Heritage so they can receive the same outstanding education I received! Decatur Heritage has been a blessing in my life and so many others in the community! I am grateful to those who poured their lives into mine!

Emily Keenum Solomon

ALUMNI - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Annual Alumni Night
Friday, December 17, 2010
Watch Decatur Heritage Christian Academy Alumni Group on FaceBook for details!
Spread the word!!!!!!
Plan to attend!!!



COMING SOON
2010-2011
ANNUAL FUND

Please pray about how you will invest in the future of Decatur Heritage

2010-2011 DHPA Officers



Under the leadership of Mrs. Twila Hudry, pictured left, the Decatur Heritage Parent Association provides so much for the faculty and students. Their purpose, led by a force of volunteer parents, is to serve the school community by providing our teachers with assistance they need to teach academic, social and recreational skills within the framework of Biblical truth, by promoting and coordinating the involvement of parents, and by providing additional revenue through various fundraisers to supplement the general budget.

Serving alongside Mrs. Hudry and pictured right are Fran Johnson, Secretary; Diane Hubbard, Treasurer; Elena Suggs, 1st Vice President; Sonya Hodge, 2nd Vice President; and Angie Telepun, incoming Treasurer.



HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES



Mrs. Katherine Helms
Writing Coach

HERITAGE CARES

Heritage Cares is a committee of the Parent Association that has been formed to serve our school family, faculty and staff in times of need. During a crisis situation, an extended illness, or unexpected hospital stay, **Heritage Cares** will minister to the family by providing meals or other means of support.

If you would like to be a part of the **Heritage Cares** team or know of a need, please contact Amy Francis at 256-340-7395 or at dfrancis2006@bellsouth.net.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Join the Moms-in-Touch prayer group as we thank our Lord for all the blessings at DHCA and pray for our students, families, teachers, and administration. Prayer group meets on Wednesdays at 2pm in the conference room.

Please contact Kris Hurst for more information (256-355-3321).

COMING SOONÖÖÖÖ Spice of the Season

DECEMBER 4
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND WATCH FOR DETAILS!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
LYNN LAYTON CHEVROLET!

Decatur Heritage wishes to thank Mr. Jeff Layton of Lynn Layton Chevrolet for donating the car used by 38 students participating in our "first-ever" Driver's Ed class this summer. Mr. Craig Rogers facilitated the class.

Decatur Heritage is the first private school in the state of Alabama to deliver State Accreditation Cards, allowing students who successfully completed the class to get their license without taking the driver's exam.

Thank you Mr. Layton and Mr. Rogers for making this accomplishment possible!

DHCA EARNS CASH FROM YOUR SHOPPING

If you shop at Publix or Target, DHCA can earn cash dividends from your purchases no matter where you live. This is an easy way for grandparents and other family members who are scattered across the country to help DHCA.



Cards are available in the school office and can be scanned at any Publix store. Cash rebates from each purchase will be sent to DHCA quarterly.



When you use a Target Credit Card or Target Check Card, Target will donate 1% of your purchase to DHCA. Complete an application for either check or credit card at your local Target and designate Decatur Heritage as your choice of school.



Renew or purchase a subscription and DHCA receives 40% of the subscription rate!! To order, go to www.dhca.org and click on the Parent Association link.

DHCA GROWING FAMILY

Elise Robinson, 12th
daughter of Alan & Debra Robinson

Zachary Bonner, 5th
son of Kerry & Tiffany Bonner

Lydia Eyberg, 11th
Host Parents Mike & Jennifer Spencer

Megan Flannagin, 8th
daughter of Anita Hilliard

Jack Orr, 3rd
son of Arthur & Amy Orr

Miranda Burns, 11th
daughter of Tami Watson

Isaiah Carlisle, 7th
grandson of Barbara Carlisle

Christopher Garcia, 2nd
grandson of Mary Landers Horton

Ryann Schlangen, 8th
daughter of Gary & Jacqueline Schlangen

Zac Cimino, 5th
son of Joe and Kelly Cimino

Devin Ripley, 11th
grandson of Doug & Katie Ripley

FALL 2010

"Center for Excellence"

Beginning September 15
Concluding November 17

3:15pm to 4:15pm

For All Students K-6th Grade

Classes include:

Art & Ceramics	Ballet
Bass Fishing	Flag Football
Cooking	Chemworks
Karate	Robotics
R.E.A.L. Recess	Reading Theater
Rocketry	Jujitsu
Gymnastics	AND MORE!!!!!!

REGISTER NOW!!

SPORTS SCENE

DHCA TAKES ON INAUGURAL WORLD HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP



It started out as a new opportunity for the students of Decatur Heritage to get involved in a sport that has been around for years and it ended up taking them all the way to the inaugural World High School Bass Fishing Championship at Lake Dardenelle in Russellville, Arkansas.

The team consisted of Taylor Warren, Jackson Parker, Jarod Nichols, Taylor Bolan and Josh Bishop. The team, along with their families, traveled to Conway, Arkansas to fish in this first of its kind bass tournament for high school anglers.

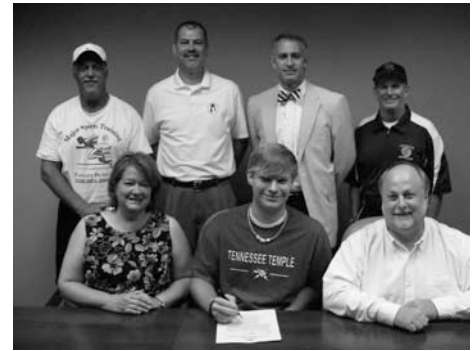
Days started early, about 4am, and ended about 6pm. Team moms took excellent care of the anglers and boat captains with lunch each day and plenty of Gatorade. This was truly a team effort and everyone worked well together to give us the best shot possible.

“The Bass Federation” (TBF) hosted a pre-tournament meal that gave our team a chance to meet other student anglers. With more than 70 boats in the tournament, there were a lot of anglers and stories of how bass fishing is taking off in high schools across the country. After a briefing on tournament rules, boats were assigned flight numbers and DHCA received a first flight starting number.

The first day started with a bang as anglers Warren and Parker boated a bass over 7lbs within an hour of blasting off. Anglers Nichols, Bolan, and Bishop were also casting relentlessly trying to build from an earlier pattern. Two Triton bass rigs accompanied by a Ranger bass boat spent most of the first day looking over the lake.

On Thursday, each boat raced to its first spot. The DHCA team members and coaches worked together finishing in 19th and 21st places.

After six long days of preparation and fishing, a great time was had by all and it was a great experience. It also provided a glimpse of what could be if fishing were implemented in high schools across the country. A big thanks is extended to all who supported Alabama High School Bass Fishing this year. Our team is already talking about next year.



DHCA PITCHER SIGNS WITH NCCAA Division I College

David Stephenson, pictured above with his parents Randy and Sandy, signed a scholarship with Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga. Witnessing the signing is Conley Duncan, Coach Barry Hill, Headmaster Scott Mayo, and Coach Steve Atchley.

Congratulations, David!



TENNIS Fall Clinic

October 18-22

Current team members and anyone in Grades 7-12 who is interested in playing tennis this spring should attend.

Details will be available soon!

SHOW YOUR EAGLE PRIDE!

DHCA merchandise is available for purchase.

Items include baseball cap (\$20), coffee mug (\$2), car tag (\$15), stadium chair (\$50), football t-shirt (\$15) and baseball t-shirt (\$15).

Order forms are available in the athletic office.

ALL SPORTS PASS

**Single \$100
Family \$350**

Good for all regular season home games for ALL sports. Available in the Athletic Office.

BOOSTER CLUB

Become a member \$50
Checks payable to DHCA Booster Club

NEWS FROM "THE EAGLE'S NEST"

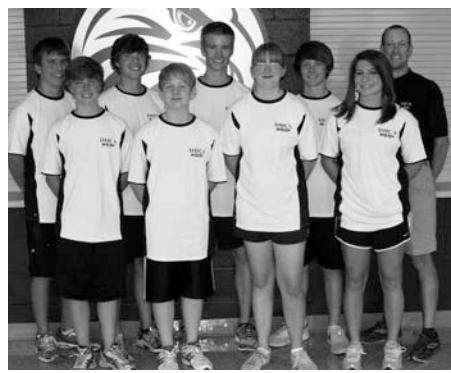
UNDER THE LIGHTS CONTINUES.....SEE SCHEDULE ON CALENDAR



FOOTBALL HOME GAMES WEST MORGAN or FALKVILLE

The athletic staff is asking our fans to take extra special care of the "borrowed home" football fields. Both schools have been very helpful and supportive in our efforts to move to varsity competition.

Please care for their campuses as if they belonged to us. We have an awesome opportunity to show Christian love, care and behavior each Friday night as we use their field, stands, parking lot, bathrooms and concession stand.

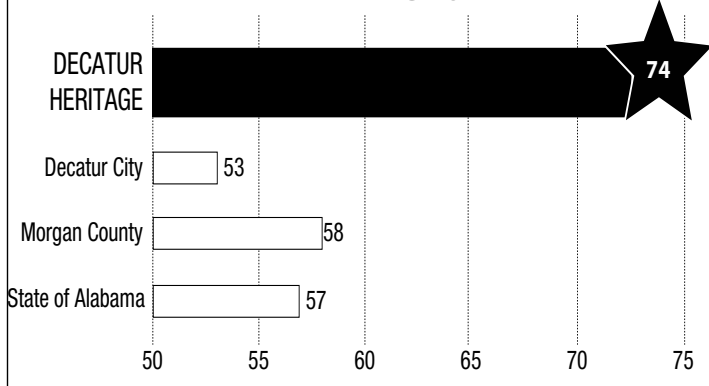


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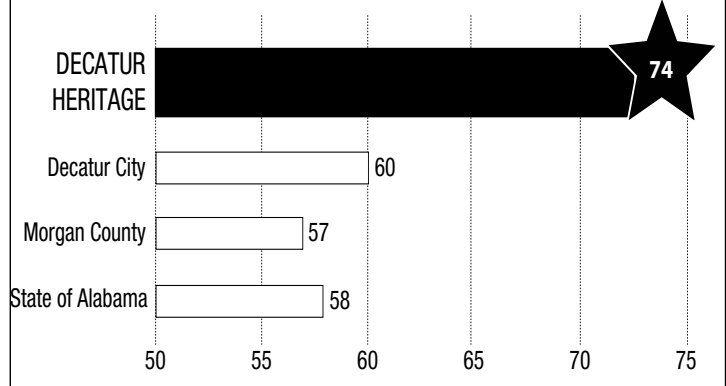
The 2010 cross-country season is up and running. The fall race schedule is included on the calendars enclosed.

THE RESULTS ARE IN

READING



MATH



2010 STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST COMPOSITE RESULTS

Last spring, students across the nation participated in the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). These tests measure the student's individual abilities and are compiled by grade level to document the level of learning. The Stanford test evaluates individual academic knowledge in reading comprehension and math. It is valuable in determining if students are learning at grade level compared to other same age and grade students across the city, state and nation.

The graphs above display the composite results of city, county and schools across the state. These results were analyzed and published by Harcourt Assessment.

Once again, Decatur Heritage students excel above the local averages and improve our own composites from last year.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:15am DHPA Meeting	2 4pm Varsity Volleyball vs Priceville & Falkville 5pm JR Hi Volleyball vs Eva & Union Hill at Eva	3 Miriam Kinworthy's Birthday 7pm Football vs Alabama School for the Deaf at West Morgan	4 XC at Catholic High
5	6 Labor Day Holiday	7 Mark Eady's Birthday	8	9 Progress Reports Issued 4pm Jr Hi Volleyball vs Madison Academy & Athens Middle 4:30 Varsity Volleyball vs Whitesburg & Randolph at Whitesburg 7pm Football vs Sumiton Christian at West Morgan	10 Scott Maya, Angie Teichmiller & Glenda Briley's Birthday 7:45 Upper School Chapel	11 Jr Hi Volleyball at Elkmont XC Chickasaw Trail Invitational at Oakville
12	13 Linda Holland's Birthday	14 4pm Volleyball vs Priceville & Falkville at Priceville 5pm Jr Hi Volleyball vs Sparkman & Cedar Ridge	15 3:15 Center for Excellence	16 4:30 Varsity Volleyball vs Lee & Johnson at Lee 6:30 "The State of School Address"	17 7:45 Upper School Chapel 7pm Football at Ohatchee	18 8:30 DHCA Volleyball Invitational
19	20 4pm Jr Hi Volleyball vs Cotaco & Ryan at Cotaco	21 4pm Jr Hi Volleyball vs Whitesburg & Elkmont 4pm Varsity Volleyball vs Whitesburg & Elkmont	22 3:15 Center for Excellence	23 5:30 Jr Hi Volleyball vs Priceville & West Morgan	24 2pm Pep Rally 7pm Football vs Waterloo at West Morgan	25 Jr Hi Volleyball Tournament at DHCA XC vs Cold Springs Invitational at Bremen
26	27 Cathy Strom's Birthday 6pm Varsity Volleyball vs Falkville & Clements at Falkville	28 4pm Varsity Volleyball vs Tanner & St. Bernard	29 3:15 Center for Excellence	30 4:15 Varsity Volleyball at Athens Bible		

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7pm Football at Catholic	2 Laurie Hurt's Birthday XC Jesse Owens Invitational at Oakville
3	4 4pm Varsity Volleyball vs Westminster & Decatur at Westminster	5 8:15am DHPA Meeting 3:15 Center for Excellence	6 Jeremy Jones' Birthday 1pm Varsity Volleyball County Tournament at DHCA	7 7:45 Upper School Chapel 7pm Football at Westminster	8 XC vs Dew It at Point Mallard	9
10 Fall Holiday Varsity Volleyball Area Tournament	11	12 PSAT (10th & 11th Grades) 3:15 Center for Excellence	13	14 Report Cards Issued 7pm Football vs Akron at Falkville	15 Varsity Volleyball Regional Tournament	16
17	18	19 Connie Cambron's Birthday Explore Test (8th & 9th Grades) 3:15 Center for Excellence	20 Volleyball vs Sub State Tournament 5:30 Heritage Celebration "Invest in Your Heritage"	21 Steve Atchley's Birthday 7:45 Upper School Chapel 7pm Football at School for the Deaf	22	23
24	25	26 Volleyball State Finals 3:15 Center for Excellence	27 Volleyball State Finals XC North West Regional & County Championship at Oakville	28 DHCA Homecoming 2pm Pep Rally 7pm Football vs Randolph at West Morgan	29 Brenda Smith's Birthday	30
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