

DCS Athletic Department  
Mr. D. Porter – Athletic Director



A sound athletic program is fundamental to teaching students skills that aid them as they grow into adults and make positive and lasting contributions to their future families and communities. These skills include leadership, empathy, problem solving and teamwork. Good athletic programs are often the building blocks where coaches instill in players the seeds from which these skills blossom. Coaches also strengthen character that helps in building a solid school culture and strong communities.

The Mission of Detroit Community Schools Athletic Department is to be an extended tool of Education for teaching character through athletics and to understand and appreciate lifelong physical activity. The Vision of DCS Athletics is to create a family atmosphere that breeds strong character and good sportsmanship for scholar athletes. The Athletic Coaching Philosophy is instilling in coaches the importance of Mastering the Art of Teaching and is in line with the Dr. William Glasser methods of teaching students how to build strong lasting relationships that will help them succeed in school and in life. In essence, students should gain an *'operational' understanding of what survival, love and belonging, power and significance, freedom and autonomy, and fun really means.* This *'understanding'* is a core component of successful teaching, and *Coaching is teaching.*

The athletic program at Detroit Community Schools employs coaches who have served on both the high school and elementary/middle school level, and the Goal of the Athletic Department is to provide leadership that will help mentor young athletes. The Coaches and Administrators encourage sound fundamentals in athletics as well as give students the support they need when seeking academic direction.

Detroit Community Schools is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and adheres to all the rules and regulations of the MHSAA. In alliance with the MHSAA, Detroit Community Schools is always seeking more student participation in athletics, which evidence shows is an essential component for a complete education that prepares young people for the increasingly complicated and competitive world they are about to enter.

There are a variety of athletic opportunities offered at Detroit Community Schools. Students can become involved in the following sports:

**Elementary/Middle School**

Grades 3 – 6 Basketball – Coach: Mr. Wright  
Grades 7 – 8 Basketball – Coach: Mr. Darnell  
Grades 3 – 5 Cheerleading – Coach: Ms. Molette



Grades 6 – 8 Cheerleading – Coach: Ms. Ashford

**High School**

**Football**

Head Coach: Mr. Humphrey.  
Assistant Coaches: Mr. Newton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. King

**Volleyball**

Head Coach: Mr. Holt  
Assistant Coach: Ms. Junior

**Cross Country**

Head Coach: Mr. Porter

**Varsity Cheer**

Head Coach: Ms. Ashford

**Basketball**

Head Coach: Mr. Porter  
Assistant Coach: Kenneth Wright

**Baseball**

Head Coach: Mr. Newton

**Track & Field**

Head Coach: Mr. Humphrey  
Assistant Coach: Ms. Shubatis; Girls Coach: Ms. Ashford

**Cheerleading**

Head Coach: Ms. Ashford

**Yearly Offerings:**

**Fall:** Football, Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, and Cheer.

**Winter:** Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheer, and Dance.

**Spring:** Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Track and Field.

**2015 – 2016 Athletic Highlights**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Championship Awarded to DCS Students**

**Coach: Mr. Wright**

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Oak Park High School, the Oak Park Elementary/Middle League Basketball Championship was awarded to Detroit Community School's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Over 1 day, the DCS team competed against and defeated 3 other teams to get to the Championship, which they won by a score of 32 to 16.



Their Coach, Mr. Wright, DCS's Elementary/Middle School Physical Education teacher, had this to say: *"We won because of excellent team play and a tough man-to-man defense. Our kids stepped up and played their hearts out; they never quit. Their incredible defense and their overall team-ball was the best of any team that played in the tournament. They're good kids and good students and they should be proud of themselves."*

Ms. Sharon McPhail, Chief Administrative Officer of Detroit Community Schools said: *"I am so happy for our young folks under our athletic umbrella. The Championships and Trophies we win are important, but the class our students show, and the teamwork they exhibit, will continue in their classrooms as they go about the job of being good students and good people. I am so proud of all of them."*

**HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S BASKETBALL**

**Head Coach: Mr. Porter, Assistant Coach: Mr. Wright**

The Varsity Basketball Team posted a tremendous record of 14 wins and 7 losses. They had a very successful season and played in the District Championship. Coach Porter and Coach Wright felt that their record was connected to employing a strong defense and offense, established teamwork, and a willingness to put the team above individual play. In January 2016 of the season, DCS's Basketball Team was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in Detroit by Rivals.com, a Prep Sports Recruiting Website.



**JUNIOR VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL**

**Head Coach: Mr. Darnell**

The Boys' Junior Varsity Team had an overall winning record of 9 wins & 3 losses and played exceptionally well throughout the season. First year Coach, Mr. Darnell taught his players to employ a suffocating defense, unselfish teamwork, and the importance of the 'extra' pass.



**HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL**

**Head Coach: Gee Holt. Assistant Coach: Ms. Junior**

The Girl's Basketball Team posted a record of 4 wins and 7 losses but overall Coach Holt and Coach Junior said that the team showed excellent team play, good defense, and an appreciation and joy for playing the game of basketball.



**Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Team Wins Jamboree Championship**

**Coach: Mr. Darnell**

On January 9, 2016 at River Rouge High School, the Michigan Metro League Jamboree Middle-School Championship began. Over 1 day, all League teams competed against one another to determine who would win the **Classic Championship Trophy**. It would take 4 tough games over 1 long day to determine who would leave with the trophy. On January 9<sup>th</sup> the top 2 teams competed against one another and a new champion was crowned. That **Champion** was the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School students from Detroit Community Schools.



First year Coach, Mr. Darnell, had this to say: *"Man, the whole experience was incredible and I felt like a kid again. These kids played their hearts out and never quit. They just kept plugging away and refused to give up. I am so proud of them. We got some bumps and bruises along the way to the championship but we just kept grinding. These are great kids who are a great team and played great games. They're good athletes and good students and they should be proud of themselves."*

**HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL**

**Head Coach: Gee Holt. Assistant Coach: Ms. Junior**

The Girl's Volleyball team posted a record of 4 wins & 6 losses but thoroughly enjoyed their season and displayed a joy for the game. They also exhibited excellent teamwork and showed tremendous enthusiasm. Coach Holt and Coach Junior are looking forward to success in the 2016 – 2017 season.



### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

**Head Coach: Del Humphrey. Assistant Coaches – Brian Newton, David Holmes, Anthony Moore and Jarrett Clarke**

The High School football team was in a rebuilding year in 2015 – 2016 and posted a record of 1 win and 8 losses. DCS Coaches anticipate a better year in 2017 – 2017. The Detroit News, however, did select four DCS students to the **All Metro Detroit Team** in recognition of their outstanding play. Second Team honors were awarded to Deandre Butler for his play as Defensive Lineman, and three other DCS students received Honorable Mention: Jai'Shaun Isom for his play as an Offensive Lineman; James Smith for his play as a Running Back, and Michael Edmondson and Tadario Simmons, for their play as Linebackers. DCS Chief Administrative Officer Sharon McPhail stated, *"We are delighted to have our Student-athletes recognized for their outstanding play on the football field. This hard work as football players, combined with their academic work in the classroom, undergirds our desire to help students achieve not only on the field of football, but also on the field of life."*



### HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

**Head Coach: Regina Ashford.**

The DCS Cheerleaders are a stylish group of female students that root for and support DCS sport teams throughout their seasons. Their moves and cheers are very creative, well choreographed and beautifully executed. Their long hours of practice, under the guidance of Coach Ashford, helped them shine throughout all of their routines.



### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

**Head Coach: Mr. Holt. Assistant Coach: Ms. Junior**

Even though the DCS Softball Team had only 3 wins and 6 losses in the 2015 - 2016 season, Coach Holt and Coach Junior are looking forward to the District Championships where they hope to repeat the success they achieved in 2014 – 2015. All City Senior Catcher Kambria Cochran and All Conference Senior Briana Wade led this year's team.



### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

**Head Coach: Mr. Newton, Assistant Coach: Mr. Holmes**

Detroit Community School's Baseball Coach, Mr. Brian Newton, joined an elite group of Coaches when he won his 500<sup>th</sup> game on May 18, 2016 against Detroit College Prep at Northwestern High School. Coach Newton has been a head Baseball Coach since 1987 when he became the Coach at Mumford High School. While there, he won 7 Public School League City Championships and 5 District Championships.

### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

**Boy's Coach: Mr. Humphrey. Assist. Coach Ms. Shubatis; Girl's Coach: Ms. Ashford.**

In the first two competitions for the DCS's Track Team, there were some impressive victories for students. In the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meet, Alana Jackson finished first in the 110 meter hurdles while Dasure George won the 110 hurdles in the first meet and placed second in the 110 meter hurdles in the second meet. Kambria Cochran placed second in the 100 meter dash in the 1<sup>st</sup> meet while the 2<sup>nd</sup> meet saw the following results: Kenneth Thornton - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 800 meters; Anthony Moore – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Shot Put; Briana Wade – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 100 meters; Cortez Wiffen - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 200 meters; Kayshuan Moultrie- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the mile run, and the 4 by 100 meter Relay team placed second in their race.

In the District Regional's, the DCS Track Team also did well. The Boy's 4 x 100 Meter Relay Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 46.3. Alana Jackson won her meet's 110-meter hurdle race and placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall, while Dasure George placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his heat in the boy's 110-meter hurdle and placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. In the Long Jump, Keyon Smith was 2<sup>nd</sup> in his meet and placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Anthony Moore placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Shot Put. Tyron Chambers ran 11.7 in his 100-meter dash meet and placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall, and Michael Edmondson placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 200-meter dash.



### Cross Country

**Head Coach: Mr. Porter**

At the end of the Cross Country season, 15 out of 65 cross-country athletes were recognized by the MMAC (Michigan Metro Athletic Conference) for outstanding performances. Of the 15 athletes recognized, Detroit Community Schools had 3 students who received recognition: Demario Turner, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jemal Williams, placed 8<sup>th</sup>, and Dontay Walker, placed 12<sup>th</sup>.