

WHAT'S THE WORD, THUNDERBIRD?

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THUNDERBIRDS SOAR TO HOMECOMING VICTORY!

The Desoto School Thunderbirds gave fans a homecoming to remember on Friday night, September 19, 2025. Under the bright lights of Sam Howe Field, the Thunderbirds dominated North Sunflower Academy, earning a decisive 60-6 victory.

Before kickoff, the Homecoming Court was presented to the crowd, setting a festive tone for the evening. The celebration's highlight came when Emory Barnes was crowned Homecoming Queen.

The Thunderbirds' high-energy performance on the field showcased teamwork and determination, capping off the week's celebrations with a resounding win. This unforgettable homecoming game reminded everyone why Thunderbird pride runs deep at Desoto School.

T-BIRD SPIRIT

Desoto School showed off its Thunderbird pride during Homecoming Spirit Week, September 15-19, filling the halls with energy, creativity, and plenty of school spirit. Each day brought a new theme that had students and staff dressing up and showing out.

The week kicked off with plenty of laughs on Fake an Injury Day, where students sported everything from crutches to dramatic bandages. Pirates vs. Princesses followed, with looters and royals roaming the halls in full costume.

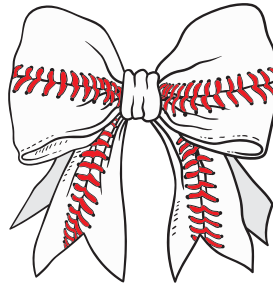


Midweek brought the excitement of Color Wars, as each class competed to fill the school with their class colors. On Class T-Shirt Day, the hallways turned into a sea of unity as students proudly wore their class shirts. The festivities wrapped up on Spirit Day, when the entire school came together decked out in Thunderbird colors to show support for the big game.

The celebrations reached their peak on Friday, September 19, at 10 a.m., when the entire school gathered for a high-energy pep rally. Cheers echoed through the gym as the Thunderbirds geared up to take on North Sunflower Academy later that night. Spirit Week 2025 not only boosted excitement for the homecoming game but also highlighted the school's pride, creativity, and sense of community—making it a week to remember.



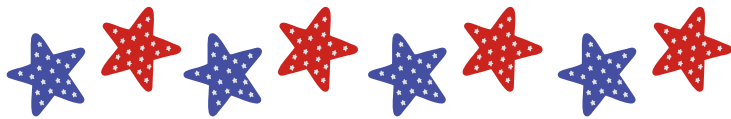
THUNDERBIRD SOFTBALL STARS



The Desoto School softball program is celebrating big achievements as three of its talented players earn recognition for their hard work and skill. Emory Barnes and Olivia Rawlings have been named to the All-Star Team, while Kylee Jo Holder was selected as a Future All-Star, showcasing the bright future of Thunderbird softball.

These athletes will represent Desoto School in the upcoming All-Stars and Futures Games on Wednesday, October 15. Their dedication on and off the field has earned them this well-deserved honor, making the entire Thunderbird community proud.

The Thunderbird family looks forward to cheering on Emory, Olivia, and Kylee Jo as they take the field and continue to make their mark on the sport.



DESOTO CHEERLEADERS SHINE AT SPIRIT COMPETITION

THE DESOTO SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS BROUGHT THEIR ENERGY AND T-BIRD PRIDE TO THE SPIRIT COMPETITION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10TH IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. WHILE THE TEAM DID NOT PLACE IN THE FINAL RANKINGS, THEY IMPRESSED THE CROWD WITH THEIR ENTHUSIASM, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND DEDICATION.

THE SQUAD SPENT WEEKS PREPARING THEIR ROUTINE, PERFECTING STUNTS, CHEERS, AND CHOREOGRAPHY TO REPRESENT DESOTO SCHOOL ON A BIG STAGE. THEIR HARD WORK WAS EVIDENT AS THEY PERFORMED WITH SMILES, CONFIDENCE, AND TRUE T-BIRD SPIRIT.

THOUGH THEY DIDN'T TAKE HOME A TROPHY, THE TEAM'S DETERMINATION AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE EARNED THE ADMIRATION OF THEIR COACHES, CLASSMATES, AND THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE EXPERIENCE ALSO GAVE THEM VALUABLE LESSONS AND MOTIVATION FOR FUTURE COMPETITIONS.

DESOTO SCHOOL CONGRATULATES THE CHEER SQUAD FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND FOR CARRYING THE SPIRIT OF THE T-BIRDS BEYOND THE SIDELINES.



T-BIRDS SET TO HONOR SENIORS AT FRIDAY NIGHT GAME AGAINST DELTA



This Friday October 10 , the T-Birds will take the field in one of the most anticipated games of the season- SENIOR NIGHT. The T-Birds will host the Delta Raiders at home, with kickoff set for 7 p.m. Fans are encouraged to come celebrate the team's seniors: Matthew Gregory, Holden Harmon, and Wyatt King

DeSoto enters Friday's game with an impressive record, having only dropped two games this season The T-Birds have built their success on strong defense and explosive plays on offense, and the team is eager to carry their skills into the final stretch of the season.

Senior wide receiver Wyatt King has been a reliable target all year, while quarterback Matthew Gregory has led the offense with poise and determination. Holden Harmon, a standout on the defensive line, has the led the T-Birds defense with his relentless energy and big stops in key moments.

The game against Delta promises to be an exciting one, with the T-Birds aiming to secure another victory and give their seniors a memorable night.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 9- PEE WEE FOOTBALL VS. MARVELL

THURSDAY, OCT. 9- JR. FB VS. MARVELL

FRIDAY, OCT. 10- PINK DAY

FRIDAY, OCT. 10- SR. FB VS. DELTA
(SENIOR NIGHT)

MONDAY, OCT. 13 & TUESDAY, OCT. 14- FALL BREAK

TUESDAY, OCT. 14- JR GIRLS BB DELTA JAMBOREE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15- SR GIRLS BB DELTA JAMBOREE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15- SOFTBALL ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

FRIDAY, OCT. 17- SR FB @ DELTA STREETS

MONDAY, OCT. 20- FLU SHOT CLINIC

TUESDAY, OCT. 21- GIRLS BB MARVELL PRESEASON TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, OCT. 21- WARFIELD CONCERT 7TH- 9TH GRADES

THURSDAY, OCT. 23- GIRLS BB MARVELL PRE-SEASON
TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, OCT. 23- 3RD - 5TH GRADES TO PUMPKIN PATCH

FRIDAY, OCT. 24- BASEBALL PORK LOIN DINNER

FRIDAY, OCT. 24- SR FB VS. MARVELL

SUNDAY, OCT. 26- 2ND BAPTIST FALL FESTIVAL
(DESOTO PARKING LOT)

MONDAY, OCT. 27- OVERALL CROSS COUNTRY

MONDAY, OCT. 27- SR GIRLS BB INDIANOLA PRE-SEASON
(WEDNESDAY 10/29 & THURSDAY 10/30)

TUESDAY, OCT. 28- GIRLS BB VS. KIRK

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY, OCT. 28- ACT @ DESOTO

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29- MIDDLE SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL

THURSDAY, OCT. 30- UA VISIT WITH SRS & JRS

FRIDAY, OCT. 31- HALLOWEEN

MONDAY, NOV. 3- SENIOR YEARBOOK AD MONEY DUE

TUESDAY, NOV. 4- GIRLS BB @ MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 6- LOCAL SPELLING BEE

THURSDAY, NOV. 6- GIRLS BB @ MARSHALL

FRIDAY, NOV. 7- A-STATE VISIT WITH JRS & SRS

MONDAY, NOV. 10- GIRLS BB VS. BAYOU

TUESDAY, NOV. 11- JOSTENS SR PREVIEW & JR RING PREVIEW

THURSDAY, NOV. 13- GIRLS BB VS. WMC

MONDAY, NOV. 17- GIRLS BB @ BAYOU

TUESDAY, NOV. 18- JOSTENS ORDERING @ 11

TUESDAY, NOV. 18- GIRLS BB @ KIRK

MONDAY, NOV. 24- FRIDAY, NOV. 28- NO SCHOOL **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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