

De Soto Middle/High School



Cross Country Program

History & Records

De Soto Cross Country Notable Facts

The first Boys' cross country team started in 1955 with Mr. Lee Williams (math teacher) as their head coach. The first two teams in school history both ran at the "State-Wide Meet" in Hartford, with the 1955 team placing 19th, and the 1956 team placing 18th in the "Small Schools" division. The sport left De Soto sometime shortly after, and came back in the fall of 2018.

The first team win by De Soto came in 1956 in a dual meet with La Farge. The highlight of that race was turned in by Robert Morris, who broke the school record previously held by Leonard Hiam. Morris finished the 2.25 mile race in 13:55.

The first recorded history of Girls' cross country at De Soto was in 2018, led by Lindsey Kuennen. Mrs. Kuennen (art teacher) was assisted by school board president, avid runner, and local legend, Rick Pedretti.

Mr. Jake Reuter (phys ed/health teacher) came on board as an assistant coach in 2019, and took over head coaching duties in 2020 after Kuennen's departure.

The first middle school Girls' team started in 2019, with the first middle school Boys' team competing in 2020. Logan Brudos was the first middle school runner to win a race for the Pirates, in a dual meet with Wauzeka-Steuben. This meet served as the first ever cross country race held on De Soto school grounds.

In 2019, Trinity Vento became the first Pirate harrier to ever earn "All-Conference" honors.

In 2021, De Soto High School hosted their first ever Cross Country Invitational, dubbed “The Pirate Nation XC Invitational.” This meet was run on the course at the high school, utilizing the new trail built by Coach Reuter, Coach Pedretti, and Chris Ladwig. The course also used land owned by school neighbor, Mr. Gillespie. Riverdale was the boys meet champs, and North Crawford took the first ever girls title.

In 2021, Seth Greeno became the first Pirate runner to ever break the 20 minute 5K barrier.

Also in 2021, Seth Greeno (12th) and Zack Yaktin (13th) became the first ever boys All-Conference runners.

In 2022, Logan Brudos (first sub-19 runner) became the first ever team member to earn 1st team (5th place) All-Conference. He also lowered the existing school record from 19:46, to 18:19 at the Sectional Meet, coming in as the fastest freshman of the day.

In 2023, Logan Brudos lowered his own school history to 17:44 at the Riverdale Invitational. Sadie Venner had the highest placing in girls’ team history at the Conference Meet, finishing in 9th place. Logan Brudos had the highest finish by a boy in program history, finishing in 3rd place at the Conference Meet. In total, five team members put themselves in the girls’ or boys’ top 10 all-time list.

Ridge & Valley All-Conference Runners

2019: Trinity Vento- 12th.

2020: Trinity Vento- 13th.

2021: Seth Greeno- 12th, Zack Yaktin- 13th.

2022: Logan Brudos- 5th, Jonathan Montes-Johnson- 10th, Seth Greeno- 11th.

2023: Logan Brudos- 3rd, Sadie Venner- 9th.

Ridge & Valley Conference Meet Results

Girls:

2018: INC.

2019 (Kickapoo): 5th place- 87 points.

2020 (Wauzeka-Steuben): 4th place- 96 points.

2021 (Kickapoo): INC.

2022 (North Crawford): INC.

2023 (River Ridge): INC.

Boys:

2018: INC.

2019 (Kickapoo): 4th place- 111 points.

2020 (Wauzeka-Steuben): 5th place- 128 points.

2021 (Kickapoo): 3rd place- 76 points.

2022 (North Crawford): 2nd place- 64 points.

2023 (River Ridge)- 3rd place- 90 points.

WIAA Division 3 Sectional Championship

Results

Girls:

2018 (Boscobel): INC.

2019 (Boscobel): 15th place- 380 points.

2020 (Brookwood): 7th place- 181 points. (Sub-Sectionals)

2021 (Albany): INC.

2022 (Osseo Golf Course): INC.

2023 (Westby): INC.

Boys:

2018 (Boscobel): INC.

2019 (Boscobel): 16th place- 510 points.

2020 (Brookwood): 9th place- 216 points. (Sub-Sectionals)

2021 (Albany): 11th place- 301 points.

2022 (Osseo Golf Course): 9th place- 227 points.

2023 (Westby): 10th place- 242 points.

De Soto Cross Country School Records

Girls 5000 Meters: 22:40 by Trinity Vento- Kickapoo/La Farge Invitational- 2019

Boys 5000 Meters: 17:44 by Logan Brudos- Riverdale Invitational- 2023

Home Course Boys 5000 Meters: 18:25 by Nick Stitzer (Riverdale)- 2022

Home Course Boys 5000 Meters by De Soto Runner: 21:07 by Logan Brudos- 2023

Girls Home Course 5000 Meters: 23:04 by Kaylee Peterson (Richland Center-Ithaca)-
2021

Girls Home Course 5000 Meters by De Soto Runner: 27:41 by Sadie Venner- 2022

Middle School Girls 1.5 Mi:

Middle School Girls 2Mi: Peyton Sprosty- 13:10 (1.9 Mi.- 6:56/pace)- Riverdale
Invitational- 2022

Middle School Boys 1.5Mi:

Middle School Boys 2Mi: Logan Brudos- 10:56 (1.9 Mi.- 5:46/pace)- Riverdale
Invitational- 2021

Home Course Girls' 1.5Mi: 11:28 by Brooke Williamson (Riverdale)- 2022

Home Course Girls' 1.5Mi by De Soto Runner: 12:23 by Peyton Sprosty- 2023

Home Course Boys' 1.5Mi: 10:19 by Lakota Brewer (Riverdale)- 2022

Home Course Boys 1.5 Mi by De Soto Runner: 10:20 by Logan Brudos- 2021

De Soto Cross Country All-Time Top 10 5K Times

Girls:

1. Trinity Vento- 22:40 (2019)
2. Sadie Venner- 23:16 (2023)
3. Lilly Milliren- 23:18 (2019)
4. Haley Lechnir- 24:53 (2023)
5. Elise Venner- 24:54 (2023)
6. Cadence Thompson- 25:17 (2022)
7. Kenzy Kreuzer- 26:02 (2019)
8. Silvana Von Planta- 27:05 (2018)
9. Gracie Isbell- 27:20 (2023)
10. Michelle Berra- 28:37 (2018)

Boys:

1. Logan Brudos- 17:44 (2023)
2. Jonathan Montes-Johnson- 19:26 (2022)
3. Seth Greeno- 19:29 (2022)
4. Zack Yaktin- 19:32 (2022)
5. Brad Yaktin- 19:55 (2023)
6. Jose Johnson- 20:11 (2023)
7. Aiden Brosinski- 20:34 (2020)
8. Kaden Knutson- 20:35 (2022)
9. Vin Buchner- 20:36 (2019)
10. Tanner Pedretti- 20:38 (2019)

Team Awards History

Most Dedicated:

2020- Cadence Thompson & Rob Hunter

2021- Kaden Knutson & Jonathan Montes-Johnson

2022- Silas Buchner

2023- Logan Brudos

MVP:

2020- Trinity Vento

2021- Seth Greeno

2022- Logan Brudos

2023- Logan Brudos

Team Captain:

2020- Vin Buchner

2021- Tanner Pedretti

2022- Cadence Thompson

2023- Silas Buchner & Elise Venner

Most Inspirational:

2020- Val Osthoff & Zach Yaktin

2021- Silas Buchner & Cadence Thompson

2022- Cadence Thompson

2023- Sadie Venner & Seth Greeno

Student-Athlete Award:

2020- Kenzy Kreuzer

2021- Cadence Thompson & Tanner Pedretti

2022- Silas Buchner & Sadie Venner

2023- Elise Venner