Senior Spotlight

Matthew James



Matthew joined DCS in 7th grade after his family began searching for a new Christian school when their previous school closed. From the start, Matthew found community to be one of the most meaningful parts of life at DCS. One of his favorite classes has been Home Ec—where he loved spending time with friends, creating questionable concoctions, and rocking the cutest aprons. Mrs. Lorenzen made a lasting impact on Matthew by teaching him strong work ethic, how to succeed, and how to still (occasionally) have fun at school. Some of his favorite memories include being goofy yet responsible with friends—and, of course, the unforgettable moment when Mr. Davidson "proposed" to him. As a senior, Matthew has seen God working through perseverance in his life. After graduation, he plans to study mechanical engineering and is most excited to spend time with friends, explore Oregon, and enjoy life with No Homework.

Braelyn Robertson



Braelyn joined the DCS community her freshman year, continuing her private school journey in a place known for its strong community and Christian foundation. During her time at DCS, she especially enjoyed her math classes, where problem-solving and learning alongside classmates kept her engaged, even through challenges. Although reading wasn't always her favorite, Braelyn found lasting encouragement in English class with Mrs. Lorenzen, whose high standards, care, and support made a meaningful impact on her life. Braelyn values the close relationships she's built with her classmates and teachers and the supportive, Christ-centered learning environment at DCS. Some of her favorite memories include attending formals with her best friends, and she will miss seeing her friends and teachers every day. After graduation, Braelyn plans to attend Western Oregon University to study business and play soccer. As a senior, she has seen God's faithfulness through her recruiting process, learning to trust His timing and plan. She looks forward to growing in independence, taking on more responsibility, and competing in soccer at the collegiate level.

Elijah Springer



Elijah has been part of the DCS community since his freshman year, drawn by a Christ-centered education and a supportive environment. One of his favorite experiences at DCS has been English class with Mrs. Lorenzen, where reading great books and completing creative projects made learning especially meaningful. Mrs. Lorenzen's consistent encouragement and support have had a lasting impact on Elijah, and he values the help of his teachers as well as the friendships he's built along the way.
A favorite DCS memory came on the basketball court—swinging JV and varsity his freshman year, Elijah checked into a varsity game with two minutes left and hit a three-pointer for his first varsity points, celebrated by the older players he admired. As graduation approaches, Elijah will miss being part of the basketball team most. After graduation, he plans to attend Clackamas Community College while working, and he looks forward to this next chapter, trusting how God has been shaping him through both the highs and lows of his senior year.