



STATE RUNNERS UP MSHSAA CLASS 2 BASEBALL 2011

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BASEBALL TEAM HAS HIGH HOPES FOR 2012

By Jake Kates

The 2012 high school baseball season is right around the corner. The Summit Christian Academy Eagles, led by Coach John Gage, head into the season with big expectations. The Eagles finished 2nd in the state of Missouri in the class 2 baseball championships this past year. The team advanced to the state championship game, where they fell short to a very solid New Bloomfield team. In addition, Coach Gage was recognized as one of two Coaches of the Year for class 2 baseball by the Missouri Baseball Coaches Association. While the season was a tremendous success, losing the championship game left a bitter taste in the mouths of those returning this year. The boys have been working throughout the off-season to prepare for another opportunity to win a state championship.

The Eagles head into the 2012 season as the #1 ranked team in the state, according to the Missouri Baseball Coaches Association rankings. The boys intend to live up to this very high honor.

Not only do the Eagles head into the season as the top ranked team in the state, but they will also open their brand new home baseball field this March! **On Tuesday, March 27, at 4:30 p.m., the Eagles will play their first-ever home game right here on the SCA campus.** Come out and be part of this exciting day in the life of our school as we take on the Cameron High School Dragons.

As if that were not enough, there is more! On Tuesday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m., the Eagles will be playing at Kauffman Stadium against the Van Horn Falcons. Playing on a major league field is an incredible experience for our young men! **You can help our guys get there by purchasing Royals game vouchers from Summit Christian Academy.**

It is certainly an exciting time to be a part of the SCA Eagles Baseball Program. Take a look at the schedule and come support your Eagles baseball team as they represent SCA at the highest level.

DALTON VANN NAMED HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Coach Vann is excited to lead SCA's first-ever high school football team!

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SPRING SPORTS CHALLENGE

Check out the spring sports schedules to see when you can come cheer for the SCA Eagles sports teams!

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Dalton Vann to lead Eagles into the future

By Jake Kates

As we sat in my little office in the back of the Summit Christian Academy high school building on that January afternoon, big things were unfolding. To passersby, it appeared to be just another normal conversation, but it was much more. This one was about dreams coming true and a vision being realized.

On this cold, dreary winter day, Coach Dalton Vann was sitting in my office to accept the job as the head football coach of the Summit Christian Academy Eagles. It was an emotional meeting for both of us. For me, it was emotional because high school football has been a dream of a lot of people at SCA, and now it was being realized. We are starting a program that will instill a love of the game, develop God-given abilities, and cultivate godly character traits in our young men. God had provided another platform for us to reach His young people!

For Coach Vann, it was the fulfillment of a long-time dream of becoming a head football coach at the high school level.



Coach Vann grew up playing football and had mentors enter his life through the game. He always knew this is what he was supposed to do, and God was now giving him his opportunity. As we walked out of my office, the "spring" in our steps belied the coldness of that dreary day.

Please contact Coach Vann at 816-525-1480 or dvann@sca-kc.org with questions regarding the SCA football program.

QUOTE FROM COACH VANN

"This program will be about strengthening the relationships between our young men and their fathers."

Spring sports - give them a try

by Jake Kates

SCA offers a wide variety of sports for students to try. In the spring, we offer track and golf for girls and boys, soccer for girls, and baseball for boys. As SCA Athletic Director, I would like to personally challenge students to participate in one of these opportunities.

One advantage of attending our school is the opportunity to participate in many different areas. You don't have to be great or even have experience in a sport to try. A desire to learn and grow in a sport and to be part of a team effort is all that is needed. There is a purpose for everyone within the framework of a team. Sign up and be a part of something bigger than yourself!

Please contact Coach Kates at 816-525-1480 or jkates@sca-kc.org for more information.

