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## School Honors

# Dragon Power!

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Athletic Director**

For the second time in the past three years, Saint George’s has won the WIAA Scholastic Cup for the top 2B-sized school in the State! The award is based on points for athletic and activity teams earning trophies at state competitions, as well as for teams with the highest grade point averages in the state.

“I think winning the Scholastic Cup is one of the biggest honors we can receive at Saint George’s,” says Athletic Director Ryan Peplinski. “The WIAA measures Athletic, Activity, and Scholastic success throughout the year.” This year’s award was based on the 2019-20 fall and winter seasons, since spring activities were curtailed by the pandemic.

The boys’ soccer team earned the maximum 100 points for their shootout victory in the State 2B Championship match last fall. So did the SGS Choir and Debate team for having the highest GPA in the state, even if they didn’t get to complete their seasons.

“We miss the opportunity this year,” says Music Director David Demand. “After winning both divisions at Lionel Hampton and finishing 2nd in Solo and Ensemble, this group was geared toward several other festivals. This was a very balanced choir with strong singers throughout. They were eager to compete and worked hard. I am going to miss these guys.”

“This year’s SGS Debate Team fielded serious contenders for a state title, and if school had stayed open another week or two, they were positioned to win it all,” says Debate Coach Chad Rigsby. “In any case, they delivered academically.”

As did many other Dragon teams. Both boys’ and girls’ basketball teams, both cross country teams, both soccer teams, and the girls’ volleyball team all earned points toward the Cup.

“With our large participation numbers, about 97% each year, this truly takes all of us to win,” says Ryan Peplinski. “From the students to the teachers, coaches, administration and parents, it is the ultimate team trophy in our state.”



**Celebration after winning the Battle of the Holy Grail spirit competition over rival Northwest Christian in January.**