

DECATUR CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING

February 16, 2023 6:00pm

Director's Report – Tim Cox



Solos and Ensemble Contest

The ISSMA solo and ensemble contest was held at Decatur Middle School a few weekends ago. **We had A LOT of hard working students that performed this year. (48 Events performed)** Students that entered in Group I and received a Gold rating advanced to STATE FINALS.

Thirty-Three (33) students will perform at STATE FINALS on Feb. 25th at North Central HS and Westfield Middle School for Percussion. (this is a new Location for Percussion). I am anticipating having Mr. Bess go with the Winds and I will go with the percussion to help facilitate EARLY Performances. We have 1 percussion ensemble, 3 percussion soloists, 2 wind ensembles, and several wind soloists performed. What an outstanding day of performances. Congrats to the students on working so hard to achieve at NEW LEVELS! A big thanks to the Band Boosters for having 3 concession stands running at this event. We had MANY compliments from directors about this new offering. The Directors also loved getting “free food” in lieu of having a hospitality room.

WINTER GUARD:

The DCHS Winter Guards have been very busy putting together their 2023 shows. The Varsity guard went to WGI Avon this past weekend and placed 12th of 13 and jumped nearly 14 points in just 2 weekends! We encourage everyone to keep practicing hard. The Cadet Guard has also been to a few competitions where they have received positive comments and a few Silver ratings. We are excited to see how far these students can go in the coming weeks. The Regional A guard is also doing well and has been learning a lot.



WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:

This group will begin its competition season at Plainfield HS this weekend. The group has been hard at work on the show “Phoenix”. We are very pleased with the progress of this group so far this season as they continue to work hard. We will need lots of PARENT HELP to get our props / tarps / equipment on and off the floor this year. Please see the sign up (online) and come to practice this Saturday to learn your assignment. .



FEES are DUE for indoor groups and all PAST marching band participants. We have to have MONEY COLLECTED or we can not proceed with our 4 indoor groups.

INDOOR (Guard and Percussion) Show shirts for all four groups were made available to purchase Deadline for ordering shirts HAS PASSED. Thanks to David Bex for his awesome shirt designs for all 4 of our indoor groups.



JAZZ ENSEMBLES: The DCHS Jazz bands performed at the Pendleton Heights Jazz Festival last weekend and did a wonderful job! Our Scores were based upon a rubric and not a point system— we are very happy with the effort and work that the bands have displayed. Each band will compete in the ISSMA jazz festival on March 3rd (a Friday Night) Jazz #1 will play at 9:20pm / DMS Jazz at 5:30 (Clark Pleasant Middle School) and Jazz II at 5:50pm in the Cafe) at Whiteland HS. **TOUR:** Jazz Ensemble #1 will go on tour of 4th Elementary schools this Friday and Decatur Middle School.. We will host a college professor and professional jazz director in the next 2 weeks as we prepare for the ISSMA FESTIVAL. Shawn Royer (IU) will be with us as well as Jim Butz.

Guard and Percussion Contests are right around the corner!!!!

We are starting to build our list of volunteers to work each of the two weekends. **Feb. 25th 9th and March 11th respectively.** These two contests provide MAJOR FUNDING FOR the BAND PROGRAM. Several thousands of dollars are made hosting these contests. Without parents to help we will not be successful.

Concession workers and food donations are the two biggest categories. We will spend some time going through the logistics for the shows tonight at the meeting. Please sign up on the website that the band boosters are using. PLEASE look at the EMAILS and sign up to help on LINE.

New member meeting: A new member meeting will be held on Feb. 27th inviting all 8th graders to be a part of the HS band. We feel this will be a great start and look forward to having a lot of NEW faces with us next year!

Mr. Bex Proposal: As most of you know Mr. Bex will be officially retiring at the end of this year as his last student graduated from the band program. He has expressed that he is willing to continue on the board but would like to be paid. I would like to discuss this with the board.

Sweet Night of Jazz: In May

Band Calendars: We have band calendars Please make sure your family has a copy (or two). We will plan on having this on the web site as well! **Summer Calendars are available.**



Our Marching Band Invitational is SEPTEMBER 23rd NEXT YEAR!!

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HAVE A GREAT WEEK!! Mr. Cox and Mr. Bess

Quote of the week:

"If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got" - Henry Ford.