

## DCHS Indoor Winter Groups Are Up and Running

After months of practice, January marks the beginning of competition for our indoor groups. These groups include Varsity Color Guard, WPE and Indoor Winds. All of our groups have had strong performances so far.

### Varsity Color Guard

The DCHS Varsity Guard's 2019 show is titled "The Dog Pound Blues" and is under the direction of Meghan Brackett. They started their season competing at Brownsburg in late January where they placed 3rd. They have gone on to compete at the Northview HS and the Indy WGI Contests. The Varsity Guard advanced to Open Class Finals which will take place on March 16th at Center Grove HS! This group hopes to repeat the success they had in 2018 where they placed 2nd in the state and 3rd in the country.



### WPE

This year's show is titled "Over the Top" and is under the direction of Percussion Director Josh Schneider. This group began its competition season at Franklin Central in early February where they placed 6th of 11 groups. In 2018, this winter group set a made DCHS history by winning 1st place at the IPA State Finals and also 1st place at the WGI World Championship.

### Indoor Winds

This is the 4th year for this group to exist and we are very proud of the 44 members (the largest in school history)! The show this year is called "(un) Chained". Under the direction of assistant director Zach Crowder and DMS director Mr. Herrick, this group started their season at Franklin Central HS in February and placed 4th. Since then, they have competed at Greenfield Central, Zionsville and at the WGI Indianapolis Regional contest. This group was the state runner-up in 2018.





## State Solo & Ensemble

We had over 30 students perform at ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble contest on February 23rd at North Central High School. These included 1 percussion ensemble, 2 percussion soloists, 4 wind ensembles, and 17 wind soloists performed. Having 17 students going to State with a solo is a new school record!

## Jazz Clinic



On February 27th, DCHS jazz bands had an awesome clinic with Shawn Goodman (right). She was wonderful and we learned a lot! Shawn is an Associate Instructor of Music Education at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where she is also completing coursework towards a PhD in Music Education with a minor in Jazz Pedagogy.

## ISSMA Jazz Festival



Both jazz ensembles earned a Gold With Distinction - this is the first time for this honor to be awarded to our two groups in the same year - a new school record! Also every soloist featured earned another award - a blue ribbon! Earlier in the month, both bands attended the Pendleton Heights Jazz Festival.

## Decatur Township Tour 2019



Jazz Band I toured Decatur's 5 district elementary schools on February 7th. Aside from the fun performances, the tour is also meant to get 6th graders interested in the performing arts as they enter middle school.

## New Signage



Thanks to the Decatur Central School Board for this signage outside the DCHS Band Room/Auditorium!! Some outstanding students being recognized!! Bravo!!



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