

DECATUR CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING

March 17th, 2022 7:00pm (Contest Worker Meeting)

Director's Report – Tim Cox



JAZZ ENSEMBLES: The DCHS Jazz bands I and II participated in the ISSMA Jazz Festival last week at Whiteland HS. This is a state wide event that helps us to get feedback on how our jazz musicians are doing! Congrats to Jazz I (Mr. Cox) on a GOLD rating with Distinction **AND A RECORD SETTING HIGH SCORE EARNING THEM THE TRIP TO STATE FINALS (FIRST EVER APPEARANCE FOR DC)** and Jazz II – (Mr. Howard) on the GOLD rating! Jazz I plays in the Group 1 division – the most difficult music and Jazz II was in Group 3. Several soloists earned a special award for outstanding Solos – Jason Frosch, Payton Dorsey and Isaiah Mason (jazz I) and Jason Frosch, Nayla Cotez, Jagger Adams (jazz II). We want to also recognize the DMS Jazz band and Mr. Williams for earning a GOLD rating AND WITH DISTINCTION.

Marian Jazz Festival: Each of our bands attended a jazz festival at Marian and received some excellent feedback from 4 jazz professionals. We are thankful to have opportunities like this to perform and gain feedback from local pros. We are also very thankful to our Administration for allowing us to miss some school time to do this.

Sweet Night of Jazz : We will have our annual SWEET NIGHT OF JAZZ Event **MAY 11th 7:00pm!** This EVENT WILL BE IN THE DCHS CAFE. Both DCHS BANDS will perform as well as the DMS Band under the direction of Mr. Williams. WE WILL ALSO have a Silent Auction!

Cedar Point Jazz Band Trip - Last month the school board approved a trip to Cedar Point to compete in the “Music in the Parks” event. The bands will travel on Friday Night and compete at a local school in the area. We will then spend the night in a hotel and spend Saturday in the Park! The cost is \$100 per student. We can take up to 10 adults with us - if interested please see Mr. Cox ASAP.

HOSTED WGI groups : Mr. Cox and Mr. Howard hosted Naperville Central WG and Victor J. Andrew Percussion when they came to town to compete. This earned the Band and Guard program over \$1000.

VARSITY WINTER GUARD:

The DCHS Winter Guard, under the direction of Makayla Arzate, is having a great competition season. The guard has gone to many shows and made improvements each time. The VARSITY GUARD will be preparing for their 2nd WGI Indy Regional this weekend at Warren Central. The Indiana State Finals will be held at Center Grove HS the very first weekend of Spring Break (25th) and then looking forward to the WGI World Championships which will be at BB&T Arena at Northern Kentucky University or at Xavier University on Thursday April 7th. The commitment level and skills of the students are worth celebrating. The DMS REGIONAL A Guard has earned a trip to the Semi-State contest - placing well against some schools "HS" groups. This is a BIG Deal! Congratulations to our CADET Guard as well - they are receiving some amazing teaching and leadership from Matt Scott!! Thanks to the parents that are helping to support each of our color guards!

WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:

The WPE recently competed two times at the WGI Indy Regional Franklin Central HS and placed FIRST in the prelims and once again in FINALS! This contest is so big that it takes two days to run it (with a Prelims / Finals format). We are very pleased with the progress of this group so far this season as they continue to impress the crowd and judges with their show "CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU (Neon God)". Last weekend the group scored an 86.2 - Congrats to Cal Lennon and Andrew Fortuna who lead this group!! Parents are doing a wonderful job as well and we appreciate their help with all the loading / and feeding / plus uniforms!

INDOOR WINDS:

The Indoor Winds students and parents ended their season (at my decision) a few weeks ago due to the unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances surrounding the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. Our show was a historical look at the Cold War of the 1980's and the eventual fall of Communism. However, we were very Russian looking and sounding and it was the right call to end the season. I (along with the staff) did not want to put our students (and program) in a potential harmful situation. The STUDENTS and PARENTS that supported this group were AMAZING and we appreciate all that you did to help us have a few performances. A special thank you to the staff as well.

Solos and Ensemble Contest State Contest

The ISSMA solo and ensemble STATE just a few weeks ago. We had several percussion ensembles, 6 wind ensembles, and several wind soloists perform. In all, 43 Gold medals / 2 Silver Medals were earned. What an outstanding



day of performances. Congrats to the students on working so hard to achieve at NEW LEVELS! We also want to highlight that several members of our band earned special recognition – Gold With Distinction or a PERFECT SCORES. The perfect scores were Evan Miller, Matthew Molly, Grayson Devening, and the Percussion Quartet of Isaiah Mason, Evan Miller, Xander Prater, and Sully Copas.

Winter Showcase moved to March 24th !

MARCH 24th we will feature 4 performances in the Main Gym from the / Winter Percussion Ensemble / Varsity Winter Guard / DMS Winter Guard and the Cadet Guard! The performances will start at 8pm and light snacks will be available to purchase. Thanks again to the awesome parents and supporters of the WINTER ENSEMBLES! This is a great way to see all of our groups in ONE SPACE. Admission is \$5.00.

New member meeting: A new member meeting WILL BE held in MAY inviting all 8th graders to be a part of the HS band. Ov. We feel this is a great start and look forward to having a lot of NEW faces with us next year!

Guard Contest Hosting: THIS SATURDAY – March 19th

We are excited to host 72 WINTER GUARDS this coming Saturday. YES 72!!!! If you want to earn your \$100 credit please make sure you are signed up and show up. Please check in Door #1 when you arrive. The show will begin at 11 – **so we need you to hear about 8:00am** – I have WORKER PACKETS. These packets contain all the info you need to know about HOW to host. Please remember HOSTING shows keeps FEES LOWER! With these contests your *fees would jump over \$400*. **Please See CHARMS TO SIGN UP!**



CONCERT UNIFORMS: Thanks to the parents that are helping us to get this final fitting done so that BOTH concert groups can be in our Concert Tuxes and Dresses!! THE TWO DATES ARE NEXT MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY the 21 and 23rd of MARCH! Bravo

Percussion Contest on Feb. 26th

We had A BIG DAY!! We are hosting over 34 GROUPS for the State Prelims. These two contests (Guard/Percussion) 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. Thanks to those of you ****Especially Color Guard kids**** who helped to run the show. It went VERY well and we received LOTS of compliments.

ISSMA Concert Band Contest Hosting:

Please keep April 8/9 on your schedule as we host this important event. This is the 5th and last event we host. PLEASE SIGN UP on CHARMS to help keep fees low.



Fees: We are starting to see a little money come in and look forward to sending statements via CHARMS again soon...but if you still owe fees from last year or this current WINTER SEASON we ask that you get them paid! **NOTE: All current INDOOR SEASON students going to NATIONALS will have to be PAID IN FULL to attend Nationals in Dayton! We have a lot of past band fees = \$30,000 that are still not paid.**

GOOD LUCK TO ALL WINTER GROUPS THIS SEASON!!!

THANKS TO OUR AMAZING STAFF!!!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!! Mr. Cox