



DECATUR CENTRAL HS BAND and GUARD BOOSTER MEETING

June 14th, 2021

Director's Report: Tim Cox

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1. Welcome to the DCHS Band and Guard family...if you are new we want you to feel welcome.
2. **Band / Guard Awards Night** : Thanks to the MANY band parents who helped to organize and facilitate this important event. Although we were not able to do our traditional Banquet this year due to the Pandemic, the event was terrific. Awards were given to members of each ensemble from the Winter Seasons and Spring Ensembles. Congratulations again to our seniors. We again handed out several National Awards including the Sousa (Hanza Jbire) and Louie Armstrong (Jacob Cline) awards in addition to the awards for each ensemble, outstanding attitude, Robin Burton and Heather Scott memorial awards, Director's Awards and overall Bandsmen awards. We also thanked our Team Leaders.
3. **Band-o-rama #10** – We had a wonderful night of music last month (man does that seem like forever ago). We had over 300 kids playing. Our guest conductor was Mrs. Kelly (Cassady) Day who is the DCHS Choir Director (and will be leaving for a different school). The band boosters bought a plaque for her and she appreciated the work and support of the bands. Congrats to all of the bands / Color Guard (that performed. This was an outstanding event! I was very impressed with the 8th grade band (Congrats to Mr. Williams and Ms. Davis)) as well as our HS ensembles. Everyone worked hard to produce this final concert. Special thanks also to our Drama teacher who was featured with the Wind Ensemble and to Mr. Day who was featured on Guitar with Jazz band #1.
4. **Graduation**: CONGRATULATIONS to the DCHS BAND and GUARD GRADUATES!! The Graduation “brass ensemble” for 2021 performed at DCHS Graduation on May 27th' at the convention center downtown last month under the direction of Mr. Crowder and Mr. Cox. The ability to have this small ensemble perform takes the pressure off of the full band and school system as it relates to logistics, time, and money.



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5. Fine Arts letterman jackets have been received and are being distributed. If you know of anyone that has not received theirs yet please contact Mr. Cox. We will place orders again next fall.

6. **CASH Raffle** - We successfully ran our 2021 raffle with a new format (2 \$500 winners - instead of one \$1000 winner). Several students took part in this fantastic fundraiser - which earned each student \$4 per ticket sold, and \$1 going to the general fund). He had two winners that were drawn at the last Marching Band / Guard practice of summer session #1 last week. Congratulations to our winners! Thanks to Gwen and her team for making this a success!!

7. **NEW ROSEWOOD Marimbas**

With the significant help of Dr. Pruseick, and CFO Kirk Farmer, along with our school board we were able to purchase NEW Marimbas!! These are Adams / Robert van Slice rosewood marimbas which get a significantly better tone and resonance than our other marimbas. In addition to the wooden bars we are also getting bigger instruments. Two of the Marimbas are 5 octave and the other three are 4.6 octave. Our old marimbas were 4.5 octaves. In order to afford these instruments we were able to sell our old instruments to other schools and 1 college. We also have new Marching frames on each of the keyboards. We are very excited for our students to get the opportunity to play on professional instruments! Total cost was \$50,000.



Summer Band / Guard Camp #1: We had an awesome time in summer band / Guard camp for the past 2 weeks. The students (and Staff) were awesome to work with. Lots of excitement is building as we look forward to a competitive and football season for 2021. The kids did great learning lots of fundamentals, getting to know each other, and learning how to march. We have about 27 guard members (the most in over a decade), 26 percussionists, 3 drum majors and 79 winds for a total of 135. We are super excited about our props being built soon, the vinyl coverings, and the start of summer camp part 2 starting on July 13!

PODS: Mr. Cox has met with the new Asst. Superintendent of Operations - Dr. Folks and new Head Principal Mr. Wachnicki along with the Maintenance director asked about the rental of storage pods for the marching band season. These pods are 16x8x8x and would sit in the parking lot directly behind the band tower. We have been approved to rent these (I asked for two). In my research I believe we can rent a pod for \$1000 each. This would cover the Mid July to Nov. 1 and includes delivery and pick up charges. I would like to submit this as a request to the DCHS Band Boosters and ask that we rent these pods so that we can have easy access to the materials and props. It would also reduce the wear and tear on the props (and likely the band parents as well) :-)

IHSCGA 1500: I was notified that the Indiana HS color guard association will be giving each of the contest hosts from LAST YEAR a \$1500 check as a way to say thank you for all of the work and effort that was put into hosting a show during the Pandemic!



8. **Marching Show = NEW uniform JACKETS!!** We are buying new uniform tops for the winds and percussion (color guard has a brand new uniform each year). These new “jackets” will be part of the overall look! Thanks to Ryan Prebys and the FJM company for the amazing designs - and our Decatur Admin. for helping us to purchase these!!

9. **Congrats to the New Band Booster Executive officers!!! THANK YOU**
Presidents: Gwen and Brent Winderlich
President Elect: Chris Mason
Vice President: Lenora Lucas
Asst. Treasurer: Christie Ryker
Publicity/ Web and Media: David Bex
Past Presidents: Stacey and Kevin Toler
Vice President: Melissa Zeber
Treasurer: Shawna Powell
Secretary: Michelle Coar

10. **Band Calendar:** We have updated band calendars available here in the band room and on line at the band website. Please make sure you have one.
www.dchsbands.org

11. **JULY:** Mandatory Camp July 13-14-15 (5:00-9:00pm) CAMP 19-23 (9:00-5:00pm) AND 26-29th from 9:00-5:00pm
Lunch is served each day as well as a snack

12. **ATTENDANCE IS THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS AT PRACTICE!! PAY FEES PLEASE!**

13. **CHARMS MUSIC SYSTEM – This is our COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.**
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