



# **DECATUR CENTRAL HS** **BAND AND GUARD** **BOOSTER MEETING**

**April 11th, 2023**

**6:00pm**

Director's Report  
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**WINTER GUARD** – Congratulations to the students, staff and parents who helped the Varsity winter guard who performed and completed this year. The VARSITY guard performed well at STATE FINALS in Open class – placing 9<sup>th</sup> this year with a score of 70.2. They will attend the WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS **this week** and leave on Thursday! Performance time will be 3:40 pm at Wright State University. A mandatory meeting was held last week for all members and parents to go over the schedule and expectations. Mr. Bess has done a great job of helping with the administrative side of things. Congratulations to Director Harley Blane and his staff. Also thanks to the MANY PARENTS and Congrats once again – we are very proud of you! During Spring Break the Guard went to the 2nd Indy Power Regional at Warren Central HS.



## **WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

This group ended the Indiana season at State Finals with the best run of the season and jumped from 12th place to 8th place with a score of 83.125. The WPE students invested many hours and we appreciate all of their effort as they rehearsed over Spring Break for several hours.. Thanks to the MANY parents who drove, cooked, cleaned, traveled, pushed, etc...we appreciate you! Thanks to the amazing staff led by Cal Lennon! The WPE will attend the WGI World Percussion Championships in a few weeks - April 20-22, 202. We will have a Mandatory meeting for the WGI Trip on April 18th from 6-7pm. ALL students and parents should attend. The first performance will be on April 20th at 10:20am at Wright State University - Nutter Center.

**WINTER SHOWCASE -** Thanks to those that came out to support the many students who performed in the Showcase before Spring Break. This is a wonderful opportunity to support all of our students in the Winter Programs. It is also great for the STUDENTS to support each other and see all the hard work that goes into producing each of these shows. Thanks again to the amazing staff that supports them. We did not charge a fee to see the show - but took donations. A little of \$250 was raised.



**CASH RAFFLE WINNERS** - We raffled off two \$500 winners in the Winter Cash Raffle! We held another cash raffle to help students and families raise money to pay their band / guard fees. Each ticket was sold for \$5 and \$4 of the proceeds went directly to the students account. Thanks to the Executive Booster team that made this work. We are proud to provide multiple ways for families to earn the money needed.

**LAWRENCE CENTRAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL** - Congratulations to the members of the Wind Ensemble who performed at this festival last month. It was a fantastic time to get lots of great feedback on our difficult music. We appreciate all the booster support to attend.



**ISSMA Preview Concert** – The Concert Band and Wind Ensemble participated in the Preview concert on the 3rd day back from Spring break...Well done!! We had two guest judges – Mr. Middleton from ISSMA and Mr. Morse from DMS. The Concert band performed on Wednesday here at Decatur Central. We were able to get great feedback as well as a few tips as we go to a contest this weekend with the Concert band and the Wind Ensemble will compete in the State Qualifier at Zionsville at the end of this month!

**HOSTING Indiana HS Color Guard Association DIVISIONAL FINALS** about 40 winter guards from around the entire state were at DCHS last month. We continue to hear great things about this event from all that attended. Although the task was a big one, our Band / Guard Boosters and Band Students did an amazing job hosting. The band made some money – although the final reports are not back yet from the Indiana Color Guard Association. We have a wonderful facility and a dedicated group of people that make hosting events something to be proud of. Thank you ONCE AGAIN for making this a great event. Thanks to Gwen Winderlich for being such a great contest leader!

**COMING UP NEXT:**

**HOSTING ISSMA Large Group assessment:** This FRIDAY AND SATURDAY is the ISSMA “Weekend #1” of the ISSMA Organizational season this year and we end up with the Largest Site in all of Indiana for this weekend. We had over 28 performances from Bands / Choirs /and Orchestras. This show is not a difficult one to host this year as we will have our very own DCHS Concert band competing and the Wind Ensemble to help students to help. Bravo to our contest chair – Gwen who made it all work out amazingly well! ***WE STILL NEED PARENTS TO HELP OUT in several LOCATIONS*** - please see Gwen to HELP!



**SWEET NIGHT OF JAZZ** – The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Jazz event will be held May 10th here at DCHS/ The concert began at 7:00pm!! We are very thankful once again. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR FOR \$5.00 admission and \$5.00 to buy a speciality coffee beverage or smoothie and we will also have a SILENT AUCTION with lots of fantastic prizes to bid on. Our DMS Jazz ensemble will also be in attendance. Come out to hear some great jazz / grab a coffee and dessert and relax.

**Concert Band Uniforms:**



THANKS TO OUR AMAZING CREW and SARAH TINSLEY who made the students look great in the long black concert dresses and tuxedos! BIG Thanks to the parents who helped to get things sized / fitted and washed.

**Budget 2023-24 is** currently being worked on – I will share all of the details At the next meeting.

**Spring Concert / Band-o-rama:** MAY 19<sup>th</sup> – Lots more Info coming soon!! Location: DCHS MAIN GYM. Time 7:00pm

**Band and Guard SPRING AWARDS Banquet May 18th** at 6:30pm in the HS Café.



**DCHS Marching Band** Drum major, Guard and Percussion auditions color guard will be coming up soon!

**LEADERSHIP CLINICS** May 1st and 9th (Applications will be available soon).

**Graduation** is May 25 (Brass Ensemble only)