DECATUR CENTRAL BANDS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Award Winning Show

DCHS 2016 show featuring 6th grader Isaiah Mason as a young samurai

DCHS Band started the 2016 marching season with two back-to-back Class B 1st place wins! The first win was on September 10th at the Fisher's Invitational. Other awards won that day were "Best General Effect Award" 3rd place overall between all classes.

Their second 1st place win was at the September 17th Lawrence Central Invitational. Additional awards won at this event includes "Best General Effect", "Best Music", "Best Visuals", and "Best Percussion".

This year's show is titled "Samurai — Way of the Warror" and revolves around a young boy's journey to become a samurai as he grows up. The production will be in three movements and those will be represented by awarding the Samurai with his armor, sword and helmet. The young samurai is played by 6th grade Valley Mills student Isaiah Mason. 9 torii ranging in height from 8 to 14 feet make up the on field props. The show was written by Max Mullinix, Todd Clevenger and Meghan Brackett Tim Cox.
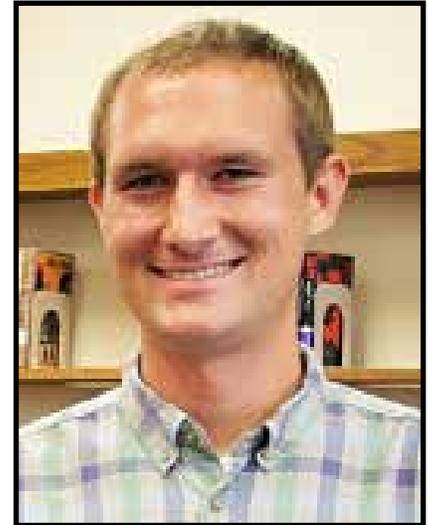
CONTEST RESULTS

Fishers Invitational
• *1st Place Class B*
• *Best General Effect Class B*
• *3rd Place Overall*

Lawrence Central Invitational
• *1st Place Class B*
• *Best General Effect Class B*
• *Best Music Class B*
• *Best Visuals Class B*
• *Best Percussion Class B*

New Assistant Director

New Assistant Band Director Ryan Day

We are proud to welcome Ryan Day as our new assistant band director. Mr. Day is the former band director at Madison High School in Madison, IN. Under Mr. Day, the marching band grew from 25 members in 2012 to 80 students in 2016 and the concert band grew from 40 to 80 students. In 2014, Mr. Day guided Madison's marching band to 10th place at the MidState Band Finals, a combined competition with schools in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

Upcoming Events

• Senior Night & 8th Grade Band Night

• DCHS Band on "The Zone"

• "Contest of Champions" invitational hosted by DCHS

• ISSMA Semi State

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Bands of America

On September 24th, Decatur Central competed against bands from 4 states at the regional "Bands of America" competition held in Dayton, OH. The long day began at 5:30am with calisthenics, followed by rehearsal. After breakfast, the band loaded their equipment onto trucks and was off to Dayton. DCHS placed 3rd in their class during the afternoon pre-lims, earning them a place in the evening finals where they won 10th place.

All the bands awaiting the final results

The Really Big Football Show

The band performs during halftime at Lucas Oil Stadium

DCHS Marching Band accompanied the Hawks football team when they played at Lucas Oil Stadium on Friday September 23rd. Halftime was divided in half with Plainfield's marching band performing first, followed by Decatur Central's marching band. The band also played during time outs and everytime the Hawks scored a touchdown.

Poolside Jazz

Jazz Band 1 played poolside for a large crowd of elementary school students at the Decatur Township Natatorium held on September 20th. 2016 Rio Olympics diver Amy Cozad cut the ribbon and took the first dive off the new three meter springboard. Amy is a 2009 Decatur Central graduate. The event was covered by local news station Channel 13. When asked about returning to dive off the new board Amy said "I was super nervous up there. I didn't want to mess up in front of all the little ones. It seems weird. I'm this celebrity, this Olympic hero. But on the inside, I'm just a little girl from Decatur Township that likes to go to diving practice." Jazz Band 1 also played the national anthem before the Harlem Wizard's game on September 27th.

Jazz Band 1

2016 Rio Olympics Diver & DCHS Graduate Amy Cozad

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