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### 2016 Band Camp

Despite the soaring temperatures, our DC students had a wonderful band camp this year. We put in a long week of rehearsals that began at 9am and went to 9pm. Students worked to improve visual fundamentals and learned 28 pages of drill. Each section had individual staff members to work with them in each of our three main groups: color guard, percussion, and winds. Overall, band students spent over 150 hours getting better and learning our new competition show.

### Band Olympics



Band camp featured several opportunities to develop our teamwork and culture. Our annual olympics had 10 teams of 15 kids. We had over 25 parent volunteers helping to run several games including the epic tug-o-war. The band olympics were preceded by a cookout for both students and parents.

### Band Talent Show



No band camp is complete without our annual talent show. Students performed sketches and various other talents entertaining their fellow band members as well as parents. Mr. Cox even got in on the fun.

### Side-By-Side Event



As the band ended “summer band part 1” we invited all parents to participate in our side-by-side event. This event was created to encourage parents to see what their students learned in a short period of time. We had students teach their parents how to hold instruments or flags, march a few steps and play a note. We also auctioned off our Las Vegas trip at this event. A lot of fun was had by everyone.



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## 2016 Marching Band Show: Samurai

The 2016 DCHS marching band show this year is titled "Samurai". The show 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. We have a lot of props including 9 torii ranging in height from 8 to 14 feet. The show was written by Max Mullinix and Tim Cox. Musical pieces include "The Fluttering Maple Leaves", "Fantasy on a Japanese Folksong" and "Three Japanese Dances Mvt. 3".

## Junior Achievement National Leadership Conference



Our band was represented by the DCHS Drumline as we were invited to play for the opening ceremony of the Junior Achievement National Leadership Conference located at the downtown Indianapolis Westin in mid-July. The group had an early morning arriving at 6:00am. Thanks to assistant band director James Powell for leading this group. Everyone did a fantastic job!

## Fundraisers



Like any high school organization, money is often in short supply. Since the beginning of June, DCHS band has already had 3 fundraisers to supplement regular band fees. The first fundraiser was our Las Vegas trip raffle won by the Douglas family. The 2nd fundraiser was Culver's night. A portion of ALL sales that night between 5pm-8pm were donated to the band. For the third fundraiser we sold various sized trash bags, which is always popular.



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