

Decatur Central Band and Guard

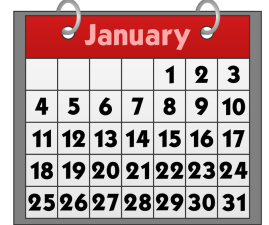


Booster meeting 1-9-23

Director's Report

Congratulatuons to Jazz Band 1 students (Ari Porter, Grayson Devening, and Evan Miller) recognized at MSD Decatur School Board meeting on Tuesday Jan. 10th for receiving awards and a scholarship.

Solo and Ensemble: We have several students that have entered solo and ensemble and we want to recognize their hard work. This is a wonderful opportunity which helps students to grow in their musical knowledge. The ISSMA contest will be **FEBRUARY 4TH** st at **DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL** - **We will be handing out and posting the schedule for performances very soon!!**



The CALENDAR: This is a valuable piece of info to have. Dates for Winter Guards, Pep Band, Jazz Ens. I and II, Winter Percussion and MANY other things are listed. Please check online at our website: www.dchsbands.org (a link is provided to our **Charms Calendar** which is the official calendar of the band department). **All students were given a handout with all the important dates for 2nd semester on Jan. 5th-6th.**

Chamber Music Concert: This event will once again precede our contest day and will be on **FEBRUARY 2 at 7:00pm** nearly 50 performances taking place in 3 rooms simultaneously! We believe that this performance is a great way to prepare for the contest a few days later. This is a Free event that will take place in 3 different rooms - please look at the performance room list when you enter DCHS to find the exact place your student performs.

Winter Guards (Cadet. Regional A and Varsity): The 2023 Winter Guards have been hard at work and will begin competing soon. Please check the charms calendar to see where they are performing and always check into the FACEBOOK PAGES for these groups. The HS group will compete in OPEN CLASS this year in Indiana and WGI circuits. Thanks to Harley Blane and his staff (as well as the students for a great start to winter guard. **The first performance will be Jan. 28th at Plainfield High School.**

Decatur Township Cadet @ 11:10 AM *** Decatur Middle School Winter Guard IN RA - Round 1 12:06 PM *****Decatur Central High School Winter Guard IN Open 8:22 PM**

The students are doing an excellent job and we are looking forward to a great season for ALL of the students.

GRADES – ALL INDOOR groups must meet academic eligibility standards every week. This means that EVERYONE should **PASS ALL CLASSES** – the minimum is passing 6 classes. We will check grades in class each week but we urge parents to partner with us and ask to see how your students are doing!

Jazz Ensemble I and II: These musicians will have a BUSY Second semester performing at Basketball Games / Jazz Festivals / ISSMA / as well as the return of the “Sweet night of Jazz” in May. Our First jazz festival will be the **PURDUE JAZZ FESTIVAL** on **Saturday January 21. We have performance times of 3:00pm and 5:00pm** The event is FREE to attend. Students will also have the opportunity to hear and see LOTS OF GREAT JAZZ performances and the Purdue #1 band! A Schedule will be published SOON! We are looking into a return of the **Jazz Band #1 Tour of all 5 Elementary schools. Stay Tuned!**



WPE: Our Winter Percussion Ensemble has been hard at work and is once again a movement group. The ensemble will compete in Open Class and the show is about a Phoenix who rises out of the ashes. We are excited to feature some fun events and bright colors as a part of the show.

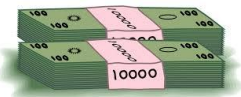
Show Shirts - A special thanks to DAVID BEX who is working to design ALL 4 of the Indoor groups shirts his year! He always does a fantastic job. PARENTS - STUDENTS - The order window will close quickly for these - **PLEASE BE AWARE of the ORDER dates!**



Pep Band: Pep Band is in FULL gear now. PLEASE CHECK your schedules! Upcoming games are Jan. 17 **GAME AT 6:00PM. JAN. 27th We will participate in “Snowcoming” **This is a double game and we begin at 5pm.** Other games are Feb. 17, 21.

Booster Positions available –If you have any interest in being on the Exec. Board or if you would like to get involved as a TEAM LEADER please let us know! Email Booster Presidents Gwen and Brent Winderlich or Director of Bands Mr. Cox.

BAND / GUARD FEES – This is the time of year where we really start to feel the CRUNCH on our budget. We are trying to produce Four different INDOOR GROUPS and start the work on the MARCHING BAND season ...if you are behind on FEES please let us know! WE must have membership fees paid to keep our amazing program going!



Mandatory WINTER fundraising – *each year our INDOOR GROUPS participate in a MANDATORY fundraiser – this year we are doing Butter Braids once again. EACH member will need to sell at least 5 items. This will begin Jan. 31st*

Winter Showcase Concert **Keep MARCH 23rd open** – we will have all 4 of our Indoor groups performing!

Remember: WE HOST 3 CONTESTS THIS 2nd SEMESTER!!

HOSTING DRUMLINE SHOW FEBRUARY 25th, 2023

HOSTING WINTER GUARD CONTEST March 11, 2023 We will need over 50 parents and 75 students to run and manage this important contest! I have attached a WORKER LIST for this contest. We will spend a few moments going over what is needed for this day to run smoothly! PARENTS: WE NEED YOU TO HELP US CONTINUE OUR AMAZING SUCCESS AS CONTEST HOSTS!

HOSTING ISSMA ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEST APRIL 14 and

15, 2023. We will host about 50 large groups for the Contest on these two days. Parents will be needed for various jobs like Parking, Concessions, Contest HQ, Equipment Flow, etc.

*** STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN HOSTING CONTESTS as a way to keep band fees low.****

Marching band Season has started for the DCHS Band Directors! We are very excited about having some new staff members (arrangers and designers) with us as well as looking at future BOA Regionals and Super Regionals *Entry fees are due this month for BOA. Cost \$1800.00 (down payment of \$900.00).