

DECATUR CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING

March 16th, 2023 6:00pm

Director's Report – Tim Cox



Solos and Ensemble Contest State Contest



The ISSMA solo and ensemble STATE just a few weeks ago.

We had 1 percussion ensemble, 3 wind ensembles, and several wind soloists perform. In all, 33 Gold medals were earned!! We also had a parade of champions prior to this event during the school day - our very first one!! What an outstanding day of performances. Congrats to the students on working so hard to achieve at NEW LEVELS! We also want to highlight that several members of our band earned special recognition – Gold With Distinction! .Soloists - Isaiah

Mason, Evan Miller, as well as Reed Smith. Special thanks to Chris Mason for once again driving our equipment truck (to a new location for percussion state finals).

JAZZ ENSEMBLES: The DCHS Jazz bands I and II participated in the ISSMA Jazz Festival last week at Whiteland HS. This is a state wide event that helps us to get feedback on how our jazz musicians are doing! Congrats to Jazz I (Mr. Cox) on a GOLD rating with Distinction and Jazz II – (Mr. Bess) on the GOLD rating! Jazz I plays in the Group division – the most difficult music and Jazz II was in Group 3. Several soloists earned a special award for outstanding Solos – Grayson Devening / Ari Porter / Isaiah Mason / Evan Miller / Emmajen Sosbe / and Jess Dunn (jazz I) and Drew Hainey and Drake Bradshaw (jazz II). We want to also recognize the DMS Jazz band and Ms. Davis for earning a GOLD rating. We have a proud tradition of Jazz Excellence in our program.



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Pendleton Heights Jazz Festival: Each of our bands attended a jazz festival at PHHS and received some excellent feedback from 2 jazz professionals. We are thankful to have opportunities like this to perform and gain feedback from local pros. We are also very thankful to our Administration for allowing us to miss some school time to do this.

School Tour: Members of Jazz Band 1 and a few Guard members were able to visit 4 Elementary Schools and Decatur Middle School last month to recruit for beginning bands as well as our High School program. This is a great opportunity and the kids did a great job on a full day of performing.

Basketball Pep Band: The season has come to an end and we thank the members of Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 who did a great job supporting the Boys and Girls teams this season. Several compliments were given from fans and visitors. The ability to support our school and community is something we take pride in.



Sweet Night of Jazz : We will have our annual SWEET NIGHT OF JAZZ Event **MAY 10th** 7:00 pm! This EVENT WILL BE IN THE DCHS CAFE. Both DCHS BANDS will perform as well as the DMS Jazz Band.. WE WILL ALSO have a Silent Auction!

HOSTED WGI groups : Mr. Cox hosted 3 schools overnight (Victor J. Andrew, Carroll and Goshen) for the WGI Indy Regional Percussion contest last weekend. This earned the Band and Guard program over \$1200. Thanks to MSD Decatur for the opportunity to run this fundraiser.

WINTER GUARD:

The DCHS Winter Guard, under the direction of Harley Blane, is having a great competition season. The guard has gone to many shows and made improvements each time. The VARSITY GUARD will be preparing for their 2nd WGI Indy Regional at Warren Central as well as The Indiana State Finals which will be held at Center Grove HS on March 18th at 5:19pm. The group is looking forward to the WGI World Championships which will be at BB&T Arena at Northern

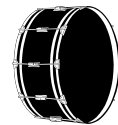
Kentucky University or at Xavier University on Thursday April 13th. The commitment level and skills of the students are worth celebrating. The DMS REGIONAL A Guard has earned a trip to the Semi-State contest - placing well against some schools "HS" groups.

This is a BIG Deal! Congratulations to our CADET Guard as well - they are receiving some amazing teaching and leadership of Anthony Hughes and Harley. They will finish the year at DECATUR CENTRAL this weekend! Thanks to the parents that are helping to support each of our color guards!



WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:

The WPE recently competed two times at the WGI Indy Regional @Franklin Central HS and placed 10th overall at Finals. This contest is so big that it takes two days to run it (with a Prelims / Finals format). We are very pleased with the progress of this group so far this season as they continue to impress the crowd and judges with their show "The Phoenix". Congrats to Cal Lennon and Andrew Fortuna who lead this group!! Parents are doing a wonderful job as well and we appreciate their help with all the loading / and feeding / plus uniforms! The WPE will attend the IPA Prelims At BROWNSBURG HS on March 18th (perf. Time is 3:07pm) and then State Finals on the last Weekend of Spring Break (April 1) at Indiana State University. Times have yet to be announced.



Winter Showcase March 23rd!

We will feature 2 performances in the Main Gym from the / Winter Percussion Ensemble / Varsity Winter Guard! The performances will start at 7pm and light snacks will be available to purchase. Thanks again to the awesome parents and supporters of the WINTER ENSEMBLES! This is a great way to see all of our groups in ONE SPACE. Admission is \$5.00.

New member meeting: We held a February meeting inviting all 8th graders to be a part of the HS band and guard. We feel this is a great start and look forward to having a lot of NEW faces with us next year!



Percussion and Guard Contest Hosting: – Feb. 25th and March 11th

The DCHS BAND BOOSTERS hosted a fantastic weekend of Percussion on the 25th of Feb. and did so once again just last weekend. We had nearly 35 percussion groups and 38 WINTER GUARDS this past Saturday. **Our PARENTS AND STUDENTS rock at hosting events.** I can not thank you enough for all your hard work and dedication to making sure students have a great day when competing! Our organization (THANKS GWEN) and Hospitality are simply the best.

CONCERT UNIFORMS: Thanks to the parents that are helping us to get this final fitting done so that BOTH concert groups can be in our Concert Tuxes and Dresses!!

Lawrence Central HS Concert Band Festival : The Wind Ensemble performed at the LC Clinic Wednesday the 15th. This event was designed to be an educational clinic for bands that will be attending the ISSMA Contest in April. Our Clinician was renowned educator / composer Richard Saucedo. (Ret. from Carmel HS - and the person Mr. Cox student taught with 30 years ago). We learned SO MUCH and are excited to keep progressing on our musical skills.

Mr. Cox wins a DTEF GRANT! Congratulations to Mr. Cox who wrote a grant for jazz band equipment (mouthpieces for saxophones designed specifically for jazz playing) as well as money to hire an improvisation teacher. Students will benefit so much from this help!



ISSMA Concert Band Contest Hosting:

Please keep April 14th and 15th on your schedule as we host this important event. This Concert Band / Orchestra / and Choir Large Group contest will be a TWO DAY CONTEST starting at 5pm on FRIDAY and then again on SATURDAY from 8:30am - 4:00pm. This is the last event we host. PLEASE SIGN UP on CHARMS to help keep fees low.

Fees: We are starting to see a little money come in and look forward to sending statements via CHARMS again soon...but if you still owe fees from last year or this current WINTER SEASON we ask that you get them paid! ***NOTE: All current INDOOR SEASON students going to NATIONALS will have to be PAID IN FULL to attend Nationals in Dayton! We have a lot of past band fees = \$35,000 that are still not paid.***

GOOD LUCK TO ALL WINTER GROUPS THIS SEASON!!!

THANKS TO OUR AMAZING STAFF!!!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!! Mr. Cox