

DCHS Sets Solo & Ensemble Record!



We have several students that performed at ISSMA Solo and Ensemble on January 27th. This is a wonderful opportunity which helps students to grow in their musical knowledge. This year the contest was moved to Ben Davis 9th grade center after being held at Perry Meridian Middle School in the past. Our students finished with a record 186 gold and 34 silver medals! We have 4 percussion ensembles, 2 saxophone ensembles, 1 brass ensemble and 3 soloists who will move onto state finals in a few weeks. The event was preceded by a Chamber Music concert the night before at DCHS so the students could perform for their parents and friends in a supportive environment.

Indiana Music Educators Conference

On January 13th, the DCHS Percussion Ensemble braved the bitter cold and recent snow storm to perform at the Indiana Music Educators Conference in Ft. Wyane, Indiana. This conference brings together hundreds of music teachers from around our state in a three day conference where they learn better ways to teach, review new music publications, and listen to some of the best ensembles in our state.



Each year the conference features outstanding ensembles (instrument and choral) and we have been chosen to present a concert. This is the first ever performance of our concert percussion ensemble at this event. Our top jazz ensemble performed in 2004.

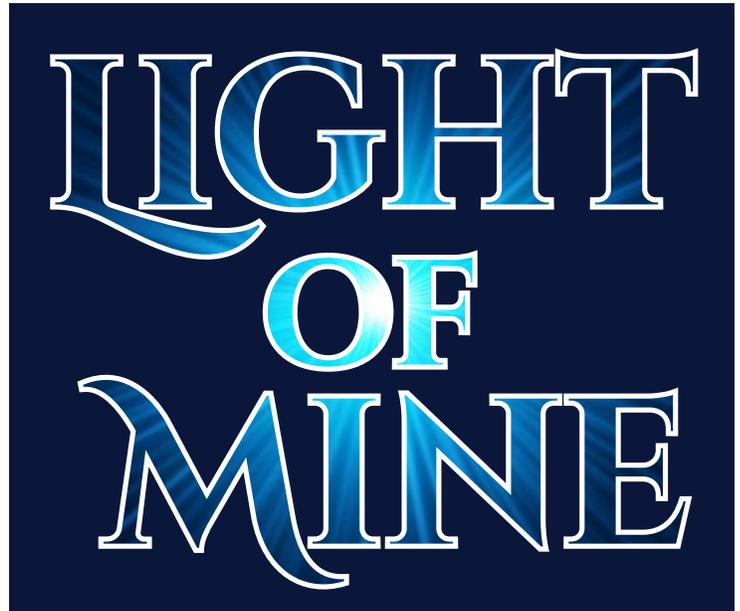
This ensemble consists of the members of the 2017-18 percussion class as well as some of our talented Decatur Middle School percussionists. Our group was selected to perform through a blind audition process last spring.

Putting the Pep in Pep Band



Pep Band is in full gear now. Our presence at basketball games is very noticed and appreciated. Decatur Central has two different pep bands that alternate between games. For January 19th's "Snowcoming" both bands played together to support the teams. On February 1st, the pep band will accompany the Hawks when they play at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. On February 6th, the 8th Grade DMS pep band will join the high school pep band when the team plays Pike High School.

DCHS Varsity Color Guard's 1st Competition



Varsity Color Guard's season started with a 3rd place win at their first competition of the season on January 27! The contest was held at Westfield High School where they competed against 19 other color guard squads. This year's show is titled "Light of Mine" and revolves around each student's inner self and the light within them. DCHS Varsity Color Guard is under the direction of Meghan Brackett who helped coach the program to a 2nd place state finals win in 2017. Meghan's other accomplishments include color guard captain at Center Grove (26 time national finalist), a member of the Pride of Cincinnati (independent world class), and the Carolina Crown drum and bugle corps (World Champion).



Purdue Jazzfest

Our Jazz Ensembles attended and performed at the annual Purdue Jazz Festival on January 20th. As always, it was a great opportunity for our jazz bands to grow and learn more about jazz.



Congratulations Mr. Cox

Each year, "*School Band & Orchestra*" publication selects one director from each state that makes a difference. In December 2017, Decatur Central's own Tim Cox was selected as the director from Indiana. Honored directors were nominated by students, former and current colleagues, band parents, administrators, friends, or anyone that admires the hard work and dedication they give to their schools and music programs. Over 880 nominations were submitted for 2017.



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