



Decatur Central Band and Guard Booster meeting 1-13-22

JANUARY 2022 Director's Report



MEETING JANUARY 31ST @ 7:00pm

*ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO
A VERY SPECIAL MEETING - WE ARE GOING TO
TAKE A TRIP NEXT YEAR!!! COME TO THE MEETING TO FIND OUT
MORE!*

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 **JANUARY 29th** 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, Indoor Winds 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. 10th.



Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation: The Band and Guard Booster President (Gwen) and our Treasurer (Shawna) and I participated in a very productive meeting with a specialist in non-for-profit groups. He is an attorney (Mr. Robert Miller) who works for the Law firm called Charitable Allies this past week. He was very impressed with our Booster organization and made a few suggestions on rewording our Bylaws so that more people could quickly understand them. We will make these changes in the next few months. We will publish these documents on our website and share them with everyone via charms when completed. We are a 501C3 group who has been incorporated and tax exempts for more than 11 years.

Thanks to our amazing Executive Board and all Band/Guard Boosters who continue to strive to be one of the very best groups in Indiana!

Chamber Music Concert: This event will once again precede our contest day and will be on **January 25th 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.



Winter Guards (Cadet, Regional A and Varsity): The 2022 Winter Guards have been hard at and will begin competing soon. Please check the charms calendar to see where they are performing. The HS group will compete in OPEN CLASS this year in Indiana and WGI circuits. The first performance will be **SATURDAY JANUARY 29th** at Greenwood HS at 5:33pm. The students are doing an excellent job and we are looking forward to a great season for ALL of the students. COngratulations to our new guard director named last month - Makayla Arzate!

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 / and Cedar Point 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 22. We have performance times of 3:30 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!**



Indoor Winds: This group has had some **great rehearsals** and will be ready to compete in just a few weeks in the first contest of the YEAR – A Performance time has yet to be announced. They are excited about the show this year called “RED SCARE”.

WPE: Our Winter Percussion Ensemble has been hard at work and is once again a movement group. The ensemble will compete in class A and the show title is called “NEON GOD”. 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 designed ALL 5 of the Indoor groups shirts his year! He has done a fantastic job. PARENTS - STUDENTS - The order window will close quickly for these - **PLEASE BE AWARE of the ORDER dates!**



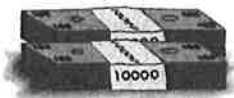
Pep Band: Pep Band is in FULL gear now. PLEASE CHECK your schedules! Upcoming games are Jan. 12 / 15 / 18.... We will participate in “**Snowcoming**” on **Jan. 21. This is a double game and we begin at 5pm.**

We will be Hosting some WGI Groups in February and March to make some money for the band program!

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 Winderlic or Director of Bands Mr. Cox.

Cedar Point Trip - Mr. Cox and Mr. Crowder would like to take the two jazz ensembles to a Music in the Parks trip on **May 13th and 14th.** This event will allow for a great performance assessment as well as a lot of fun. Handouts will be given to the students this month. The cost of the trip would be about \$140 and include travel, contest fees, 1 day park admission and 1 night in a hotel. Food is extra.

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 FIVE 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 18th open – we will have all 5 of our Indoor groups performing!

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

HOSTING DRUMLINE SHOW FEBRUARY 26th, 2022

HOSTING WINTER GUARD CONTEST March 19, 2022 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 8 and

9, 2022. 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.*****

