

DECATUR CENTRAL BAND and GUARD BOOSTER MEETING

JULY MEETING August 12, 2021
6:05pm DCHS Band room



Director's Report – Tim Cox, Director of Bands
New Business

1. **We have had an AWESOME beginning of school** learning at DCHS. **YOUR kids are AWESOME!** Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to teach them.
2. **TRASH BAG** Fundraiser has ended - if you participated, thank you! - if not, please know we are counting on you to do your part for ALL of us to be successful.
3. **Marching Show 2021:** We have had a great start to the marching band season with our Summer Rehearsals...part one and part two! Our first block of summer band (June) focused on process and basic fundamentals. The second part (July camp weeks) focused on learning drill, choreography, and music. *Thanks for having your kids involved!* We have learned 35 pages of drill and have filled in and “produced” a few of the moments in the show so far. We will have two Saturday Mini Camps (8am-5pm) as we end August, and we look to be learning A LOT MORE. Thanks to the staff we have this year, I believe our students are more productive and have more fun! We are very happy with the progress of the students.
4. **BAND CAMP activities:** Thanks for a great band camp! The kids had a blast as we were able to have fun together and make many memories. Well done!
5. **PROPS:** We are well into the building of the props for this year's show. Thanks to our awesome team for getting this started! We have asked A LOT of these prop parents and they are up to the challenge. The snake body parts are nearly complete (frames). We will then cover these frames with custom printed vinyl. Thanks again to the amazing folks that have made this happen - Jim L., Brent W., Chris M., Brandon H., Bill H., Jeremy M. and several others!
6. **Thursday Aug. 12th (today)- Rehearsal is 4pm-6pm** due to back to school night. We will run our **Regular Booster meeting at 6pm** (really about 6:10 so we can let all the kids clear out). If you would like to attend, we would love to SEE LOTS OF YOU at that meeting!
7. **Moving a few dates:** Due to the availability of the DC Stadium, we are moving a few Wednesday Night rehearsals to Fridays directly after school. Please look at the CHARMS calendar now to make adjustments. **We apologize for the change but feel this is what is best for our students to be successful.**



8. **Community Day / Parent Preview:** We hope to host this event on AUGUST 28TH at 6:30 PM in our Stadium. We are awaiting final approval from the Athletic Director to make sure the stadium is available. If not, we may have the event on our BAND LOT. Overstock (older) band and guard shirts will be on sale as well. It is great to see so many parents join us on the field and enjoy the beginning of our competition show!



9. **UNIFORMS / Shoes** - We have ordered and paid for all of these items!! Remember, to get your shoes. We will need you to PAY FOR THEM. No shoes will be given to students without payment! Thanks again to our AMAZING parents (led by Leslie N.), we are into the FINAL FITTINGS stage. Please be sure to have your student stay after or come early to a practice to get the fittings done.

10. **Performance Schedule - Please see the back of the meeting notes.**

11. **Batteries are needed:** C and 9V batteries are used for metronomes and our wireless rehearsal system is needed throughout the season. If you can donate these at any time during the season, please let us know!

12. **2021 Marching Band SHOW T-SHIRTS:** Each show we do has a shirt that is produced with it that students, parents and the community can buy. This is a great way to show support for the students and advertise our product! The design was created by David Bex (band dad) and will be ready for purchase very soon. We will have ON-LINE ORDERS ONLY. You will have TWO WEEKS to place and order. Please watch your EMAIL and check the band WEBSITE regularly.



13. **MARCHING CONTESTS September 18 and October 20! The Contest of Champions is coming up quickly!! We have 3 bands signed up and hope to end up with 13-14 bands here!** The first contest we are hosting is our own Invitational. This means that we are assuming all of the costs (*and keeping all of the profits). The 2nd contest is the ISSMA Class C SEMI STATE: PLEASE reserve these two dates! We will need lots and lots of help on these days. In order to receive the \$100 Band fees discount, **ALL PARENTS MUST WORK THESE TWO CONTESTS!!** Please know that grandparents, friends, and any family members / church friends can be used to help you earn the credit if you cannot work that day. We will have a list of the jobs and job descriptions available on Charms and our band website for you to read before you sign up.



14. **The leadership Clinic with Scott Lang (from Arizona) was cancelled (Tuesday) .**

Through no fault of our own, the clinic didn't get the number needed for it to be financially successful. (Not enough of the other schools wanted to attend).

15. **We are hosting the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps** for rehearsal THIS WEEK Wed / Thurs / Fri from 9am to 4pm in the stadium / Saturday - TBA. A drum corps is basically a PROFESSIONAL MARCHING BAND. They have been Top 5 in the world and we are excited for our kids to check out some rehearsals.

16. **We begin CONCESSIONS this coming week** - see THE CHARMS CALENDAR to sign up and HELP US OUT!!
17. **OUR OWN STORAGE AREA** - With help from the Administration of MSD Decatur, we may be getting a permanent storage facility outside near the Band Tower. More details are coming soon.
18. **BAND FEES ARE DUE!** Just a reminder to keep up on your payments – PAYMENT SCHEDULE IS ON THE CHARMS CALENDAR. THE 4th PAYMENT IS DUE!!



19. **Medical Forms / paperwork is past due:** PLEASE make sure you have all of the forms completed. We will post a list of students who still need to turn these in at rehearsals!

20. **Metal Barn** - The MSD of Decatur Township understands that we need a permanent storage facility and has found us a metal 20 x 40 barn. This barn would be placed near the Band Tower (we are still working out some details about flooring). I have had several meetings with the Administration as well as some of our band dads that make our props. Total cost of the barn, installation, and adding a front door would be about \$12,000. I would like to propose that we offer \$5000 from the boosters to make this happen.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug. 20 (practice/dinner/game 4-9:30)	Football Game	DCHS	7:00
Aug. 28	Parent Preview	DCHS	6:30 - 7:30pm
Sept. 10 (practice/dinner/game 4-9:30)	Football Game	DCHS	7:00
Sept. 18 5:00 - 9:30pm *help needed	Contest of Champions	DCHS	All Day
Sept. 24 (practice/dinner/game 4-9:30)	Football Game	DCHS	7:00
Sept. 25	Bands of America	Obetz, Ohio	All Day
Oct. 8 (practice/dinner/game 4-9:30)	Football Game	DCHS	7:00
Oct. 9	ISSMA Contest	Whiteland HS	All Day
Oct. 15 (practice/dinner/game 4-9:30)	Football Game	DCHS	7:00
Oct. 16	ISSMA Regional	Contest Center Grove	All Day
Oct. 22-23 Possible Saturday	Bands of America	Lucas Oil Stadium	All Day /
Oct. 23	Contest	Whiteland	All Day
Oct. 30 *We host a contest on this date as well at DCHS	ISSMA Semi-State	Ben Davis HS	All Day
Nov. 6	ISMMA State Finals	Lucas Oil Stadium	All Day