



# Decatur Central Band and Guard

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## Band and Guard Booster Meeting May 12, 2022

**Meet the New Directors:** This past Monday we had the pleasure of meeting our two newest Directors...**Mr. Adam Bess** will be the Associate Director of Bands and **Mr. Danny Page** will be our Guard Director. Mr. Bess comes to us from Chesterton High School where he was the Director of Bands for the past four years. He has many accomplishments during that time and is a wonderful young educator. Mr. Page comes to us from Bentonville, Arkansas (Bentonville HS). Danny is an accomplished writer and designer who will bring a fresh perspective as a director and a positive climate to our Color Guard. We want to welcome them to our DCHS family - please take a moment to introduce yourself and wish them well as they move to Indianapolis.

### **Kick off Meeting = success!**

Thanks to the many Booster Officers and Team Leaders who participated in the 2022 Band and Guard KICK OFF Night. We had a great turnout and reviewed information about the upcoming year / reviewed expectations / reviewed the Handbook / Student fees and payments. If you missed the meeting please contact the Director!

### **Booster Elections**

The DCHS Executive Band Booster board will conduct elections on **MAY \*9th\*** Via email. XXX We have the following slate of officers for next year to approve.

Presidents: Gwen and Brent Winderlich

Vice President: Tilynna Francis

Vice President Elect: Chris Mason

Secretary: Michelle Coar

Web / Media: David Bex

Vice President: Lenora Lucas

Treasurer: Shawna Powell

Asst. Treasurer: Christie Ryker



### **Three Registration Nights for Marching Band/ Guard completed**

Thanks to the MANY MANY awesome boosters who ran three nights of registration to get our next season / school year going! Several items were accomplished

\*Uniform fitting, fee payments, form hand in, shoe fitting, Charms system, and more

**The DC Winter Percussion Ensemble** was honored this past Tuesday at the MSD Decatur Township School Board meeting for earning their most recent STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! Congratulations once again on this impressive season!



**Sweet Night of Jazz May 11 \$5.00**

We are very excited to continue our rich tradition of having a jazz event that features both of our jazz ensembles and having the DMS jazz band as our guest on May 11th! This will be a great night of jazz and we are also having a silent auction as a fundraiser - so bring your checkbook and grab some GREAT PRIZES and celebrate jazz at DCHS

**Recap of ISSMA Concert Band preview**

Congratulations to the members of the Concert Band (and Mr. Howard) for earning **GOLD ratings at the ISSMA Organizational contest** that we hosted at DCHS about 4 weeks ago. The Wind Ensemble earned a **GOLD with DISTINCTION** at Zionsville HS State Qualifier contest. This event features the best of the best concert bands (all must play a Group 1 program). Our top band earned some of the highest scores in history and placed 22nd out of the 300 concert bands that went to the ISSMA contest. This is a huge accomplishment!



**Drum Majors will take place this week. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

**Band-O-Rama**

Our Final concert of the year will take place on May 20th 7:00pm - Main Gym / all HS Groups as well as DMS Bands \$5.00 Ensembles from Decatur Middle School as well as all the groups at DCHS will be featured.

**BUDGET 2022-2023**

Approved / voted

**Indoor Winds Program will be retired**

After thoughtful consideration Mr. Cox has decided to retire the Indoor Winds program. This is the 6th year for the group - and although we continue to regret the abrupt end of the season the director of the program will be rerouted for the following reasons: Students will have the opportunity to participate in several other activities that will benefit them more individually and as a core group. Things such as All-State Bands, Private lessons, Sectional couches for each group, instrument specific days that several Universities offer such as Clarinet Day at Ball State, Trombone day at Butler etc., honor band weekends at Butler, Indiana State, Ball State, Depauw, etc.

Our winds will get a better experience on their instruments and be able to work at the pace they need to go. Private lessons should play a major role for all music students and we want to foster this program.

### **Booster Retreat**

Mr. Cox and his wife will once again host a cookout / retreat for all outgoing - and incoming Executive Booster officers as a way to get to know each other and do some planning for the upcoming year. **The date is \*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\***  
2021-22 Budget review

### **Marching Band and Guard Camps / schedule**

We are excited to have BAND CAMP! This year we will rehearse on the following dates

- May 24 and 25 from 6L00-9:00pm
- May 31st - 3rd 9:00am - 5:00pm (lunch is provided)
- June 7-8-9 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- June 14-15-16 6:00- 9:00pm
- July: 14-15 5:00pm - 9:00pm
- July 18-22 9:00 - 5:00pm
- July 25-28 9:00 - 5:00pm



**DCHS Band and Guard Merchandise at FAN Cloth Fundraiser:** (General fund for BAND/GUARD NYC and Philly Trip). This is a great way to support our group and look great while doing it! Please help us reach our goal.

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### **SPRING Banquet and Awards Night**

May 18th 6:30pm in the HS Cafe. Students / Families are going to share in the meal by helping us with a Pitch-in Style event. Seniors - please bring your senior boards for display! We can't wait to celebrate with you! Drinks will be provided by the Band Boosters. Our banquet will be a pitch-in: Seniors - Desserts, Juniors - Sides and All others - Main entree

### **Graduation**

May 26 at 7:00pm - Downtown Convention Center \*Graduation Brass only



### **Student Teacher**

Congratulations to Mr. James Howard our - Student Teacher turned Interim Band Director on his graduation from Butler University this past weekend. We wish him well as he continues on his journey in Music Education!