

# DECATUR CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING

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Director's Report – Tim Cox

## NEW YORK CITY and PILLY TRIP 2022

We had the kick off meeting for our trip on Jan. 31st. You can find all the DETAILS for the TRIP and how to SIGN up on our website [www.dchsbands.org](http://www.dchsbands.org)



### WINTER GUARD:

The Decatur Winter Guard programs have been very busy putting together their 2022 shows. The Varsity guard went to WGI / Avon HS this past weekend and placed 10th. The Cadet Guard has also been to a few competitions where they have received positive comments and a few Silver ratings. Finally the Regional A guard has had a great beginning to their season as well with a 4th place finish at the Mt. Vernon / IHS GA contest. We are excited to see how far these students can go in the coming weeks. The Varsity Guard will be at the Brownsburg HS contest this weekend. If you see a guard member please be sure to congratulate them on the start of their season.



### WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:

This group began its competition season at Franklin Central HS this weekend. They placed 3rd - and nearly won the music caption. We are very pleased with the progress of this group so far this season as they continue to work hard. Their show is called "Neon God". They will be preparing for our HOME Show and will attend a WGI Indy Regional at the beginning of March.



**INDOOR WINDS:** This will be the 6th year for this group to exist and we are very proud of the 43 members! The show this year is called Red Scare and has a strong Russian Nationalist feel to it. Mr. Williams is taking over as the Lead Director of this group – with tremendous help from staff members who have done a great job getting the group ready! They started their season at Franklin Central HS this weekend and



placed 2nd. We had severe technical issues but feel that we can certainly overcome them. We are very excited about the future.

### **Solos and Ensemble Contest**

The ISSMA solo and ensemble contest was held at Decatur Middle School this year a few weekends ago. **We had A LOT of hard working students that performed this year. (45 Events performed)** Students that entered in Group I and received a Gold rating advanced to STATE FINALS. OVER 42 students will perform at STATE FINALS on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at North Central! We will have STATE performances of 3 percussion ensembles, 3 percussion soloists, 5 wind ensembles, and numerous wind soloists performed. What an outstanding day of performances. Congrats to the students on working so hard to achieve at NEW LEVELS! 92 Gold Medals and 12 Silver medals were earned.



We want to wish **Mr. Crowder** and his beautiful family success and happiness as he transitions into a new phase of life after his time at Decatur Central HS.

**JAZZ ENSEMBLES:** The DCHS Jazz bands performed at several Basketball Games this year and were FANTASTIC!! We had so much fun and played well. We have a busy performance schedule coming up soon. Each band will compete in the ISSMA jazz festival on March 4th (a Friday Night) **TOUR:** Jazz Ensemble #1 went on a tour of EACH of the 4 Elementary schools as well at the Middle School last week. Everyone did a great job! The #1 Band will perform in a “Side by Side” concert with the university of Indianapolis on Feb. 23rd and EACH OF THE TWO bands will perform at the Marian Univ. Jazz Festival on March 25th - stay tuned for more info.

### **Guard and Percussion Contests are right around the corner!!!!**

We are starting to build our list of volunteers to work each of the two weekends. **Feb. 26 and March 19<sup>th</sup> respectively.** These two contests provide MAJOR FUNDING FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS IN THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. Several thousands of dollars are made hosting these contests. Without parents to help we will not be successful.

Concession workers and food donations are the two biggest categories. We will spend some time going through the logistics for the shows tonight at the meeting. Please sign up on the website that the band boosters are using. PLEASE look at the CHARMS SITE TO SIGN UP NOW!

**New member meeting:** Coming up soon!

**Sweet Night of Jazz:** We are ready to swing again this year / a committee has been formed to get the SILENT AUCTION part of this event rolling - feel free to JOIN as the money will help ALL OF OUR STUDENTS IN THE ENTIRE PROGRAM!



**Our Marching Band Invitational is October 8th NEXT YEAR!!**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!! Mr. Cox

My thought of the week: ***Thanks to ALL of you that above and beyond the “normal” to help our students! I am very lucky to have people like you at DCHS!!***