

DECATUR CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING June 16, 2022 6:00pm



Director's Report: Tim Cox, Director of Bands Old Business

Welcome to the DCHS Band and Guard family...if you are new we want you to feel welcome. We are always looking for people that want to help the students in our program (Winds, Guard, Percussion, Marching Band, Winter Guard, Jazz Bands, Winter Percussion....etc.) As a Booster - your role is to assist and help our directors, staff, and students. We can use your help in many ways - even 1 hour a month...or as many hours as your schedule allows. All parents, grandparents, etc. must have a background check on file with the school system. These are free and you access these through the district website at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17bs5ff1wNgykZ5VGEZSbIMFVE8cJAFGNmtyNepEPciU/viewform?edit_requested=true (go to the Families section / volunteering). A NEW background check is required for each year if you are going to be interacting with or supervising students with the band and guard.



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Philadelphia THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE and New York City TRIP - We are going to be going on a big trip this year and we would love to get as many people involved as possible. Our tour will start in NYC where we will see all the major tourist sites (Times Square, A Broadway show, 30 Rock Center, Statue of Liberty, and A LOT MORE...as well as the Big parade through downtown Philadelphia / Thanksgiving meal / plus all the sites of Philly!!) Go to

www.dchsbands.org to sign up (follow the prompts). We are using a tour company - Music Travel Consultants from here in Indianapolis to do the tour!! We currently have 106 people going - our goal is 140!

End of the year Banquet: Thanks to the MANY band parents who helped to organize and facilitate this important event. Once again this year we added the 2nd food line (for a total of 4) and this made a world of difference. I believe the PITCH IN was a good choice and economical. The entire event was terrific. Awards were given to members of each ensemble from the Winter and Spring. Congratulations again to our seniors. We again handed out several National Awards including the Sousa and Louis Armstrong awards in

addition to the awards for each ensemble, outstanding attitude, Director's Awards and overall Bandsmen awards. We also thanked our Team Leaders. A special recognition was given to Mr. James Howard for his outstanding student teaching time at DCHS. He is now a band director at Westfield middle school.

Band-o-rama #11 – We had a wonderful night of music last month (man does that seem like forever ago). We had over 320 kids playing. Our guest conductor was Mr. John Morse who is an amazing administrator at Decatur Middle School. The band boosters bought a plaque for him and he appreciated the work and support of the bands. We also recognized Mr. Lyuojhn Williams who is moving to a new Job at Ben Davis HS. Congrats to all of the bands / Color Guard that performed. This was an outstanding event! I was very impressed with the 8th grade band (Congrats to Mr. Williams and Ms. Davis) as well as our HS ensembles. Everyone worked hard to produce this final concert.

Graduation: CONGRATULATIONS to the DCHS BAND and GUARD GRADUATES!! The Graduation “brass ensemble” for 2022 performed at DCHS Graduation a few weeks ago at the convention center downtown last month under the direction of Mr. Cox. The ability to have this small ensemble perform takes the pressure off of the full band and school system as it relates to logistics, time, and money.



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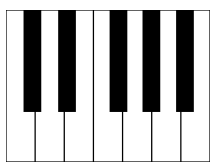
Congratulations to Associate Director of Bands Mr. Adam Bess. Mr. Bess comes to Decatur Central from Chesterton HS where he was the Director of Bands for four years. In that time Mr. Bess helped the students of Chesterton to achieve excellence in concert, marching band, solo and ensemble as well as winter guard and chamber music. Adam student taught at Lawrence Central HS and graduated from Indiana State University. He went to Brownsburg high school. We are excited to have his enthusiasm and welcome him and his wife Lexy.

Congratulations to Associate Director of Bands at Decatur Middle School Ms. Mia Nunokawa. Ms. Nunokawa will join our DCHS Marching Band Staff and is from Butler University. She has a lot of HS experience from Center Grove HS and her major instrument is Bassoon and Alto Saxophone. She is also an accomplished piano player. We are excited to welcome her to our staff and excited for the energy that she will bring to DC and DMS.

Congratulations to our New Guard Director Mr. Harley Blane. Harley will be coming to us from Kentucky where he was a guard director for many years. He has a lot of performance experience (Bluecoats / Crown / Onyx) and a lot of teaching experience with

many high schools throughout Kentucky, Ohio and Southern Indiana. Harley spent last week with us teaching the guard and interviewing with many band boosters / lead guard parents as well as me. We were all very impressed with his week of teaching and his many years of teaching and leading ensembles. He will be here to teach when we begin our rehearsals again in July. We will make a formal announcement (social media) post once Harley has had time to inform his current employer and schools that he has been working with. We appreciate your allowing the Band Directos to make this post first.

Marching Show: We are off and running –Rehearsals are going extremely well as summer band part #1 has begun. All students are working very hard. Our show is titled “Key Change” and will feature several famous piano pieces (classical and some pop music). We will be featuring the members of the Percussion Section to cover the main thematic piano melodies. The field will be set with 9 “Piano Walls”. The walls will move around the field and have anywhere from 5 - 7 keys. The Black keys will move and the white keys will be stationary.



Students will interact with these awesome props constantly throughout the show! Our music is CLASSIC – Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue, Debussy’s Clair de lune, and the Closer will feature music of Billy Joel and his friend.....We are playing very well so far and thanks to the AMAZING STAFF we have – I feel this will only continue. Thanks to new staff members Grant Mason, Justin Heasley, Sam Merklings and Mike Ellis. We will have other staff members joining us once the Drum Corps Season is over.

NEW uniforms: We are buying new uniform tops for the winds and percussion (color guard has a brand new uniform each year). These new “jackets” will be part of the overall look! Thanks to Dance Sophisticates and our Decatur Admin. for helping us to purchase these!!

Congrats to the New Band Booster Executive officers:

President: Gwen and Brent Winderlich	President Elect: Chris Mason
Treasurer – Shawna Powell	Asst. Treasurer - Christie Ryker
Senior Vice President: Lenora Lucas	Vice President: Tilynna Francis
Secretary – Michelle Coar	Communications – David Bex

Vegas Raffle – July - This will be one of the best fundraisers we offer as a LARGE part of the funds raised will benefit the INDIVIDUAL student - Please keep this in mind. DUNK TANK - this will be a Band Camp Fundraiser that will have staff members in the Dunk Tank. We hope everyone will take part in these fundraisers.

COMMUNITY DAY – THIS Event will be scheduled soon and we hope that you will join us - you may also hear this called our “PARENT PREVIEW / SIDE BY SIDE” event. MORE

Info to come!

Band Calendar: We have updated band calendars available here in the band room and on line at the band website. Please make sure you have one. www.dchsbands.org

New Instruments – We are excited to have the opportunity to get brand new Instruments and drum major podiums this year!

JULY: Mandatory Minicamp July 14 -15 (5:00pm-9:00pm) AND CAMPS July 18-22 as well as July 25 - 28 from 9:00-5:00pm. Lunch is served each day as well as a snack 16. The next full Booster meeting will be on July 14th at 6:00pm

ATTENDANCE IS THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS AT PRACTICE!! PAY FEES PLEASE!

CHARMS MUSIC SYSTEM – This is our COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

www.charmoffice.com Please make sure to read the emails! HOWEVER we will be looking to make a change to Mymusic Office soon - details will be sent soon. You should be receiving WEEKLY EMAILS from the BAND / GUARD boosters that detail what is going on - two weeks at a time! Information is always included that details what help we need (concessions / props / chaperones / etc.).

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