

Marching in the Indy 500 Parade

DCHS Marching Band and Guard were honored to march in this year's Indy 500 Parade! Our recently graduated seniors as well as incoming freshman participated in this event marking it as the first and last performances for some students.

An interesting fact about this parade is that it also featured Goshen High School Marching Band under the direction of Tom Cox, identical twin brother of DCHS director Tim Cox. More than a few spectators were confused to see the "same" director with two different bands.

Although the parade was televised on Channel 13 and NBC, our band wasn't shown because of a commercial break, however, video taken by parents has been made available to view on the band's website as well as their YouTube channel. The band's pre-500 parade performance at FOX 59 studios can also be viewed online.



Above: DCHS Band marches through downtown Indianapolis during the Indy 500 Parade



Right: Can you correctly match which Mr. Cox directs Decatur Central's band & which directs Goshen's band?

DCHS Receives All Music Award



The All Music Award is given to bands that demonstrate superior performance in four different areas:

1. Marching Band – Regional Gold Rating
2. Jazz Ensemble – Gold Rating
3. State Solo & Ensemble (requires soloist & ensemble at state)
4. Concert Band – Gold Rating

DCHS's New Assistant Band Director

After a rigorous interview process that included 90 applicants from 5 different states, we are proud to introduce and welcome Zach Crowder as DCHS's new Assistant Band Director. Mr. Crowder was hired in early June and was formally introduced to our students and parents at our annual Side-by-Side event on June 16th. Mr. Crowder is a graduate of Columbus East High School and received his formal music teaching degree from Butler University. Before coming to DCHS, Mr. Crowder was the director at Twin Lakes High School in Monticello, IN. Mr. Crowder and his wife, Jessica, have a 3 year old son, Parker, and are expecting twin girls in September.



Band-O-Rama

May 12th was our annual Band-O-Rama with over 350 students performing from 7th through 12th grade. This was an outstanding event with each band highlighted, including both high school jazz bands, the percussion ensemble, and all concert bands from each school. As is tradition, all the bands performed the school fight song together



as a finale lead by a guest conductor. This year's guest conductor was Mr. Tom Wachnicki, Director of the New Tech SLC at Decatur Central HS. The band boosters presented him with a plaque and acknowledged his work and support he's provided to our band programs. Also, congratulations to middle school directors Mr. Herrick and Ms. Krauss for their hard work and dedication.

A New Look for DCHS Band



Decatur Central Band revealed their new logo during the annual end-of-the-year band banquet on May 17th followed a few days later by their newly redesigned website.

The goal for creating a new logo was to give the band a recognizable identity that would be consistent going forward on all printed materials and merchandising. The logo was printed on a banner and used publicly for the first time during the Indy 500 parade. The updated website is now easier to navigate with lots of useful information about the band program.

The new logo and website were created by band parent and publicity executive board member David Bex. The logo was approved by the entire executive board prior to being approved by the DCHS school board.

[Visit our updated website at www.dchsbands.org](http://www.dchsbands.org)

Congratulations to Our 2017 Band Graduates!

Adam Adams
Ciara Arriaga
Tyffany Buchanan
Jacob Cripe
Evan Dieterle
Kristina Erickson
Kyler Fox

Josh Greeson
Raven Hudson
Savannah Light
William Mannis
Jonathan Medle
Kody Montgomery
Logan Perry

Shelbie Rhodes
Alex Schuster
Dixie Stinson
Karli Thomas
Wesley Widener
Kristen Williamson

Side-by-Side Event & Vegas Trip Raffle

June at Decatur Central can only mean one thing: the first of 2 week long band camps. The camp concluded for the week with our annual Side-by-Side event where parents participate with their band student in learning how to properly hold their instrument, how to march a few steps and how to play a note. We also auctioned off our Las Vegas trip at this event. Congratulations to this year's winner, Katherine Delbridge. Katherine is a band parent whose son is a senior and plays baritone. After the trip giveaway, everyone enjoyed ice cream donated by Culver's and toppings donated by GoPro Restoration. Our second band camp starts after a month long break on July 24th.



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