

DECATUR CENTRAL BAND/GUARD BOOSTER MEETING

(In person and via Zoom)

September 17, 2020 6:00pm



Director's Report – Tim Cox – Upcoming events:

1. **Senior Bios are needed:** Thanks to our Team Leaders we have started to collect the senior info (**short Bio and Picture**) for the upcoming "Senior Night" football game **OCTOBER 2nd**. Students will then be announced with their parents and congratulated for their years of participation.

2. **Senior Memory Books** - The Band Boosters are going to once again prepare a senior memory book for each of the seniors (and presented at a banquet later this fall hopefully). Please fill out the following information: You can also click on this link: <https://www.dchsbands.org/senior-book-questionnaire>



3. **PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM** – Led by Mr. Zach Crowder. Under his leadership we will begin our 4th year of a Private Lesson Program. This is the SINGLE biggest investment you could make in your child to improve them as a musician / guard member. Our large group instruction is fantastic, but individual attention (1 on 1) is always helpful. We encourage you to check this out. We have secured staff for EACH Instrument!



4. **2020 Band and Guard SHOW SHIRTS:** back by popular demand... we are going to have a 2020 Show Shirt for our first ever "All Hallow's Eve" event. Most years we celebrate our marching band show by doing a "show shirt" to promote and build our "TEAM" spirit. This year has been very different, but we would like to keep this tradition alive. Please watch for information on how you can SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS by purchasing this shirt.

5. **OCT. 29th - ALL HALLOW'S EVE EVENT** - we are currently looking at some options (Main Gym / Auditorium) on where to have this event. Tickets will be available SOON - Stay tuned. All Bands / Color Guard and Percussion will be performing at 7:00pm.



6. **Costumes for the "All Hallow's Eve Event"** - We are going to encourage each member of the band and guard to participate in our costume party as a part of our Oct. 29th concert/event. We want everyone to dress up in a "halloween costume" that would be SCHOOL APPROPRIATE to wear during the concert. We will have a CONTEST during intermission that will be judged by 3 of our School

Administrators...Superintendent, Dr. Preseicki, Asst. Superintendent, Mrs. Hofer, and DCHS

Head Principal, Mr. DeFreese. We will be announcing the contest rules and categories very soon. (prizes will be awarded). We will also have a **Canned food drive** at the Halloween Concert Event

7. Leadership Clinic : We will be running a leadership clinic – But we are waiting to pick a date as we hope indoor attendance will continue to increase. We are slated to have SCOTT LANG here to do this clinic and it will be amazing!

8. Letterman Jackets: Each year the Band and Guard have an opportunity to purchase a Letterman Jacket. This jacket is a sign of pride and dedication to our department and is EARNED through excellent effort and participation. The jacket is bought by the student's family and is CUSTOM made for each member by the company Awards America. You can choose many options: Quilt lining, name, instrument(s) or Color Guard, last name on the back of the Jacket or "Decatur Central", etc. Please see the form online by visiting www.dchsbands.org. Or get a form in the band room. Please note ALL membership fees owed to the band department MUST BE paid first before you can buy the jacket.

9. Marching Band / Color Guard fees: Please note that a fee of \$135.00 is currently owed by each member. This fee covers the cost of creating the 2020 marching band show, staff, arrangements, etc.

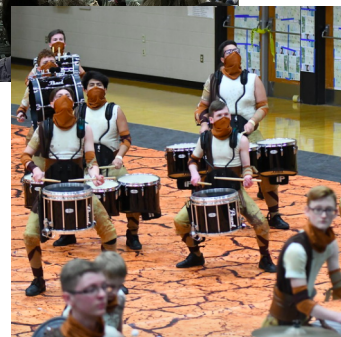


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INDOOR COMPETITIVE GROUPS: The DCHS Band and Guard have 4 competitive Indoor groups each year - and we are ready to begin once again this year. The 4 groups are:

- A. **Indoor Winds** - a group of just WINDS (brass/woodwinds) that produce a mini-marching band competitive show that will compete throughout Indiana and the country. This group will have 2-3 rehearsals a week after school and is highly competitive.
- B. **Varsity Winter Guard** - a group of just COLOR GUARD members that features dancing, spinning and drill. This group is an extension of the color guard class that is last period each day. This group has been a state runner up and medal winner at WGI. This group will practice 2-3 times a week after school (you must be in the class as well).



- C. Cadet Winter Guard - similar to our Varsity group, this group is typically made up of students with less experience. This is a great way to learn about color guard and what being a team member is all about.
- D. Winter Percussion Ensemble - This group consists of all percussionists - or those who want to develop their percussion skills. This group is a 4 time state champion and meets 2-3 times a week after school.

Eah group has a fee for participating which is \$600 and \$300 for the Cadet group. Auditions will be coming up soon! We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and join a group with your friends!

11. Website: The band Web site is www.dchsbands.org – David Bex has done a GREAT JOB with UPDATE of this site – it is always updated, so please look there for all new band info! Please take a few minutes to view it. Mark it as a “favorite”!!

12. BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE DONE TO BE AROUND ANY OF OUR STUDENTS!!

13. Concessions: WE ARE rocking! THANKS to our parents – a new menu – and no food truck! **ENCOURAGE and be positive while in the community!**

14. FINAL WEEK of the \$1000 cash Raffle. We will do the drawing at HALFTIME of the Sept. 18th HOMECOMING GAME with Athletic Director Mr. Dixson pulling the winning ticket. \$4 of every \$5 ticket a student sells will go to their band/guard account.



Committee REPORTS:

15. Open