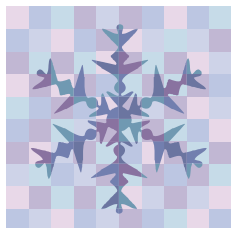




Director's Report

1. FALL MUSICAL: Congratulations to the many students that were involved in our annual fall musical. This full length – straight from Broadway Musical called “The Wizard of Oz” was a hit. The band (pit orchestra) did a great job. Our HS students (and other band directors) worked very hard and it showed. They sounded like professionals. Congrats to the many other Fine Arts students involved. Decatur Central should be VERY proud of this production.
2. HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR: This is our 12th year to host this wonderful event that included all Bands, along with all Choirs and our Drama department. The event looks to be a big success as we will present part of the show to more than 3000 people. Students have been working very hard and HAVE put a lot of time into the event through rehearsals these past few weeks. We performed this past **FRIDAY night at 7:00** and again on **SATURDAY afternoon at 2:30** AND again **SATURDAY night at 7:00**. Tickets were \$8.00. Students participated in oyer dress up or wear HOLIDAY style clothes. We also had a much higher rate of participation with the “decorate your locker room” contest. Percussion won 1st place in the contest .Special thanks to Head Drum Major Justin Rojas for getting this going!
3. THE BAND CALENDAR: This is a valuable piece of info to have. Dates for both Winter Guards, both Pep Bands, Winter Percussion, Indoor Winds etc., are all posted on the CHARMS WEBSITE!!! Please feel free to visit on online at our website: www.dchsbands.org to get the link!
4. PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM: Thanks to Mr. Crowder for getting this going at DCHS and DMS. Having the lessons AT SCHOOL has proven to be a big incentive to our students. Many students are taking the lessons (specific to their instrument / Guard) and this will PROVE TO make the students better and more successful!
5. SOLO AND ENSEMBLE: We have a number of students that have entered a solo or ensemble. Last year we had a great number of students participate WITH GREAT SUCCESS. This is a wonderful opportunity and helps students to grow in their musical knowledge. This contest will take place on **Saturday Feb. 2nd** at **BEN**



DAVIS – 9th Grade Center. THIS IS NEW! More info will be available once we get it from the ISSMA office. We will also present a CHAMBER MUSIC concert with all the Solo and Ensemble performers here at DCHS the night before the contest (**Jan. 29th at 7:00pm**)!

6. INDOOR WINDS: (year #4) has been developed for our growing band department. With the success of our Winter Percussion and Winter Guards – this is the next step. This type of “indoor marching band” will NOT HAVE percussion THIS YEAR. The music is being composed by Jeremy Thompson of Denver, CO. and the Drill will be written by a new Designer from Nashville, TN. Mr. Herrick and Mr. Crowder will be the Directors of this group. Stay tuned and check out our progress as we build this group. We currently have 40 members!



7. WINTER GUARD: The 2018-2019 Winter Guards (VARSITY and the MIDDLE SCHOOL GUARD) are the 2 groups we are running this year. Each Winter Guard has been hard at work learning their new shows – We are very excited about the students that are in these groups and look forward to a great contest season! Brittany Webb is the Director of the Cadet Guard and Meghan Brackett is the director of the Varsity Guard and she will receive help from some staff that were with us in the fall. Stay tuned for the contest lists. The guard practices will be at DCHS, and the DTSE!

8. WPE: The Winter Percussion Ensemble is now off and running – we have an excellent group that will be led by Mr. Schneider. Please make sure all band fees **are current** and the uniform fee of \$100 is paid by the end of this month. No uniforms will be ordered unless we receive a down payment.



9. PEP BAND – THE BLUE AND GOLD: Pep Bands will kick TOMORROW. We have changed the format of this group and it will consist of mainly of member from our Two Jazz Ensembles. ALL are invited to attend. We will be trying to align with the Theme of the games with the student section. Friday and Sat. are BLACK OUT games.

10. BOOSTER FEE COLLECTIONS: The executive team will be helping me to collect fees from parents that still owe from this past marching band season. We are once again behind in collecting these fees. Parents will continue to be contacted until the fees are paid.



11. HOSTED BOA BANDS: Mr. Cox hosted a few bands during the BOA Grand Nationals weekend last month that generated over \$1400 in profit. DCHS continues to be a recognized as an excellent host with excellent facilities.

12. Tux and Dress Measurements were done in preparation for round two of ordering more black concert dresses and the complete Tuxedo for the Wind Ensemble. This is very exciting and will help us to achieve a more professional and legitimate look for the band.

13. WGI PROPOSALS: Mr. Cox submitted several requests to the school board for our Percussion, Winds, and Varsity Guard to compete in WGI regionals and NATIONALS. Each of these requests were approved.

14. Middle School and High School Alignment of teaching practices.

15. Mr. Cox to present at the Indiana Music Educators Conference in January.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

17. OTHER ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Remember:

1. HOST Winter Guard SHOW MARCH 9th We will need over 50 parents and 75 students to run and manage this important contest!
2. HOSTING PERCUSSION Divisional Finals and State Prelims CONTEST MARCH 16^h We will need at least the same number of parents and students to work this event!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR BAND STUDENTS

APPS for the phone or tablet!

SMART MUSIC! is award-winning interactive music software that provides the ideal practice environment. With a subscription to SmartMusic, students have unlimited access to the world's largest accompaniment library for all ages and skill levels, which includes thousands of pieces of music.

Students open an assignment from their teachers, which contains customized instructions for playing a particular piece of music.

TONAL ENERGY APP: (Tuner, Metronome, visual reference, and a whole lot more)

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AND.....ALWAYS --- REEDS – Mouthpieces – Sticks * we would be happy to tell you the brand and strength.

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