



STAG NOTES



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FROM THE PODIUM. . . MATTHEW L. BICKEL

We are so excited for the start of this school year! While it was tough to say goodbye to Mr. Roper, he certainly prepared us all to carry the DeMatha Music torch.

Our rehearsal procedures are back to normal --no more masks or bell covers. We continue to use hydroxylators to purify the air and have hand sanitizer stations throughout the music building. Private instructors have returned to give lessons to many of our students. There is no substitute for weekly private lessons!

At our recent Instrumental Music Parent Meeting we announced that this year's annual music trip will be to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. More details to follow.

We are continuing our efforts to fill the music hallway wall with commemorative tiles, and about 28 spots remain. If you would like to purchase a tile, please contact Tom Ponton at (240) 764-2222.

Regarding fundraisers, please mark your calendars for our two major events: the Kaleidoscope Concert on Saturday, October 8th and the Music 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, November 12th.

Thank you for being so supportive of our music program. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming concerts and fundraisers.

TENTH ANNUAL KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT

October 8, LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center
Doors Open: 6:15 PM Concert: 7:00 PM

The Kaleidoscope Concert, one of our major fundraisers, is nearly two weeks away. A concert of "pop" and "novelty" music on three stages, will be performed by various instrumental groups. John-Paul Flaim, host of the Sports Junkies and author of *Chasing Rocky and Still Barking*, will serve as the Master of Ceremony.

Some musical numbers this year you may recognize are from:

Taylor Swift Stevie Wonder The Weeknd

Tickets are \$20 if purchased before September 27th, and \$25 after. There will be no food or drink at the event this year, but we will have a gift basket raffle and a \$1,000 raffle. Be sure to bring some bucks!

Funds for DeMatha Music are raised through sponsorships and advertising in our printed and distributed concert program. Please consider supporting this way, either sponsoring with a donation, or purchasing an ad. We encourage special message ads congratulating individual students, the music program, or a specific music group. Of course, this is a great way to promote your business as well. More than 400 people are expected, quite the large audience for a small price, and your ad will continue to run in the Fall and Spring Concert Series programs.

Please visit the Stag Store online or in person to reserve your tickets. Click here to be a sponsor or place an ad. We are also accepting item donations for our gift basket raffle to be held at the concert; more information can be viewed here. Complete details on how you can help can be found on our website.

5K Run/ Walk Sponsorship

On Saturday, November 12th our entire music program will unite for our annual Music 5K Run/Walk at Glenn Dale Community Center. This is our second and final fundraiser of the year. If interested in sponsoring a young man for this event, email me at mbickel@dematha.org. Your name will be provided to a current Stag, who will be asked to contact you. What a great way to stay in touch with the students that are preserving your legacy!

The James S. Roper Scholarship Fund

Our newest scholarship, created Spring '22, honors Mr. Roper's 40 years of service and commitment to DeMatha Music. This scholarship is intended for instrumental music students who may not have been awarded a music scholarship as an incoming student, but have worked diligently to exceed all expectations.

Additional Scholarship Funds

The *John H. Mitchell Scholarship Fund* gives tuition assistance to talented instrumental students.

The *Charles Lawrence Scholarship Fund* provides help for private lessons to those who cannot afford them.

Please consider supporting our scholarship funds through our Online Giving site!

CONCERT SCHEDULE 2022 – 2023

Saturday, October 8	KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT Percussion Ensemble II, Advanced Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Sinfonia, Philharmonic, and Wind Ensemble Convocation Center, 7:00 PM
Saturday, December 3	WAMTC BAND FESTIVAL Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Good Counsel High School, 11:00 AM - TBA
Thursday, December 8	FALL CONCERT Concert Band I, Percussion Ensemble I, Concert Band, Concert Strings I and Concert Strings Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Monday, December 12	FALL CONCERT Percussion Ensemble II, Advanced Percussion Ensemble and Symphonic Band Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 13	FALL CONCERT Jazz Ensemble and DeMatha Chorus Convocation Center, 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 15	FALL CONCERT Sinfonia, Philharmonic and Wind Ensemble Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 2	SPRING CONCERT Concert Strings I, Concert Strings, Concert Band I, Percussion Ensemble I, Concert Band, Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 4	SPRING CONCERT Percussion Ensemble II, Advanced Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 9	SPRING CONCERT Sinfonia, Philharmonic, and Wind Ensemble Northwestern High School, 7:00 PM