



DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars

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November 2022

November 1

- All Saints Day
- Winter Sports Physicals Due

November 2

- Feast of All Souls
- Tag Day—Food Drive

November 3

- Grades Posted

November 6

- Open House

November 7

- Grades Published
- 2-hour Delay Opening

November 8

- Winter Sports Begin

November 10

- Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 11

- No Classes—Veterans Day

November 12

- Music Dept. 5K

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DeMatha Matters

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Report Cards and Grades



The first quarter grades will be posted online November 3, and report card will be directly handed to students on Tuesday, November 8. As stated on page 52 of the Student Handbook, seniors failing more than three subjects at the end of the first semester will be required to withdraw from DeMatha at that time. Questions concerning the report card should be directed to the teacher and/or the student's counselor. See the website for contact information.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 10, Parent-Teacher Conferences will take from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Detailed information will be sent out and will be posted on the website.



Principal Notes

November is typically a time of transition: to the second quarter, to colder weather, to different sports seasons, to shorter days and longer nights. I try to think during times of transition what it is that I want to carry with me from before and what I want to leave behind.

I would really like to carry forward the energy and enthusiasm that has marked the opening quarter of the year. I would be happy to leave behind COVID scares.

We really lean into service in November through our food drive. This practice is part of our Gospel mission and it gives us a chance to talk about charity as well as to practice charity. In addition, we can talk about justice and creating a just world - and that requires study and thought and engages our academic side.

Building the DeMatha community requires that we engage with the surrounding communities and that we support them as best we can.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dr. Daniel J. McMahon

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Parent Alert Emails: Communications on closings, weather, activity and sports updates from DeMatha will automatically be sent via e-mail to the primary email listed on the student's Veracross account.

Music Matters

- ◆ Music Dept 5K Run/Walk, **Saturday, Nov. 12** Glenn Dale Comm. Cntr., 7:30AM
- ◆ WAMTC Band Festival, **Saturday, Dec. 3** Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble, Good Counsel High School, Olney, 11:00 a.m. thru the evening.

Fall Concerts - All Invited!

- ◆ **Thursday, Dec. 8** -Concert Band I, Percussion Ensemble I, Concert Band, Concert Strings I and Concert Strings—*Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM*
- ◆ **Monday, Dec. 12** - Percussion Ensemble II, Advanced Percussion Ensemble and Symphonic Band - *Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM*
- ◆ **Tuesday, Dec. 13** - Jazz Ensemble and DeMatha Chorus - *Convocation Center, 7:00 PM*
- ◆ **Thursday, Dec 15** - Sinfonia, Philharmonic and Wind Ensemble - *Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM*

Music 5K Run/ Walk 11-12-22

The annual 5K Run/Walk is fast approaching on Saturday, November 12th at [Glenn Dale Community Center](#). The event is **mandatory** for DeMatha Music students as significant funds are raised to assist in covering program costs. Registration begins at 7:30AM and the race concludes at 9:30AM. Students are asked to raise a minimum of \$100 in pledge donations. [Pledge forms](#) have been distributed to music students. If interested in sponsoring a young man for this event, email mbickel@dematha.org.

Also, be sure to follow DeMatha Music on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for the latest department reminders, updates and news!

Parent Matters - DPO



- Sophomore Bake Sale is Nov. 18th.
- Bring-a-Pie Day is Nov. 22nd.
- Please look for current information, calendar changes, updates, etc., on our website and Antler Points
- Let us know if for some reason you are not receiving any email correspondence from school.

State Nonpublic Textbook & Technology Program

In 2021-2022, \$51,740 in state funds was used to obtain new textbooks and online resources for the Mathematics and Social Studies department. Additionally, the school was able to cover software licensing costs for the computer labs and get a new chromebook cart for student use. For several years, Maryland's Nonpublic Textbook Program has provided tremendous support in allowing DeMatha purchase books and improve technology in the school without any additional student fees. Please thank your state officials for this funding, and encourage them to continue their support for nonpublic education.

Weather Related Information



DeMatha follows Prince George's County for [delayed openings of one or two hours and school closings only](#). In cases of an early dismissal for Prince George's County schools, DeMatha will make an independent decision. Please listen to WTOP 103.5 FM, News Channel 8, [check the website and be attentive to parent alert emails](#). Bus transportation updates are found on the website.

Academic Matters

Grading Scale

DeMatha's grading system is based on letter grades that have certain numerical and quality point equivalents. The grading scale is as follows:

A	94-100	C	74-79
A-	90-93	C-	70-73
B	84-89	D	65-69
B-	80-83	F	Below 65

Academic Probation

Students on Academic Probation will be placed in a mandatory study hall for the entire quarter. See page 52 & 53 of the Parent-Student Handbook for further details on academic probation and extracurricular ineligibility.

Cafeteria Optional Payment Plan



See the website under quick links for weekly specials and for instructions on the *optional* cafeteria payment plan which **requires** use of a student ID.

www.myschoolaccount.com

Veracross

If you are having trouble accessing Veracross, please click **Parents** on the DeMatha website, and then select **Veracross Information**.

Workplace Giving

DeMatha will participate in the following campaigns: the United Way (#8392), Combined Federal Campaign (#89951), Maryland Charity Campaign, DC Government's One Fund, and others. Contributions are tax deductible and donors are recognized in the DeMatha Annual Report. Please contact Mrs. Maureen McCart in the Advancement Office at mmcart@dematha.org or 240-764-2221 for questions.

Financial Aid

Deadlines Approaching

Financial aid applications are now available online. Application deadline for financial aid from the Archdiocese of Washington is **Friday, December 2, 2022**. Applications are available online only at <https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/>. The application deadline for financial aid from DeMatha is **Thursday, December 15, 2022**. Applications are available online only at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FSBN>. Decisions on DeMatha financial aid will be mailed in late January 2023. For more details please see the financial aid letter that was sent out on Veracross email. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Metz in the Business Office ametz@dematha.org



SAT Information

Register for the SAT online www.collegeboard.org. The SAT Test dates and registration deadlines for the year are as follows:

CEEB# 210660

Test Date & Registration Deadline

(Late registration is available)

Dec 3, 2022	Nov 3, 2022
Mar 11, 2023	Feb 10, 2023
May 6, 2023	Apr 7, 2023
Jun 3, 2023	May 4, 2023

(Visit CollegBoard.org for detail and most up-to-date information)

Bus Transportation

DeMatha operates bus routes servicing the following areas: 1) Annapolis-Bowie, 2) Dunkirk-Upper Marlboro, 3) Charles County - Ft. Washington, 4) Montgomery County, 5) Eastern Market, - AM only, 6) Eastern Market - PM only, 7) Howard County/Laurel, and 8) St. Peter's/Waldorf.

For updates, information regarding times, routes and costs, check our website under DeMatha Quicklinks/Bus Transportation.

Call Mr. Andrew Eck at 240-764-2194 or email aeck@dematha.org for more information. Please respect the bus drivers as you would respect school staff. If a student is disciplined for an infraction, the parents shall still be responsible for payment of all fees for transportation services. **No refunds will be given.** Thank you for your cooperation. For billing questions: 240-764-2216 or ametz@dematha.org.

Asbestos & Lead Monitoring

Several times a year, the facilities of DeMatha are inspected to ensure that our buildings meet all requirements with respect to the containment and abatement of asbestos covered surfaces (pipes, floor tiles, etc.). DeMatha fully complies with all environmental laws and regulations mandated by state and federal regulations with regard to AHERA. Copies of inspection reports and AHERA compliance documents are available in the Main Office during normal business hours. Additionally, as mandated by MD state law, all drinking water supplies have been inspected for lead and found to be in compliance with state regulations.

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DM Players



The DeMatha Players are proud to present **The Werewolf and His Problems** by Tim Kochenderfer as our fall production this year. This farce involves the struggles of a man who returns to a frontier trapping community to find his love engaged to another man, which prompts him to enter into a faustian bargain. As the situation spins out of control, the jokes roll apace in this fun piece. The show will be performed December 2, 3 and 4, with a small live audience and available to stream as well. We hope to see you there!

Yearbook Pictures



Yearbook picture day is scheduled on **Tuesday, November 15**. All students must be in uniform and clean shaven and have a free photo taken for the yearbook. **Seniors** - Any senior who has not had a picture taken **MUST** make an appointment. Contact Legacy Studios customer-care@legacystudios.com or **800-348-4360**, to schedule your appointment.

To View/purchase event/activity pictures, visit: shoplegacystudios.com and use our school code:

Free Metro Shuttle



Metro Shuttle Service

Pickup at College Park Metro at 7:45am. Should arrive at DeMatha before 8:00am

Morning pickup: Picks up on the ROUTE 1 SIDE of College Park Metro.

Afternoon pickup: Picks up on 44th Street, along the side of the Convocation Center at 3:10 p.m, and drops off at College Park Metro.

Campus Ministry Food Drive



The CMO Annual Winter Food Drive will begin on **Wednesday, November 2**, and will continue until **Friday, November 18**. We ask that students bring in canned food to the original gym or cash donations to Campus Ministry Office. We are raising money and food to support St. Augustine's Parish in NW, the Little Sisters of the Poor in DC, St. Jerome's in Hyattsville, St. Mark's in Hyattsville and Mary House, DC.

On **Wednesday, November 2**, we will host a **Food Drive Tag Day** - cost is \$3 or 3 cans. Thank you for assisting your son in contributing to this event.

Our goal is to reach AT LEAST 12,500 cans. We aim to provide enough food for 700 families to celebrate Thanksgiving or be food secure through the holiday season.

If we reach our goal, the DeMatha administration will give the entire school a day off on Monday, November 28!

Detailed information via Antler Points and on our website.

Your generosity is appreciated!

Service Hours

All November service hours are due on **Wednesday, November 30**.

Senior Retreat

Senior Overnight Retreat will be held at Camp Sandy Hill in North East, MD November 21. Details regarding the retreat had been emailed to all seniors and parents. Please email Fr. Josh at frjosh@dematha.org if you have any questions.

Attendance

- **Lost and Found:** Lost and Found is located in the Attendance Office.
- Every student should have a Student Handbook. Please review the handbook with your son.
- We have incorporated "strategic long weekends" along with the holiday breaks. We hope you will use these weekends for college visits, medical appointments, etc.

November 11

November 23 - November 27
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 19 - January 2
Christmas/NY Holiday

January 16
MLK Day

February 13
Cyber Day

February 20
President's Day

March 31 - April 10
Easter/Spring Break

May 29
Memorial Day

REPORT ABSENCE DIRECTLY

240-764-2230

or

Attendance@DeMatha.org

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November 15

- Yearbook Picture Day

November 17

- Junior College Process Meeting

November 18

- Bake Sale Sophomores
- Food Drive Ends

November 21—22

- Senior Overnight Retreat

November 22

- DPO sponsored Bring-a-Pie Day

November 23-25

- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 29

- Toy Drive Begins

November 30

- Service Hours Due

December 1

- Christmas Tree Lighting

December 2-4

- DM Player Fall Play

December 8

- Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 9

- Early Dismissal/Faculty/Staff Luncheon
- Toy Drive Ends

No Shave November



SGA is sponsoring No Shave November:

Proceeds will help support [A Soldier's Child Foundation](#)

Who: Student/faculty member

What: Free pass on Shaving if they donate \$20. Cash: please see Mrs. Stockton in the Counseling Center or online at: [No Shave November](#)

When: November 16-December 9th (yearbook pictures rescheduled to November 15th, students must be clean shaven for yearbook pictures).

No Shave November Tag Day (whole school): Thursday, December 1. \$2 Tag Day Rules Apply