



DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars

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October 2021

October 1:

- Homecoming Football

October 2:

- Homecoming Dance

October 4:

- Walk-A-Thon

October 5:

- Full Uniform Required

October 6:

- Flu Clinic

October 8:

- Ceremonial Groundbreaking
- Full Day / All 8-ceremony

October 11:

- NO CLASSES

October 13:

- NWEA—9th & 10th
- PSAT— 11th
- No classes for 12th grade

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Student Progress

Student progress will be updated through Veracross. Every student has a Veracross account. Questions concerning student progress should be directed to the teacher first. See the website for contact information. Teachers update Veracross regularly. Seniors with more than 3 failing grades at the end of the first semester will be required to withdraw from DeMatha at the conclusion of the semester. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to Mr. Andrew Bright.

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 and through parent alert emails.

Principal Notes

We are celebrating our 75th year this year—and we really kicked off the celebration with the DeMatha Players production of Man of La Mancha in May. There is a beautiful mural (Thanks Mr. Holsey and helpers!) outside on the parking lot wall; there is new artwork going up in the main hall; we relocated a statue of the Virgin Mary and honored the nuns who served the Monastery; and we have events planned in every month to recall our history as this is one-half of what gives us identity.

If our history—personal, cultural, national—gives us part of our identity, our mission, which is always forward looking, gives us the other half. A mission gives us goals that we aspire to which will never be complete but which guides us in our choices.

There will be a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new building in October, our food drive in November and a special St. John de Matha Day celebration in December. There are many other scheduled events that encourage us to look backwards in gratitude for those who got us here, and to look forward in hope with those around us.

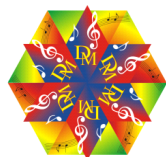
Dr. Daniel J. McMahon

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.

Academic Awards Night

Academic Awards Night is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27**. All students who have been on the Honor Roll, Academic Dean's List, or Principal's List for three consecutive quarters (1st quarter, 1st semester and 3rd quarter) will be awarded lapel pins. In addition, special awards will be given to seniors graduating with honors (a cumulative 3.0 average) and with highest honors (a cumulative 3.8 average). Also receiving recognition will be students who have achieved excellence in a variety of other academic pursuits. Attendance is by invitation only.

Instrumental Music Booster Fundraiser



Join us on **Saturday, October 16**, at 6:00 p.m., as five esteemed music directors and over two hundred young musicians will come together to form eleven specialized ensembles performing popular, light musical pieces across three separate stages in the LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center at the eighth annual **Kaleidoscope Concert**. Please come to support the DeMatha Instrumental Music Program. Advertise your business or support a musician by placing an ad in our concert Playbill. Tickets will be available online via the DM Stag Store <https://store.dematha.org/>
Thank you!

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Parent Matters - DPO

- ◆ *The next parent organization (DPO) meeting will take place Oct. 26 at 7:00 pm in the Antler Room.*

Mandatory Standardized Testing - Wed. Oct. 13

-9th & 10th Grades:

9th and 10th graders will be taking the **NWEA** on October 13, the 4 areas being tested are science, math, language and reading comprehension. This test will be used as an indicator of academic growth. Freshmen who are absent on the official testing day will be required to make up. Details to be announced. There will be no after school waiting room and the cafeteria will be closed.

- 11th Grade:

11th grades will be taking the **PSAT**. Students must arrive in full uniform with two, #2 pencils. Approved calculators are permitted and encouraged; however, not required for the math portion of the exam. Testing schedules to be announced. There will be no after school waiting room and the cafeteria will be closed. Check the website for transportation adjustments. Seniors do not have school.

-12th Grades: NO SCHOOL

Course Expectations & Veracross

Faculty have been asked to post course expectation sheets on their class website under the **Resources** tab in Veracross. Please notify the Principal's office if there is no course expectation sheet posted. If you are having trouble accessing Veracross, please click **Parents** on the DeMatha website, and then select **Veracross**

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

Yearbook Pictures



Yearbook pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, October 20**, for ALL grades. Information with order forms will be available in the main office and on our website. All students must be in full uniform and have a free photo taken for the yearbook. Seniors - Photographers will also be doing **Senior portraits** that day. Any senior who has not had a picture taken **MUST** make an appointment and have his picture taken on this day. <https://seniors.legacystudios.com/dematha-catholic-high-school-hyattsville-md/> Contact *Legacy Studios* customercare@legacystudios.com or 800-348-4360 with any questions.

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

ACT & 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)

Oct. 2, 2021	Sept. 3, 2021
Nov. 6, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021
Dec. 4, 2021	Nov. 4, 2021
Mar. 12, 2022	Feb. 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	Apr. 8, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

DeMatha offers after-school **SAT Prep** courses throughout the year for \$50 for the verbal course, \$50 for the math course or \$90 for both. Classes are limited to 25 students and seniors will be given preference. Registration forms are located in the Counseling Center and online. SAT Prep class dates will be announced and posted in the Weekly Bulletin and Parent Alert. First class begins Thursday, October 12.

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.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, masks must be worn on buses.

Parking



Parking Spaces have been assigned. **Please do not park in numbered or reserved spaces when you visit the school.**

Please DO NOT park in the faculty parking lot. Limited visitor spots are located in front of the school, or in lots closest to Route 1.

Homecoming Activities

Friday, October 1, Homecoming football game vs. Life Christian Academy is 7:00pm at PG Sports & Learning Complex. (Tickets on TicketSpiket.com)

Saturday, October 2, Homecoming Dance (SOLD OUT)

Discipline Matters

- ◆ **Full uniform** will be required on **Tuesday, October 5.** All students are expected to be wearing navy or maroon blazers, solid color dress shirts, dress gray or khaki DM pants, belt, socks, tie and specific dress shoes. **Students are also required to be clean shaven. Facial hair is NOT permitted except neatly groomed mustaches.**
- ◆ Students may not wait for rides on the front steps of the school or in the rear parking lot. Students may not leave school grounds and return to meet their rides.
- ◆ Students not involved in an official school activity are required to leave the school by 3:15 p.m. on regular days and by 1:15 p.m. on early dismissal days.

After-School Waiting Room

Open from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria on regular school days and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on early dismissal days, except holiday weekends. There is no charge.

After-School Study Hall

Study Hall is in the library from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday on regular school days. No books can be checked out at this time.

State Nonpublic Textbook & Technology Program

In 2020-2021, \$52,845 in state funds was used to obtain new textbooks and online resources for the Mathematics department. 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.

Christian Service Hour

Verification System

Students are required to complete Christian service hours each year at DeMatha. All students who had re-registered by the end of April were sent a letter with information from Campus Ministry on the service hour requirements for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Christian service hours can only be submitted by students via their DM email accounts. Instructions, service opportunities and suggestions, and links to submit hours can be found on the Christian Service page on the DM website: <http://bit.ly/DMChristianService>

Students need to work with organizations that fulfill their specific yearly requirement. Pre-approved service locations for each grade are listed on the Campus Ministry website for your reference. **Please do not complete projects without checking to see if they fulfill the requirement first!!!** For community service concerns, your son should visit the Campus Ministry Office or see pages 38 - 40 in the Student Handbook. Please email all questions about deadlines and opportunities to Mrs. Bright at ebright@dematha.org. Be sure to identify your son's graduation year in the email.

Daily Mass

The celebration of daily mass will take place at 7:45 a.m. in the chapel. *All are welcome to attend* to spend some time in prayer every day. We do suggest, if you are not a student and interested in attending mass, please call to verify that we have not had a change in the schedule.



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.

October 11

October 29 Cyber Day

November 15

November 24 - November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20 - December 31

Christmas Holiday

January 14 & 17

February 21

March 21 - March 25

April 14 - April 15

Easter Break

April 18 Cyber Day

May 30

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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. Call Mrs. McCart in the Institutional Advancement Office at 240-764-2221 for questions.

Calendar October 2021

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October 16:

- Kaleidoscope Concert

October 20:

- Yearbook Picture day
- Senior Portrait Make-up by Appt.

October 26:

- End of 1st Quarter
- Parent Organization Meeting

October 28

- NHS Candidate Packet Due

October 29

- Cyber Day

October 31

- Service Hours Due

November 1

- All Saint's day
- Grade Posted
- Winter Physical Due

November 2:

- Feast of All Souls
- Tag Day: Food Drive

Uniforms

Students are required to be in full uniform **Tuesday, October 5**. The DM polo shirt is only available in the DM bookstore. See p. 72 & 73 in the Student Handbook for specific uniform requirements. Our school uniform company is Potomac Uniform, 301-339-8466. Uniform information can be found on the website at www.DeMathaUniforms.com