



DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars

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March 2023

March 6

- Senior Service Hours Due

March 7

- Early Dismissal

March 9

- Jr Ring Ceremony

March 14

- End of 3rd Quarter

March 14 - 15

- Senior Service Interviews

March 16

- Muffin Madness
- College Process Meeting (Juniors)

March 17

- NHS Tag Day

March 22

- Early Dismissal
- Sophomore Retreat and Conversations

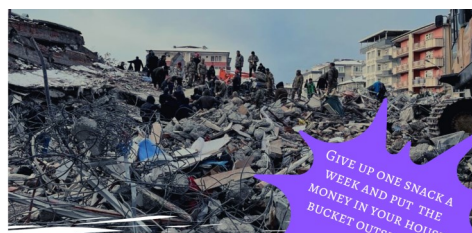
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DeMatha Matters

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DEMATHA LENTEN CHALLENGE

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF
THE EARTHQUAKES IN
TURKEY & SYRIA

PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

Weather Related Information

While DeMatha usually follows Prince George's County for delayed openings and school closings, DeMatha does make independent decisions on occasion. **Please check the website and be attentive to Parent Alert emails.** If DeMatha is delayed one or two hours, buses will run 1 hour or 2 hours later accordingly.



Principal Notes

I mentioned last month that I have been thinking "attention economy" and I plan to expand on that a little bit.

Some of the only times I see students without a device in their hands or EarPods in is when they are playing a sport, or in the fitness center, or in music—ideally not while they are in class but I have caught more than a few "just checking the time" or "seeing what my mom wants."

What links the spaces when I don't see devices and EarPods are places that require physical and mental attention and discipline. Ironically, those places are often thought of as less important academically. There is only so much attention, time, we can give in a day. What happens to our ability to focus or pay attention if that is constantly degraded by devices? What happens to our ability to be in community if we are in protective cocoons of our own making? I don't think we have the answers to these things, though the early data looks scary.

Maybe this Lenten Season we can turn our attention to some of these questions. I think I will have a bit more to say about this in April's DeMatha Matters.

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.

Graduation Video



The 2023

Commencement

Video is available to purchase. This professional DVD typically runs 2 hours, 15 minutes and contains graduation from start to finish and more. Orders placed Jan.1-April 1, will be \$50. After April 1, the cost is \$55. DVD's will be shipped directly to your home. Blu-Ray and digital delivery also available. Order forms available in the Main Office or on our website (under forms).

Senior Calendar

(check website for most updated info.)

March 6

Senior Service Hours Due

March 14-15

Senior Service Interview (if eligible)

March 23

Mandatory Senior Parent Meeting, 7:00pm, NO STUDENTS.

March 24

Senior Service Reflections Due

May 1-12

AP Exams

May 5

Prom—optional. No Classes for Seniors

May 10-12

Senior Exams (**Mandatory**)

May 11

Graduation Practice 10:30am at Convocation Center (**Mandatory**)

Senior/Faculty Picnic

May 22-24

Senior College Prep (**Mandatory**)

May 31

Graduation Practice, (**Mandatory**)

11:00am at the Shrine

Baccalaureate Mass, (**Mandatory**) 4:00pm at the Convocation Center. Seniors to arrive at 3:30

June 2

Graduation 9:00AM at the Shrine

Parent Matters - DPO

Thank you to all our Junior parents who donated to the bake sale Feb. 10th. And to all our volunteers.

- March Muffin Madness will be held on **Thursday, March 16**. We ask that all junior and senior families donate muffins and drop them off in the main lobby before school.
- Plan to attend the DPO Parent Social & Raffle on **Wednesday, May 17** to network and meet others in a relaxing setting with refreshments and music. Please join us for an outdoor gathering from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an evening of fun! For further information, contact the DPO@DeMatha.org
- Mark your calendar now for the 18th Annual Mother/Son Luncheon to be held on **Sunday, May 7**. (Time and location TBA)

DeMatha Players



The DeMatha Players are excited to present our version of Camelot, the famous musical once performed by Richard Burton, Julie Andrews & Robert Goulet. The tragedy of King Arthur, the love of Guenevere and Lancelot, and the machinations of Mordred have captivated audiences since the premiere in 1960. Come join us for the signature music and enthralling tale. Performances are **April 28-30**, at 7pm on Friday & Saturday, and 2pm on Sunday. Tickets will be available for our in-person audience at the Stag Store in April.

Annual DPO Tuition Raffle

Wouldn't you love a \$10,000 credit toward your son's tuition???

Raffle information was mailed to every family. Single ticket @\$35.00 or two @\$60.00

Drawing on May 17th.

If you need more information, please stop by the main office or contact dpo@dematha.org

Good Luck!

Academic Matters

Summer Session

School regulations stipulate that any failing grade must be made up in summer school. Students are also required to attend summer school if they meet one of the following criteria: a final grade of F in any class; a grade of D in Algebra 1, Part 1; Algebra 1, Part 2; regular Algebra 1, or Algebra 2. A grade of D in Honors Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 2 does not result in required summer school. Instead, the student will move out of the honors math program. A grade of D in the first two levels of a world language also requires remediation in summer school. If a student achieves an extremely low final grade, he may be required to repeat the course the following year depending on individual academic department regulations. DeMatha makes every attempt to remediate failed classes. Please check the website for summer session offerings beginning April 1. Please take the summer school dates into consideration when making vacation plans. **Summer school: Tuesday, June 20 –Thursday, July 20**. Failure to make up a class in summer school will result in a \$400 fee being assessed in the fall for administrative and scheduling purposes.

Junior/Senior Prom



The prom will be held on **Friday, May 5**, at the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, University of Maryland, 3501 University Blvd East, Adelphi, MD, 20783, from 7:00pm Formal attire is required. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. **No entry after 8:30 p.m.** Students may not leave until 11:30 p.m. Tickets will be available in the Main Office, **Tuesday, April 11 thru Friday, April 28**, for \$80 per person.

Payment by cash or check.

No refunds!

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.

Asbestos inspections occur every 6 months internally and an independent inspection from an outside source occurs every 2 years.

All water outlets are sampled and analyzed by an independent state approved laboratory every 3 years.

All buildings are monitored for mold throughout the year. Testing and mitigation occur on an as needed basis.

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Music Matters

March 3-5: Junior and Senior All-State Band and Senior Orchestra

March 6: Voices of DM evening rehearsal, 6-8:30pm

March 13: DM Harmonics rehearsal, 6:30 - 8:00pm

March 14 - 18: P.G. Co. Band and Orchestra Festival

March 27: Voices of DM evening rehearsal, 6-8:30 pm

March 30 - April 1: WAMTC Honor Band and Orchestra

April 12 / 13: Instrumental Music Parent Meeting for trip participants, Antler Room, 7:30pm **Mandatory**

April 20 - 22: Music Festival Trip Myrtle Beach, SC

April 29: PG Solo and Ensemble Festival

May 2: Spring Concert
Concert Strings I, Concert Strings, Concert Band I, Percussion Ensemble I, Concert Band, Bladensburg HS, **7:00pm**

May 4: Spring Concert
Percussion Ensemble II, Adv. Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Bladensburg HS, **7:00pm**

May 9: Spring Concert
Sinfonia, Philharmonic and Wind Ensemble, Northwestern HS, **7:00pm**

May 13: Instrumental Music Awards Ceremony, Convocation Center, **6:30pm**

June 2: Graduation

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)

May 6, 2023 Apr 7, 2023

Jun 3, 2023 May 4, 2023

Congratulations!

Congratulations

to all those who made the first semester Honor Roll, Academic Dean's List, and Principal's List. Names have been posted on the website (under Academic News) and in school.

AP Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams will take place **Monday, May 1** through **Friday, May 12**. Students must be registered by submitting payment to be permitted to take his exam(s). Payment is due by **Monday, March 6 (updated)**, **Payment can be made via the Stag Store.**

If you have any questions concerning AP testing, please contact Mr. Garrett at 240-764-2229 or tgarrett@dematha.org.

Support the Annual Fund!

DeMatha's Annual Fund provides for ongoing yearly costs, including student programs and scholarship funds. Donations, as well as gifts of stocks, real estate and planned giving, allow us to continue educating all of our young men in the DM tradition. Designations to scholarship funds or specific programs are welcome. For more information or to donate online, please see "Support DeMatha" on the website, or contact Mr. Thomas Ponton at 240-764-2222 or tponton@dematha.org.

Campus Ministry - CMO

March 6, 2023

Senior Service hours are due. Seniors who cannot make this deadline **MUST** see Mrs. Bright for an extension. Please submit hours using the link on the Christian Service webpage.

March 23, 2023

Sophomore Retreat

March 24, 2023

Senior Service Reflections Due

Lenten Drive

Every year, during the season of Lent, DeMatha participates in a charitable giving drive designed to help us develop generosity and compassion. Doing this will hopefully bring us closer to God and our neighbor and prepare us for the joy of Easter. This year, we are working with the Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC) to raise money for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Turkey/Syria. The ICRC is a trusted organization that we've partnered with before and will be buying and delivering supplies to anyone who's been affected by the earthquakes. We are encouraging our DeMatha students to make small weekly sacrifices (such as foregoing a snack) and donating that money to the cause. There are House jars outside Campus Ministry for donations.

Sophomore Retreat is coming up on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The theme of our retreat is "Faith-Filled Masculinity" and will allow our sophomores to reflect and focus on what God is asking of them as faith-filled men. Students will meet at DeMatha by 8:15am and will head to the Franciscan Monastery in DC via school bus for a half day reflection; they will return to DeMatha by 1pm for lunch and the beginning of our sophomore conversations. More information will be sent via email.



Lent / Cafeteria

On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, there will be no meat served in the cafeteria as part of our Lenten observance.

Academic Awards Night

On **Wednesday, April 26**, beginning at 7:30 p.m., we will celebrate the academic achievements of our students. 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 other academic pursuits. Attendance is by invitation only. If you receive an invitation, please RSVP in a timely manner to Mrs. Davis: DDavis@dematha.org.

Attendance

- We encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer located throughout the school. If students are sick or not feeling well, please keep them home.
- We have incorporated "strategic long weekends" along with the holiday breaks. We hope you will use these weekends for college visits, medical appointments, etc.

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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March 23

- **Mandatory** Senior Parent Meeting

March 24

- Senior Service Reflection Due

March 31

- Service Hours Due
- Spring Break begins

April 1—10

- Easter Holiday

April 11

- Classes Resume

April 12

- Senior (ONLY) Spring Uniform

Winter Service Trip to Romero Center in Camden NJ. They spent 3 days in service to the community and learn more about poverty and Catholic Social Teaching. Thanks to Mr. Twigg and Mr. Hurst for chaperoning