



DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars

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September 2021

September 2:

- Junior Parent Coffee

September 3:

- NO CLASSES

September 6:

- NO CLASSES—Labor Day

September 7:

- Back-to-School Night – Live
- 9th & 10th Grades ONLY

September 8:

- ID picture Make-up

September 9:

- Opening Liturgy

September 11:

- Men of DM Cookout
- Voices of DM Retreat

September 13

- DM Harmonics Parent Meeting

September 14:

- Instrumental Music Parent Meeting

September 15:

- Chorus Parent Meeting

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DeMatha Matters

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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.

Back-to-School Nights:

September 7 at 7:00p.m.

LIVE - 9th & 10th Grades -

Parents ONLY. Begin in your son's Period 1 class. Follow his schedule and attend 10-min class periods where you will learn about each class.

September 16:

VIRTUAL - for ALL Grades Videos will be sent.

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

Principal Notes:

Happy New Year! It is our 75th Anniversary. On Sept. 9, 1946, DeMatha opened to 18 students. By year 2, there were 80. We are now 800. It has been terrific to have students and parents on campus and everyone has been exceptionally helpful about health screenings and reporting. We are forging a new normal full of masks and air purifiers and 75-minute meetings and flex periods and much more.

We are profoundly conscious that many of our young men may not have been in a classroom for 18 months and we will be observant about adjustment issues—and we ask parents to inform us if your son has issues adjusting to school.

Back to School Night (see highlighted box to the left) will be on campus for 9th and 10th grade parents only—that is Tuesday, Sept. 7. at 7:00p.m. Virtual Back-to-School will be for ALL grade levels on Thursday, Sept 16. All parents will receive brief videos describing their sons' classes.

There will be much to celebrate for our 75th and you will hear about that often. Right now we are delighted to be celebrating a full campus, a terrific mission, and a great community.

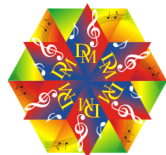
Dr. Daniel J. McMahon

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/>. Details to come.

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Parent Matters

- ◆ Men of DeMatha Cookout Saturday, **September 11**, from 12:00–2:00 p.m. Rain or shine in the Courtyard. DM students, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other male guardians are welcome to attend. Free food and fellowship.
- ◆ The first meeting of the year for the DeMatha Parent Organization (DPO) will take place on **Tuesday, September 21**, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the Antler Room. Everyone is invited to attend. For additional information, please visit the DPO webpage at www.dematha.org.
- ◆ The first bake sale will be held **Friday, September 17**, sponsored by the freshmen class. Each freshmen family is asked to donate baked homemade or store bought goods wrapped for individual sale in baggies or plastic wrap. All items sell for 50 cents. Whole cakes or pies are welcomed. Deliver the baked goods to the cafeteria in the morning before classes. *Subject to change, Details / Updates to follow.*

Physicals

All players, freshmen and transfers MUST register online, [Atsdematha2.atusers.com](https://atsdematha2.atusers.com) for their ATS account and upload physicals onto their profile. **This is the only way physicals will be accepted.** Physical forms will NOT be accepted on the first day of practice. Students not completely registered on ATS will not be permitted to be in school or practice. Instructions for the ATS system are found on the DM website under athletics/forms. Any questions, please contact Adrienne Faircloth 240-764-2153 or afaircloth@dematha.org.

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 Information** on the left.



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. **Cash** accepted first 2 weeks of school. **New account set up starts Sept 7th.**

www.myschoolaccount.com

Ring Measurements

Any junior or senior interested in purchasing a school ring, measurements will take place on **Wednesday, September 22**, and **Thursday, September 23**, during lunch periods. A deposit is required. More information will follow.

Homecoming Activities

Friday, October 1
Football (TBD)

Free Metro Shuttle

Morning Pickup: Fort Totten Metro (Temporary Location) **7:35am**. Should arrive at DeMatha before 8:00am
location: When students walk out of Fort Totten Metro there is a covered area to the right. They must cross where the Metro Buses pickup and stand near the bicycle racks near the "Main road" (which is 1st PL NE).

Afternoon pickup: 44th Street, along the side of the Convocation Center at **3:10pm**, back to Fort Totten 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 Daily Bulletin. First class begins Thursday, October 14.

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. **Service begins on Tuesday, August 31. 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.

Senior Parents

Mandatory meeting **Thursday, September 16**, 7:00 p.m. in the Antler Room. Graduation, college applications, and more will be discussed. A parent or guardian from each family is expected to attend.

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.

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.

September 3 & 6

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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Calendar September 2021

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September 16:

- Senior Parent Meeting
- **VIRTUAL** Back-to-School **ALL GRADES**

September 17:

- Last Day—Drop/Add Courses

September 21:

- Parent Organization Meeting

September 22:

- Ring Measurements

September 23:

- Ring Measurements

September 30:

- Service Hours Due

October 1:

- Homecoming Football

October 2:

- Homecoming Dance

October 4:

- Walk-A-Thon

October 5:

- Fall Uniform Required

October 8:

- ALL DAY School / Groundbreaking Ceremony

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, America's Charities, 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.

Uniforms

Students are required to be in full uniform **Tuesday, October 5**. The DM polo shirt is only available in the DM bookstore. See 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