

DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars

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April 2019

April 1

Report Cards Distributed

April 3

Sophomore Retreat

Sophomore Conversations

12:50 Dismissal

April 4

Reconciliation

Senior Parent Meeting

April 7

Mother Son Luncheon

Art & Photography Show

April 8

SAT Prep Class Begins

Ash Wednesday

April 9

Assembly Schedule

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DeMatha Matters

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Report Cards



Report cards will be distributed to students on **Monday, April 1.**

Questions concerning report cards should be directed to the student's teacher.

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, 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. 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: Monday, June 24 - Friday, July 26.** 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.

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.

Principal Notes

Spring is such a haphazard season as it sputters and catches with starts and stops until it finally finds its way. On the days that promise summer, the students are in the courtyard having lunch and in the parking lots sharing fellowship; on days that remind us of winter, they huddle around tables in the cafeteria, shoulders drawn in, hunched over books and phones. Adolescence seems to me the springtime of life. On many days I see in our young men the promise of adulthood. They carry themselves with maturity, demonstrate a commitment to community, think deeply, prepare appropriately, and live out a kind of independence that takes responsibility for its actions. There are winter days in adolescence, too. Days of hunkered down, bunker-mentality thinking and acting where everything is someone else's fault, the world has conspired against them and the nights are longer than the day. But then, spring comes back.

Dr. Daniel J. McMahon

Music Matters



All are invited to attend!

April 9 OR 10: Band & String Parents meet for music trip, Antler Room, 7:30p.m.

April 11-13: WAMTC Honor Band

April 16: Jazz Lab & Ensemble, Hyattsville Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

April 25-27: Music Department Trip

May 2: Concert Bands I, II & PEI Concert Strings Concert, Bladensburg High School, 7:30 p.m.

May 6: PEI, APE, Sinfonia & Philharmonic Concert, Bladensburg High School, 7:00p.m.

May 7: Concert Band & Symphonic Band, Bladensburg High School, 7:30 p.m.

May 8: Spring Sing, Convocation Center, 7:00 p.m.

May 11: State Solo & Ensemble String Festival

May 13: Wind Ensemble, Northwestern High School, 7:30 p.m.

May 18: Instrumental Music Awards Ceremony, Convocation Center, 6:30

Support the Fund! The DeMatha Fund provides for ongoing yearly costs, including student programs and scholarships. 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, under the Alumni tab or contact Mr. Thomas Ponton tponton@dematha.org or 240-764-2222.

DPO Parent Matters

DPO Raffle: Get your tickets for the \$10,000 Tuition Raffle for the 2019-2020 school year sponsored by the DPO. Tickets will be mailed to each family, \$35 for one ticket or two for \$60. Tickets are also available for purchase in the main office. The drawing will take place during the DPO Social on **Thursday, May 9**, which begins at 7:00 p.m., in the Kilby Lounge. You need not be present to win the raffle.

DPO Social: The DPO Social will be held during the last DPO meeting of the year on **Thursday, May 9**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The social will be catered and there is no charge to attend. We look forward to celebrating a successful school year and drawing the winning tuition raffle ticket that evening. Please join us for the festivities!

Bake Sale: The final DPO bake sale will be held on **Friday, May 10**. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.!

Art Show



All are invited to attend the 13th Annual Student, Staff, Alumni and Parents Art & Photography Show and Reception, **Sunday, April 7**, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Parents are invited to participate. Artists must submit their work - paintings, drawings, photography, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media and digital works framed and ready for hanging. Artwork must be delivered to the Art Center. Please contact Mr. Holsey for any questions or to set up a drop off time, 240-764-2261 or vhols@dematha.org.

AP Exams & Schedule



AP Exams will be held **Monday, May 6**, through **Friday, May 17**. Students should have already registered and paid for the test. Any questions concerning AP testing, please contact Mr. Garrett at TGarrett@DeMatha.org or 240-764-2229.

St. John DeMatha Hall, Top Floor (SJDH TF)
St. John DeMatha Hall, Bottom Floor (SJDH BF)

May 6- US Government & Politics
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
Environmental Science
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

May 7- Spanish & Language Culture
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH BF
Physics I: Algebra Based
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

May 8- English Literature & Composition
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
French Language & Culture
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH BF

May 9- German Language & Culture
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH BF

May 10- US History
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
Computer Science Principles
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

May 13- Biology
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
Physics C: Mechanics
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

May 14- Calculus AB & Calculus BC
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
Human Geography
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF & SJDH BF

May 15- English Language & Composition
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
Macroeconomics
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

May 16- World History
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
Statistics
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

May 17- Microeconomics
8:15 AM- 12:15 PM, SJDH BF
Computer Science
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH TF
Latin Language & Culture
12:15 PM- 4:15 PM, SJDH BF

Graduation Video



The 2019 Commencement Video will be available to purchase for \$50 if ordered prior to April 1. This professional DVD typically runs 2 hours, 15 minutes and contains graduation from start to finish and more. After April 1, cost is \$55. DVD's will be shipped to your home. Order forms are found on our website under forms, in the Main Office or attached to daily parent emails.

Academic Awards Night

On **Wednesday, May 1**, 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 ddavis@dematha.org.



DeMatha Play

The DeMatha Players are proud to present the iconic musical, 1776. This famous play tells the story of the development of the Declaration of Independence and the debates in the Continental Congress with an entertaining blend of comedy and gravitas. Performances are **Friday & Saturday, April 12 - 13** at 7:30 p.m. and **Sunday, April 14**, at 2:00 p.m. at DeMatha. Tickets are available at the Stag Store.

Senior Information



On **Thursday, April 4**, there will be a **mandatory senior parent meeting** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Antler Room. End of the year responsibilities and calendars will be reviewed. Graduation tickets and announcements will be distributed. The school provides 25 announcements, 12 graduation tickets, 6 Baccalaureate tickets, caps and gowns which are all included in the senior graduation fee. If you are interested in purchasing additional announcements at \$1 each or are looking for additional tickets, email mkerley@dematha.org. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you must contact Mr. Bright at 240-764-2227. A letter containing more details about graduation will be sent in May.

Senior Calendar

March 15- Reflection Paper
 April 4 - Senior Parent meeting
 May 2 - Senior Exit Interview due
 May 3 - Prom - optional
 May 3 - No classes - seniors
 May 6-17 - AP Exams
 May 15-17 - Senior exams
 May 16 - Graduation practice 10:30am
 May 17 - Faculty-Senior Dinner, 6:00
 May 20-22 - College Prep Program
 May 23 - June 4 - No classes - Seniors
 June 5 -Graduation practice, 10:00a.m.
 June 5 - Baccalaureate Mass, 4:00 p.m.
 June 7 - Graduation, Shrine, 9:00 a.m.
 June 30 - Parent Exit Interview Due

Junior/Senior Prom



The prom will be held on **Friday, May 3**, at the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, University of Maryland, 3501 University Blvd East, Adelphi, MD, 20783, from 7:00-12:00 a.m. 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 Business Office in St. John DeMatha Hall, **thru Friday, April 12**, for \$80 per person. Payment by cash or check. **No refunds!**

ACT & SAT Information

Register for the SAT online
www.collegeboard.org. CEEB# 210660

Test Date & Registration Deadline

(Late registration is available)

May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019

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. Seniors will be given preference. Registration forms are located in the Counseling Center and online. SAT Prep class dates will be announced and in the Daily Bulletin.

ACT Test Dates: www.actstudent.org

Blazer Donation

Current sophomores and seniors are asked to consider donating their blazer back to the school to pass on to a future student in need. All blazer donations should be turned into the Attendance Office. Thank you for your consideration.



Campus Ministry - Service

All service hours are expected to be turned in no later than 1 month after completion. Any service hours completed in March were due March 31. Senior service hours were due **Friday, March 1**. **This is a change from the original due date.** The required Senior Reflection Paper was due on **March 15**. Service hours for freshmen, sophomores and juniors are due **Friday, May 24**. Students must have completed and submitted the hours required for their class year using the online system. Links and information have been emailed to students and are on the DeMatha website, under Christian Service Program. A reminder that students who do not complete their required hours will be assigned additional summer school hours and will be required to complete those summer school hours before returning to DeMatha. Freshmen owe 5 hours with a non-profit, sophomores owe 10 hours with a non-profit that meets people's basic needs (food, clothing, etc) and juniors owe 20 direct contact hours with a vulnerable population by **May 24**. See pp 37-38 in the student handbook or the Christian Service website for clarification. Questions concerning requirements and hours should be directed to the Campus Ministry Office at ebright@dematha.org.

Fair Trade Mother's Day Sale

May 9 and May 10, there will be a Fair Trade Mother's Day Sale held in the cafeteria during lunch periods. All proceeds go back to the artists and all items are certified fair trade meaning the artists were paid fairly and ensured good working conditions.

Lenten Project

Our Lenten Drive supports the Iraqi Christian Relief Council, an organization that supports the needs of Assyrian Christians who are often threatened and persecuted. The founder of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council, Juliana Tarmoorazy, spoke to our students on Ash Wednesday about two ongoing projects that support Assyrian Christians and those suffering in the Middle East. We will be collecting spare change throughout Lent for these ongoing projects. We had a Tag Day on **Thursday, March 7**, to support this organization. The ICRC needs a donation of \$6000 to build a well for a small town of about 40 families. If our DeMatha community can raise the money, the ICRC will name the well after DeMatha! If you are interested in donating, please visit the ICRC website and make sure to put DEMATHA WELL in the comment/memo line so the money will be directed to this project. The link to donate is here: <https://iraqichristianrelief.org/donate/>. Please support our efforts supporting the most vulnerable.

Senior & Spring Uniforms

Senior privileges allow seniors to wear their spring uniform with a college polo or their DM polo beginning on **April 10**. Spring uniform includes DM khaki or gray dress pants, the appropriate polo shirt, belt, socks and dress shoes. Any senior who does not wear the proper polo shirt will be given a detention. The 9th, 10th, and 11th grades may go into their spring uniform on **Friday, May 3**. Warm weather uniform details can be found on page 69 of the Student Handbook. Uniform questions should be directed to Mr. Gardiner, 240-764-2233.

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April 9

Music Trip Parent Meeting

April 10

Senior Spring Uniforms
Music Trip Parent Meeting

April 11

NHS Donut Day

April 12 - 13

Junior Urban Plunge

April 12-14

DM Play "1776"

April 13

WAMTC Honor Band

April 15

12:50 Dismissal

April 16

Grades Updated
Jazz Concert

April 18 - 22

School & Offices Close Easter Break

April 23

Classes Resume

April 25 - 27

Music Department Trip

April 30

Service Hours Due

Attendance 240-764-2230

We have incorporated "strategic long weekends" along with the holiday breaks. We hope you will use weekends for college visits, medical appointments, etc.

April 18 - April 22

Easter Break

May 27