

# DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars*

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## August 2018

### August 1

Varsity Football Begins

### August 7

9th Grade Course Changes

### August 8 & 9

Course Changes All Grades

### August 11

Used Book & Uniform

Sale & Swap

### August 15

JV & Freshmen Football,  
Cross Country & Soccer

### August 15, 16 & 17

Senior Pictures

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Mothers Welcome Tea

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## DeMatha Matters

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### Schedules & Course Changes



Enclosed is your son's schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

Questions concerning schedules should be directed to the student's counselor. Course changes for **FRESHMEN ONLY** will take place on **Tuesday, August 7**, Course changes for all grades will be held on **Wednesday, August 8 and Thursday, August 9**, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Counseling Center.

### School Opening:

**Freshmen** opening day will be **Wednesday, August 22**, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lite breakfast and lunch provided.

Wear play clothes. Do not bring books.

**Transfers** opening day will be **Thursday, August 23**, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Wear warm weather school uniform. Do not bring books. Opening day of school for sophomores, juniors and seniors **Friday, August 24**. Wear warm weather uniform required. No food service. No bus transportation.

Sophomores will meet 8:00 am - 9:30 am.

Juniors - see page 3 for details.

Seniors will meet 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm .

**Freshmen no school: Friday, August 24**

**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:

The summer has a rhythm of its own that is part of the cycle of education. Our summer session for new students and for remediation is in full swing but students and faculty are able to concentrate on fewer classes for limited amounts of time. Various camps (including our faculty professional development camp) are going on and truly, it seems like the campus never rests. I have been here on Saturday and Sunday evenings and found basketball games and the occasional faculty member working in his or her classroom. The maintenance crew does a great job of cleaning, repairing, and improving the campus. We had 7 students and 2 faculty go to a service trip in West Virginia and another set of faculty attended professional development in Boston - still others will be at our NCEA Conference in Los Angeles. I look forward to late August when all of us return to regular order and share all of the experiences we have had. We'll be prepared to write the next chapter in DeMatha's history.

Pax,

Dr. Daniel J. McMahon

## Schedule & School Matters

Student schedules should be brought to school everyday during the opening week of school. **Please note the dates and times for schedule/course changes found on page 1.** Students with a free last period may leave school grounds provided they have transportation. **Students may not leave school grounds for any reason and then return for transportation.** Students with free last periods who are staying on campus must report to study locations. All freshmen are assigned to study halls during free periods. Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook for information and to familiarize yourself with school policies and procedures.

## REPORT ABSENCE

**240-764-2230**

## Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School Night for all grades will be held on **Tuesday, September 4**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convocation Center. This is for parents only.

A general assembly will be followed by the opportunity to follow your son's schedule of classes. The purpose of the evening is for parents to hear expectations and not to find out how their sons are doing. If you are interested in talking specifically about your son, please contact the teacher directly. Contact information for all faculty can be found on our website.

## Parent Matters

- ◆ The DPO will sponsor a Used Uniform & Book Swap/Sale on **Saturday, August 11**, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. You will have the opportunity to buy, sell or trade used books and uniforms. Bring cash. For questions, contact the DPO @ 240-764-2180.
- ◆ Everyone is invited to the first meeting of the DeMatha Parent Organization on **Tuesday, September 25**, @ 7:00 p.m. in the Antler Room.
- ◆ Bake sales will take place throughout the year with families asked to contribute. Deliver donations to the cafeteria.

**Friday, Sept. 28 - Freshmen**

**Friday, Nov. 16 - Sophomores**

**Friday, Feb. 8 - Juniors**

**Friday, May 10 - All Classes**

## Zip Codes

Zip Codes are available in the Main Office to assist in forming carpools. Please call the Main Office if you are interested. We will provide you with the contact information of those located within your zip code and surrounding zip codes. The school does not set up the carpools. 240-764-2200.

## DM Express

Interested in our online weekly newsletter the DeMatha Express? To subscribe email [tfarrell@dematha.org](mailto:tfarrell@dematha.org).

## Book Sales



DeMatha uses MBS Direct to provide online textbooks. They also have a buy back program for used books. Visit [www.mbsDirect.net](http://www.mbsDirect.net). We caution students and their parents to be fully aware of the book **and** edition being used for the coming year. Book lists are available on our website under Quicklinks/BuyBooks where you will be linked to the mbsDirect website.

## Parent Alert Email Updates

We have an email listserv through Veracross. Parents will be sent information to the primary email listed on the student's Veracross account. We will send the daily and weekly bulletins, all written communication, emergency notifications, meeting information and sport and activity changes. For questions, please email [ckeplinger@dematha.org](mailto:ckeplinger@dematha.org).

## Parking



All students who applied and paid on time may pick up their parking permits from Mr. Gardiner in the Attendance Office on **Friday, August 24**, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Those who applied and paid after the deadline will be assigned parking spaces based on availability beginning **Tuesday, September 4**. Contact Mr. Gardiner with any questions at [dgardiner@dematha.org](mailto:dgardiner@dematha.org) or 240-764-2233.

**Book Lists & Summer Reading**

**Online & in the Main Office**

## Senior Pictures



Senior pictures will be taken in the library on

**Wednesday, August 15**, and **Thursday, August 16** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and **Friday, August 17**, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. by appointment only.

Seniors should have received information from Legacy. Please contact Legacy Studios at 800-348-4360 or [customer@legacystudios.com](mailto:customer@legacystudios.com) to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions.

### Opening Schedule

**Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors, Friday, August 24**

**Sophomores:** 8:00am-9:30am meet in the Convocation Center.

**Juniors:** Juniors will meet in Rm 301 at the following times, depending on your last name:

8:00 - 9:00am: Acosta - Emrich

9:00 - 10:00am: Epps - Jordan

10:00 - 11:00am: Kaderabek – Ogu

11:00 - 12:00pm: Olson - Smith

12:00 - 1:00pm: Suh - Zebre

1:00 - 2:30pm: All **JUNIORS** will meet in the old gym.

**Seniors:** 1:00 - 2:30pm meet in the Convocation Center.

This is a required school day.

All students should be in their warm weather uniform.

No food service available.

**Freshmen: No School Friday, Aug. 24**

## Parent Informational Coffees

Parent Informational Coffees will take place throughout the year. Administrators will be available to answer questions. The **Freshmen Parent Coffee** will take place on **Wednesday, August 22**, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Antler Room. The **Sophomore Parent Coffee** will take place on **Tuesday, August 28**, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Antler Room. The **Junior Parent Coffee** will take place on **Thursday, August 30**, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Antler Room.



Everyone is invited to attend.

Senior parents will attend a **mandatory** senior parent meeting on **Thursday, September 13**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Antler Room.

## Uniforms

Students may wear the warm weather uniform until **Tuesday, October 9**. 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](http://www.DeMathaUniforms.com). Representatives of Potomac Uniform will be available on **Saturday, August 11**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and at Back-to School Night, on **Tuesday, September 4., 7:00 p.m.**

### Summer Office Hours



Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-1:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am-12:30 pm

## Summer Reading



Each student must read two books from his upcoming grade-level list. Incoming freshmen must complete the summer reading note-taking chart for each title.

### Freshmen

*Black Ice* Andrew Lane  
*Unbroken(young adult)* Laura Hillenbrand  
*Luka & the Fire of Life* Salman Rushdie  
*Maus, Vol. 1 & 2* Art Spiegelman  
*The Boy Who Challenged Hitler* Phillip Hoose

### Sophomores

*Outcasts United: Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town* Warren St. John  
*Black Like Me* John Griffin  
*March: Books One, Two & Three* John Lewis

*All American Boys* Brendan Kiely & Jason Reynolds  
*Darkroom: A Memoir in Black and White* Lila Quintero Weaver

### Juniors

*Understanding Rhetoric* Elizabeth Losh  
*Just Mercy* Bryan Stevenson  
*The Boys in the Boat* Daniel James Brown  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* Mark Haddon  
*Defending Jacob* William Landay  
*Harlem Hellfighters* Max Brooks  
*This Boy's Life* Tobias Wolff

### Seniors

*Great Expectations* Charles Dickens  
*Game of Thrones* George R.R. Martin  
*The Way Home* George Pelecanos  
*Red Rising* Pierce Brown  
*Between the World and Me* Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increase Inequality and Threatens Democracy* Cathy O'Neil

More details can be found on the website under Academics/SummerPrograms.

## Christian Service Program

Service hours must be submitted online through the students' DeMatha email accounts. Instructions for the service verification system can be found on our website and at <http://bit.ly/DMServiceHourInstructions>. ONLY students can access the form from their DeMatha email account. No supervisor signature is necessary, but students MUST provide contact information so Mrs. Bright can verify the hours via phone or email. Christian Community Service Hours will continue to be emailed to students' DeMatha email and parents' email once a month. Summer service hours are due August 31.

**Metro Shuttle** DeMatha operates a free shuttle service to and from the College Park Metro Station. The morning pick up is 7:45 a.m. and the return trip is made at approximately 3:15 p.m. Shuttle service will begin on **Monday, August 27**, and will operate on regular school days. If your son uses the shuttle, please remind him of his responsibility for good behavior. Students misbehaving will not be allowed to ride the shuttle.

**Physicals** All players MUST register online, create an 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 practice. Instructions for the ATS system are found on the DM website under athletics/forms. Any questions, please contact Wendy Norris, 240-764-2253 or [wnorris@dematha.org](mailto:wnorris@dematha.org).

## Transportation Matters

Five bus routes have been established: 1) Annapolis/Bowie, 2) Dunkirk/Upper Marlboro, 3) Charles County/Ft. Washington, 4) Montgomery County and 5) Clinton/Forestville/Eastern Market. Each of the established routes operate with predetermined pick-up and drop-off locations with adjustments made for the safety of the students. Interested individuals must complete a registration form which can be found on the school website [www.Dematha.org](http://www.Dematha.org) - Parents Tab/Transportation) and include a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Routes, as used this past year, may be updated and confirmation of the routes and schedules for the current year will be published on the website before **August 24**. Bus fees will be **\$2100 (in addition to the \$100 non-refundable registration fee)**. Expect quarterly payments at the beginning of each academic quarter. Transportation is billed separately from the FACTS Tuition billing. Billing questions, please email [ametz@dematha.org](mailto:ametz@dematha.org). Route information and questions, please refer to the website or email [transportation@dematha.org](mailto:transportation@dematha.org). Please register as soon as possible in order for us to confirm routes and consider possible changes. General questions regarding transportation should be directed to [transportation@dematha.org](mailto:transportation@dematha.org). **Service begins on Monday, August 27.**

## Freshmen & Transfers



### Mothers Welcome Tea

Invitations will be mailed to all mothers/female guardians of freshmen and transfers for the Welcome Tea which will take place on **Sunday, August 19**, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. an RSVP is requested.

## Calendar August 2018 Cont. from pg 1

### August 21

Transfer Parent Cookout

### August 22

Opening Day Freshmen

Freshmen Parent Coffee

### August 23

Opening Day Transfers

### August 24

Opening Day 10th, 11th & 12th

No Classes 9th Grade

Junior Ring Measurements

### August 27

Bus & Metro Shuttle Begins

### August 28

Sophomore Parent Coffee

### August 30

Junior Parent Coffee

### August 31

12:50 Early Dismissal

Summer Service Hours Due

### September 3

No Classes - Labor Day Holiday

### September 4

Back-to-School Night for all

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade Parents

**Ring Measurements** Any junior or senior interested in purchasing a school ring, measurements will take place on **Friday, August 24**, from 10:00-1:00 pm and **Wednesday, September 19**, during lunch periods. A deposit is required. More information will follow.