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DEMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS TOUR

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1**Begin in the LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99**

Convocation Center lobby. The LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center, dedicated in 2010 and renamed in honor of Brendan Looney '99 in 2014, is home to the Morgan and Kathy Wootten Gymnasium, the Walt Coughlin '52 Strength and Fitness Center, the Roy Kilby '65 Alumni Lounge, the Stag Store, the Stag Snacks bar, the Josh Wilson '03 Athletic Suite, five classrooms, junior varsity and varsity locker rooms, a film room, a medical training room, the Coach Messier Wrestling Room and a batting cage. The school hosts basketball games, school wide convocations and assemblies, liturgies, retreats, alumni events, Back to School Nights, New Student Welcomes, and Academic Conferences in the 72,000 square foot Convocation Center.

**2****Proceed outside to the courtyard. The first building on the right is the Fotos Art Center/Daly Engineering Lab.**

The Fotos Art Center is named for Anthony Fotos, a devoted faculty member from 1961-2002. Originally the garage for Trinitarian Monastery, it was remodeled in the school's early years to provide needed classroom space as enrollment increased. Later, in the 1970s, the building was the home of the music program. In 1979 it was severely damaged by fire, but was repaired and again became an integral part of campus. The front two floors are now occupied by Fine Arts Department, and the rear lower floor by the Daly Engineering Lab. DeMatha offers 18 visual art classes including Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Photography, Digital Photography, and Advanced Art. Engineering Design and Problem Solving, Robotics, and Advanced Robotics are taught in the Daly Lab.

**3****Walk straight out of the Art Center and enter the back entrance of St. John de Matha Hall.**

St. John de Matha Hall from 1931 until 2002 served as the monastery for the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives, who had first arrived in the United States in 1906 and who founded DeMatha in 1946. For more than 800 years the Trinitarians have been devoted to freeing the enslaved, aiding the vulnerable, and offering mercy and redemption to the persecuted. Today the Trinitarians are committed to breaking the bonds of 21st century enslavement – poverty, materialism, despair, addiction, disease and ignorance. St. John de Matha Hall has been renovated and is home to the Business Office, the Development Office, and the Admissions Office. The Stag-for-a-Day Program is offered by the Admissions Office for eighth grade students to visit the school for a day. The stained glass window commemorating the Approbation of the Trinitarian Order is located in the gathering room for such future Stags.



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Walk out of the front entrance of St. John de Matha Hall, and proceed to the Trinitarian Heritage Plaza. From here, follow the sidewalk and stairs to the McCarthy '64 Center behind St. John de Matha Hall.

DeMatha celebrated 70 years in education on September 9, 2016. On that day, the Trinitarian Heritage Plaza, located at the statue of St. John de Matha, was formally dedicated in the presence of Trinitarians, faculty, students, and the Board of Directors. The Plaza includes the names of Trinitarians who have served the school during its history. Most artistic depictions of St. John de Matha show him with broken chains, a symbol of the Trinitarian commitment to freedom.

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Brendan McCarthy '64 Music Center, dedicated in 1997 and renamed in memory of Brendan McCarthy '64 in 2001, has been home to the nationally recognized DeMatha Music Program since September 2009. With two spacious rehearsal rooms, a choral room, two percussion rooms, eight individual practice rooms, instrument storage space and directors' offices, the Music Center is able to assist nearly 400 DeMatha students in their pursuit of music excellence. The DeMatha Music Program began in 1970 with 19 students and now includes five concert bands, three percussion ensembles, three string orchestras and three choruses.

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Proceed out the lower level to the parking lot entrance, make a left and continue up the ramp to the side entrance of the main building. Take the first staircase up to the 3RD FLOOR to arrive at the Computer Labs (Room 301 and 302). DeMatha students are required to complete

one half-credit technology course before graduation. Advanced courses in Computer Science include Topics in Programming, Topic in HTML, Object Oriented Programming, App Development, AP Computer Science, and AP Computer Science Principles. The Labs are also home to Journalism courses, where the school newspaper the Stagline is written, edited, and produced. The Video Broadcast Journalism (VBJ) class, with the use of PLAY On Sports software, prepares students for on-air broadcasts. The VBJ class oversees the live streaming of numerous school events, and produces two live weekly shows: the Alumni Report and the Stag Report.



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Walk down the hallway. The plaque commemorating the long-time Dean of Faculty, Dr. Charles "Buck" Offutt, is on the left. At the end of the hall, turn left to see the Faculty Portraits of those who have been True to the Mission.

Nearly 60% of DeMatha's faculty and staff have been at the school for ten or more years, including over twenty who have been True to the Mission for twenty or more years. DeMatha is well known nationally for its excellence in academics. The *Washington Post* has recognized six of the schools educators for Distinguished Leadership or Outstanding Teaching and they include Mr. Rick Reeves, Mr. Richard Macheski, Mr. John Mitchell, Mr. John Moylan, Dr. Daniel McMahon and Mr. Tom Krawczewicz. Numerous other faculty members have been honored locally and nationwide for excellence in their specific fields.



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Continue down the hallway to the Trinitarian Chapel.

DeMatha first opened its doors on September 9, 1946 and continues to be sponsored by the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives. From its founding in 1198, Trinitarians have ransomed captives. They have chosen to heed the yearning for liberation and the cry of hope from the oppressed, the persecuted and those who are discriminated against because of their religious faith or commitment to the values of the Gospel. The stained glass windows of the chapel tell this story of sacrifice and service to others which is the mission of the Order. The chapel is used for prayer services, reconciliations services, daily mass, and special liturgies. The Campus Ministry Office is located next door to the Chapel. Across from the chapel is one of the original stained glass windows from the monastery chapel commemorating St. John Baptist of the Conception, reformer of the Order.



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Proceed across the hall to the Guerrin Academic Support Center.

The Guerrin Academic Support Center (ASC) was dedicated on September 27, 2016 and named after former English teacher Ms. Pat Guerrin. The Academic Support program is located on the balcony level of the Auxiliary Gym in Room 321. The ASC assists students in the transition from 8th grade to high school and works with students from all grade levels developing study skills and study strategies. DeMatha believes that any program that isolates a student within a therapeutic cell denies him the opportunity to stretch himself to the fullness of his capabilities and to learn to help himself. Thus, the ASC is open to all students, at no extra fee.



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Go back toward the Chapel, turn right, proceed to the end of the hall. Take the stairs down to the 2ND FLOOR to the Moylan Administrative Center.

The Moylan Administrative Center is named for Principal Emeritus John Moylan, the first lay principal of a Catholic high school in the Washington D.C. area. Fr. James Day, O.S.S.T, the President, and Dr. Daniel McMahon '76, the Principal, have their offices here. Located outside the Administrative Center are the portraits of past principals, the class portrait of the first graduating class, the fiftieth and twenty-fifth anniversary classes and the most recent graduating class. In addition, a plaque commemorating DeMatha's twice being recognized by the United States Department of Education as a Distinguished School of Excellence is on the wall across from the McMahon '76 Library and Media Center.



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The McMahon '76 Library and Media Center,

dedicated on October 15, 2012 and named for the current principal in recognition of his many years of service to DeMatha, has a total collection of over 12,000 items. The Center is used as for study, research, and special programming. It is open before, during and after school.



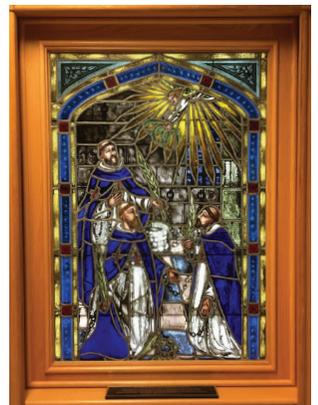
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Proceed past the McMahon '76 Library and Media Center to the Main Lobby. Senior portraits of DeMatha's graduating classes

are located in the main lobby in addition to plaques commemorating the recipients of the Lou Amico Service Award, the St. Simon de Rojas Award, and the St. John de Matha Medal. On the front facing wall, Distinguished Alumni who have been voted into the school's Hall of Fame are to the left, and DeMatha's Governance, including the Board of Members and Directors, is to the right. A stained glass window commemorating St. John de Matha as he celebrates his first mass is in the center.

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Continuing down the hall, the Counseling Center has five full-time counselors who assist the students of DeMatha in their journey through high school. A counselor is assigned to the freshmen class, and he/she remains with that class for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. As seniors, the group is overseen by two College Counselors, who assist with the college application process. Programs sponsored by the Counseling Center include the DeMatha Leadership Institute, Sophomore Conversations, the Eastman Book Fund, and Peer Tutoring. It also organizes the administration of standardized testing for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Opposite the Counseling Center is a stained glass window commemorating the Algerian Martyrs and the Redemption of Captives.



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Make a right out of the Counseling Center and proceed down the hallway toward the Attendance Office. Here, students must check in if arriving late to school, and check out if leaving early. Parents should contact Attendance Office staff in advance of any student absence. Make a right and head to the end of the hall. The Writing Center, located in Room 210, is to the immediate right. The Writing Center supports student writing and research projects across every academic discipline. Staffed during most periods of the day by faculty from English, Social Studies or Theology departments, teachers are regularly accessible for one-on-one conferencing. No appointment is necessary. Fifteen desktop computers and a printer are available for student use.

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Continue to the end of the hall, then make a left down the stairs to the 1ST FLOOR to the Hanley Science Wing, home to Biology and Chemistry Labs and Classrooms. On the right is the plaque memorializing long-time Math teacher Ray

Smith. The Hanley Science Wing was dedicated in October, 2011. The Physics Lab, Biology classrooms and labs, and the dedicated Chemistry Lab have been completely redesigned to better serve our students and accommodate our extensive Science curriculum. Advanced Placement courses are offered in: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics, and Physics 1. There are numerous other Science electives including Marine Biology, Medical Science, Honors Human Anatomy and Physiology, and Seminar and Investigation.



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At the end of the hall take a left and proceed to the Cafeteria. The Antler Room serves as the school cafeteria during the school day and as an event hall in the evenings and weekends. Lunch service starts at 11:00am and ends at 1:00pm. Three Brothers Restaurant is the on-site caterer.

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Proceed through the Chroniger Lounge (to your left) to the hallway ramp leading to the World Language Department. Mural is on the left. The World Language Department

offers instruction in six different languages: Spanish, French, German, Latin, Greek and Mandarin (Confucius Classroom Program).

Honors and AP level courses are offered in each of the languages except Mandarin. In 2005, led by the chair of

the Fine Arts Department Vaughn Holsey, the Art Club completed a Mural depicting significant people and events in the life of the school, the life of the Trinitarians, and in American History. Four long-time members of the DeMatha faculty are represented, Dr. Charles "Buck" Offutt, Morgan Wootten, John Moylan and Anthony Fotos. The Art Club is currently working on a new mural opposite the original.



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