

# DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Gentlemen and Scholars*

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## May 2018

### May 1

Grades Updated

### May 2

Spring Sing Concert

### May 3

Senior Exit Interviews Due

APE/PEII & Orchestra  
Concert

### May 4

12:50 Dismissal

Seniors - No Classes

Junior/Senior Prom

### May 5

Juniors SAT Testing

### May 6

Studio Voice & Piano  
Recital

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## DeMatha Matters

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### Progress Reports:



Student progress is available through Veracross. Questions concerning progress should be directed to the teacher and/or the student's counselor. Veracross questions contact [ckeplinger@dematha.org](mailto:ckeplinger@dematha.org).

**Summer 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 I, Part I, regular Algebra I or Algebra 2. A grade of D in Honors Algebra I 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. Please note that Biology, Chemistry and Physics are **not** offered in DeMatha's Summer School. Please take the summer school dates into consideration when making vacation plans. Summer school: **Monday, June 18-Friday, July 20.**

### Principal Notes:

Thank goodness for pictures. They help me claw back memories I would otherwise forget and they give me a sense of growth over time. Because I have been with our seniors for four years, I often don't appreciate how much they have grown. I know when I take an alum from years ago around the campus, they will often make note of the changes that I have gotten use to. When our own children were little, relatives that had not seen them for a stretch would remark how big they had gotten or how much they had grown. Part of what is wonderful about day-to-day experience with students is exactly that - granular involvement in their lives. But, sometimes it helps to step back and look at those pictures from four years ago - to see their growth anew. How fortunate all of us have been to be part of our students journey. I'm trying to form mental snapshots of freshmen and sophomores so that I'll notice their growth more readily - but the truth is that I will be looking at pictures next year amazed at the growth of another senior class.

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.

## Music Matters

Everyone is invited to attend!



**May 2:** Spring Sing, Convocation Center, 7:00 p.m.

**May 3:** Symphonic Band, PE 11, & APE, Bladensburg High School, 7:00 p.m.

**May 7:** Orchestras Concert, Bladensburg High School, 7:30 p.m.

**May 10:** Wind Ensemble, Northwestern High School, 7:30 p.m.

## Parent Matters

- ◆ Senior Parents: Order forms are available in the Main Office and on the website for the 2018 Graduation DVD.
- ◆ The last bake sale of the year will take place on **Friday, May 11**. All grades contribute. Thank you to all who contributed throughout the year.
- ◆ Everyone is invited to attend the final DPO meeting of the year which includes the Tuition Raffle Drawing, on **Wednesday, May 9**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Kilby Lounge. The tuition raffle drawing is a \$10,000 credit toward your son's tuition for the 2018-2019 DeMatha school year. The cost of a ticket is \$35.00 (or you may purchase two for \$60.00). Mailings went to all households with two tickets. Raffle tickets must be returned before **May 4**. If you would like more tuition raffle tickets, please stop by the Main Office. Thanks to all who have participated in the Tuition Raffle and the DPO through the year.

## Free & Reduced

### Sports Physicals



Free Sports Physicals will be offered by the Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists, 2000 Medical Parkway, Suite 101, Annapolis, MD, across the street from the ER at Anne Arundel Hospital, Saturday, June 9, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Bring your school forms with you. **You MUST sign up by calling, 443-261-2220.**

## Underclass Final



### Exams

May 25: Theology 8:15-10:00 am

Sciences 10:30-12:15

May 29: English 8:15-10:00 am

May 30: Mathematics 8:15-10:00 am

World Languages 10:30-12:15pm

May 31: Social Studies 8:15-10:00 am

Students are required to be in full uniform and only come to school for their scheduled exam. Please refer to page 69 of the Student Handbook for clarification of spring uniform. No food service during exams. Report any absence to the Attendance Office at 240-764-2230.

Saturday, June 2, will be the make-up day for missed exams for **excused absences only** unless arrangements are made for a different time by the teacher. Any other arrangements are at the discretion of the teacher.

**Students with outstanding tuition will NOT be permitted to take final exams. All financial responsibilities must be met for students to take exams.**

Please take the summer school dates into consideration when making vacation plans, **Monday, June 18 through Friday, 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.**

## Summer Music Program

The goal of the summer music program is to strengthen each student as an individual performer as well as an ensemble member. The students will learn individual techniques and ensemble performance skills. These two aspects of musicianship will not only make the individual a better player, but will make him more valuable to his or her band next year. The programs are for students in grades 7-12. Summer offerings include Summer Band and Summer Strings. For information on dates, times and costs, please see the website, [www.dematha.org](http://www.dematha.org) or contact [jsroper@dematha.org](mailto:jsroper@dematha.org).

## Lost & Found Items

Looking for blazers, books, clothing, keys, etc., please check the Attendance Office for lost and found items. All items will



be donated by **Thursday, May 31.**



## Senior Information

**Thursday, April 12**, was the mandatory senior parent meeting. End of year responsibilities and the calendar were reviewed. Graduation tickets and announcements were distributed. Each senior received 25 graduation announcements, 50 name cards, 12 tickets for graduation and 6 tickets for the Baccalaureate Mass. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you must contact Mr. Bright at 240-764-2227.

## Senior/Faculty



### Cook Out

All seniors are invited to the Senior/Faculty Cook Out which will be held on **Friday, May 18** at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. Seniors interested in attending are asked to contact Mrs. Stawinski at pstawinski@dematha.org to **RSVP by Wednesday, May 16. Students only - no parents or siblings.**

## College Board & SAT

Register for the SAT online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). The SAT Test dates and registration deadlines for the year are as follows:

**CEEB# 210660**

### Test Date & Registration Deadline

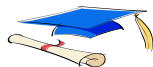
(Late registration is available)

May 5, 2018      April 6, 2018

June 2, 2018      May 3, 2018

The last after-school **SAT Prep** courses of the year began April 9. Classes are limited and seniors will be given preference. Registration forms are located in the Counseling Center and online.

## Senior Calendar



**Official diplomas can be picked up in the Main Office beginning on Monday, June 11.**

- May 1 - College decisions & financial awards
- May 3 - Senior Exit Interview due
- May 4 - Prom - optional
- May 4 - No classes - seniors
- May 7-18 - AP Exams
- May 16 - RSVP Faculty-Senior Dinner
- May 16-18 - Senior exams
- May 17 - Graduation practice , gym, 10:45am
- May 18 - Faculty-Senior Dinner, 6:00pm
- May 21-23 - College Prep Program
- May 23 - Grades updated for seniors
- May 24 - May 31 - No classes - seniors
- May 30- Graduation practice, Shrine, 12:00 n
- May 30 - Baccalaureate Mass, 4:00 pm
- June 1 - Graduation, Shrine, 9:00 am
- June 30 - Parent Exit Interview due

## Summer

### Office

### Hours



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

Friday 7:30 am-12:30 pm

### Summer Programs

Information on Summer Academic, Athletic and the Music Programs is available on the DeMatha website, under Academics/Summer Programs.

Please take note of our on-line summer school registration procedure. On-line registration will be available June 4 - June 15. Visit our website for information on costs, books, courses available, class times and much more.

## Tuition and Fees

Students with outstanding tuition will **NOT** be permitted to take final exams. All financial responsibilities must be met for students to take exams or have diplomas/transcripts released.



## 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

### 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

**Service Reminders:** All service hours are expected to be turned in no later than the end of the month in which they were completed. Any service hours completed during the 1st semester will not be accepted. Senior service hours were due **February 16**. The required Senior Reflection Paper was due on **March 16**. Service hours for freshmen, sophomores and juniors are due **Friday, May 18**. 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, sophomores owe 10 hours and juniors owe 20 by **May 18**. See pp 36-38 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 [240-764-2260](tel:240-764-2260).

**Urban Plunge** 21 students joined Mrs. Bright for a two day Urban Plunge from 4/27-4/28. They served various area charities including Age in Place, DC Central Kitchen, A Wider Circle, and Bread for the City while learning about the challenges of urban poverty.



## AP Exam Schedule

AP Exams will be held **Monday, May 7** through **Friday, May 18**.

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

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

- May 7 - **Chemistry**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH BF  
**Psychology**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH TF
- May 8 - **Physics I: Algebra - Based**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM SJDH TF
- May 9 - **English Literature & Composition**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH TF
- May 10 - **US Government & Politics**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH TF  
**Environmental Science**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH, TF
- May 11 - **German Language & Culture**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH BF  
**US History**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH TF  
**Computer Science Principles**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH TF
- May 14 - **Biology**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH, TF  
**Physics C: Mechanics**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH TF
- May 15 - **Calculus AB**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH TF  
**Calculus BC**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH TF  
**French Language & Culture**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH BF  
**Computer Science A**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH, TF
- May 16 - **English Language & Composition**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH TF  
**Macroeconomics**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH, TF
- May 17 - **Statistics**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH TF
- May 18 - **Human Geography**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH, TF&BF  
**Microeconomics**  
8:15 AM - 12:15 PM, SJDH, BF  
**Latin**  
12:15 PM - 4:15 PM, SJDH TF

## Calendar May 2018 *Cont. from pg 1*

### May 7

Orchestras Concert

### May 7-18

AP Exams

### May 9

DPO Meeting/Tuition Raffle

### May 10

Wind Ensemble Concert

### May 11

Bake Sale - All Classes Contribute

### May 12

Instrumental Music Awards

### May 16-18

Senior Exams

### May 17

Graduation Practice - gym

### May 18

9th, 10th & 11th Service Hours Due

Senior Faculty Cookout

### May 21-23

Senior College Prep

### May 23

Senior Grades Posted

### May 24

End of Year Liturgy

### May 25 - May 31

Underclass Exams

### May 30

Graduation Practice - Shrine

Baccalaureate Mass