

# DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars*

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## May 2019

### May 1

12:50 Early Dismissal  
Academic Awards Night

### May 2

Senior Exit Interviews Due  
CBI, CBII, CS & PEI Concert

### May 3

12:50 Early Dismissal  
Junior/Senior Prom  
Underclass Spring Uniforms  
Seniors - No Classes

### May 4

SAT Test

### May 6-17

AP Exams

### May 6

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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 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.

**Principal Notes** "Tell me something interesting you learned or tell me something good that you read this semester." When young alums come back to campus. I am often startled by their hair (so long), their beards (so full), their size (so large) and their growth in all ways. And, I often ask them the two questions at the beginning of this note. Many hesitate-not so much because they haven't learned something interesting or read something good-but because in their rush to acquire knowledge, finish a semester, take exams, they don't spend time reflecting on what it is they are doing. It is not only them. I have stumped my students and myself with these questions. To help my students, I try to expand the notion of learning beyond "the Krebs cycle" or "the quadratic equation" to "I learned that you and Mr. Smith like to play with us in class," or "student X never unties his tie, he just loosens it and retightens it the next day." Of course, I hope they learn more than this but perhaps my fondest hope is that we approach every situation as an opportunity to learn and that we set aside more time to reflect on "What interesting thing I have learned?"

Dr. Daniel J. McMahon

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**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



All are invited to attend!

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

**May 6:** PEII, 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, 6:30pm.

## 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).



## 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 were 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.!



## Summer Programs

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

Please make note of our on-line summer school registration procedure.

On-line registration will be available **June 3 - June 14**. Visit our website for information on costs, books, courses available, class times and much more.

## 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](mailto: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

## Senior/Faculty

### Cook Out



All seniors are invited to the Senior/Faculty Cook Out which will be held on **Friday, May 17**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. Seniors interested in attending are asked to contact Mrs. Favret Kerley at [mkerley@dematha.org](mailto:mkerley@dematha.org) to **RSVP by Wednesday, May 15. Students only - no parents or siblings.**



### Graduation Video

The 2019 Commencement Video will be available to purchase for \$55. DVD's will be shipped to your home. Order forms are found on our website, in the Main Office or attached to daily emails.

### Exam Schedule- 9th, 10th & 11th

Monday, June 3	English 8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Sciences 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4	Theology 8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 5	Mathematics 8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Social Studies 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 6	World Languages 8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 8	Underclass Make-up exams for excused absences only

Students are required to be in uniform and only come to school for their scheduled exam. No food service or waiting room.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.

## Senior Information



**Thursday, April 4**, was the **mandatory senior parent meeting**. End of the year responsibilities and calendars were reviewed. Graduation tickets and announcements were distributed. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you must contact Mr. Bright at 240-764-2227.

### Senior Calendar

- 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, Shrine, 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

### Summer Reading Lists & Requirements

Summer reading requirements and book lists can be found on the web site under Academic News.

### 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 30**.

## 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. No tickets at the door.

## ACT & SAT Information

Register for the SAT online [www.collegeboard.org](http://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](http://www.actstudent.org)

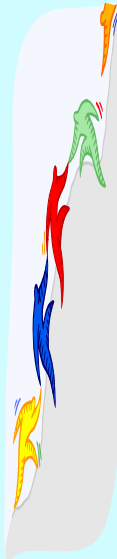
## Blazer Donation

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](mailto:ebright@dematha.org).



## Exam Schedule

Please check the website for the senior and underclass final exam schedules. [www.dematha.org/academics/academic-news](http://www.dematha.org/academics/academic-news) or [www.dematha.org/academics/summer-programs](http://www.dematha.org/academics/summer-programs).



## Summer Office Hours

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

Friday 7:30 am-12:30 pm

## 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.

## Urban Plunge

**19** students joined Mrs. Bright for a two day Urban Plunge from 4/12-4/13. They served various area charities including Catholic Charities, Food and Friends, SOME, A Wider Circle, and Shepherd's Table while learning about the challenges of urban poverty.

## Senior & Spring Uniforms

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. Seniors were allowed their spring uniform April 10. Uniform questions should be directed to Mr. Gardner, 240-764-2233.

## May 2019

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### May 6

PEII, APE/SF Concert

### May 7

Concert Band & Symphonic Concert

### May 8

Spring Sing Concert

### May 9

Fair Trade Sale

Parent Organization Social/Raffle

### May 10

Fair Trade Sale

Bake Sale - All Classes

### May 11

Uniform Measurements 9:00-1:00p.m.

New Student Placement Testing

### May 13

Wind Ensemble Concert

### May 15 -17

Senior Exams

### May 16

Graduation Practice

### May 17

Senior/Faculty Picnic

### May 18

Instrumental Music Awards

### May 20 - 22

Senior College Prep

### May 24

Underclass Service Hours Due

### May 27

School & Office Closed

### May 31

End of Year Liturgy