

DeMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome

Monday, April 15, 2019
7:00 PM

Call to Order	Mike Jones, '91 <i>Admissions</i>
Prayer & Welcome	Fr. James, O.S.S.T. <i>President</i>
Student Welcome & Congratulations	Eric Najarian, '19 <i>President, Student Government</i>
	Monica Metheny <i>DeMatha Parents' Organization</i> <i>Vice President</i>
General Remarks	Daniel J. McMahon, Ph.D. '76 <i>Principal</i>
Frequently Asked Questions	Tommy Paolucci, '97 <i>Director of Admissions</i>

Congratulations!

DEMATHA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars

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Calendar

August 18

Mother's Welcome Tea

August 21

Freshmen Experience Day 1
Freshmen Parent Coffee

August 22

Freshmen Experience Day 2
Transfer Opening Day

August 23

No Classes - Freshmen

August 26

Regular Classes - All Students

August 27

Sophomore Parent Coffee

August 30

Early Dismissal - 12:50 p.m.

September 2

No Classes

September 3

Back-to-School Night

Technology Policy

Laptops/tablets are optional. For more information see *Technology Policy Information Sheet*.

Book Lists

See Academics/Buy Books Online, at www.dematha.org, after first accessing schedules in early August.

New Student Information

Opening Week of School

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8:00 a.m.

to 2:00 p.m., is the first day for incoming freshmen—free lunch provided.

Students report to the Original Gym, parents to the Antler Room for Freshmen Parent Coffee from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 22, freshmen report to the Original Gym at 8:00 a.m. Dismissal is 2:00 p.m. Transfer students report to Counseling Center at 9:00 a.m. Free lunch is provided. Friday, Aug. 23, no classes for freshmen. More information regarding the beginning of school year is sent during the summer. Monday, Aug. 26 is a regular day of school from 8:15 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. for all students.

Uniform Measurement

May 11 or June 8 in the Convocation

Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. DeMatha uniform golf shirts may be worn in the fall and spring months with DeMatha khaki or solid gray dress pants. The golf shirts must be purchased in the Stag Store. Ties and blazers are required in mid-October. Students accepted after Summer Session should be measured in May or June, but purchase uniforms in late July. Direct inquiries to Potomac Clothing, our uniform company, at 301-339-8466 or www.demathauniforms.com.



Placement Examinations

Saturday, May 11 or Saturday, June 8

Exam begins at 9:00 a.m.
No admittance after 9:15 a.m.

Location: LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center

All incoming students must sit for the DeMatha Mathematics Placement Exam.

In addition, incoming students who have taken or are currently taking a World Language course that meets five days per week in Latin I, French I, French 2, Spanish I, or Spanish 2, must sit for a DeMatha World Language Placement Exam.

Students may take both Mathematics and World Language exams the same day, or opt to attend two separate days. Parents will receive an email containing a Google registration form in late-April.

Communication

Parent Alert

Daily and weekly bulletins, emergency notifications, notices of closings, weather, activity and sports updates, etc. are automatically sent via email to the primary address listed in the student's Veracross account.



These notifications are also posted on DeMatha's website, www.dematha.org.

Class Schedules

Class schedules will be mailed and can be accessed via the Veracross Parent's Portal the first week of August. Contact Tommy Paolucci at 240-764-2211 or tpaolucci@dematha.org if you have questions or concerns.

Daily Schedule of Classes

The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. The class schedule cycles every eight days, with six classes meeting per day, and each class meeting six of the eight days in the cycle. Classes are 50 minutes long. In addition to the six classes per day, freshmen also have a 45 minute homeroom period, and a lunch period. Freshmen have one scheduled Study Hall, which, like classes, meets six of eight days.

Class Placement

Students are placed in Honors and/or College Prep level courses per Academic Departmental guidelines including prior academic records, HSPT results, and DeMatha specific Math and World Language Placement Tests. As a student advances toward graduation, in each department, he may remain in his initial course level, ascend to Honors or move from Honors to College Prep. Thus, a student is not permanently in an academic track -- movement is dictated by performance and teacher/counselor recommendations. Course selection for the next academic year is finalized each spring.

Report Cards

The school year is divided into four quarters. Semester grades are computed using grading periods and end of course examination grades. Report cards are also distributed to students at the end of each quarter, and mailed home at the end of each semester. Grades are updated every three weeks and at the end of each quarter on Veracross, the school information system. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers directly using voicemail or email.

Book Sale

The Used Book and Uniform sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 10 in the Antler Room

Health Forms



New students must submit required *DeMatha Health Forms* and their *Immunization Certificate*. No other forms will be accepted.

The Physical Examination Form must be dated after June 1.

Completed health forms and the *Immunization Certificate* must be uploaded to ATS no later than July 15th.

Students may not attend class, as mandated by law, if any forms are missing or incomplete. Visit the *New Student Information* page at www.dematha.org for more information.

Freshman Program of Studies

Freshmen must follow a program of studies conforming to DeMatha's academic schedule, with most ninth grade students following the curriculum listed below.

College Prep	Honors
The Search for God	The Search for God
English 9	Honors English 9
Algebra I	Honors Algebra 1 or 2
World History	Honors World History
	AP Human Geography
Active Physics/Biochemistry	Honors Biology
World Language	Honors World Language
Health	Health
The DeMatha Way	The DeMatha Way
Study Hall	Study Hall

These programs are flexible, and may be modified per student. For example, a student who has performed better in Math and Science may be placed in Honors level courses in those areas, but College Prep level courses in English and Social Studies.

Furthermore, some freshmen qualify for Honors Algebra 2, while others need math skills further developed and are placed in Algebra 1, Part 1. If Language Arts needs to be supported, a student may be placed in Reading and Study Skills, in addition to English 9.

Many students take a music, instrumental or vocal course. Because freshmen typically take seven courses per semester, music students opt to postpone World Language or Social Studies until their sophomore year.

Grading System



Grade	Advanced Placement Courses	Accelerated or Honors Courses	College Prep Courses	Academic Recognition
A (94-100)	5.0	4.5	4.0	<u>Principal's List</u> 3.8 or above
A- (90-93)	4.5	4.0	3.5	No grade below a B-
B (84-89)	4.0	3.5	3.0	<u>Academic Dean's List</u> 3.5 or above
B- (80-83)	3.5	3.0	2.5	No grade below a C
C (74-79)	3.0	2.5	2.0	<u>Honors</u> 3.0 or above.
C- (70-73)	2.5	2.0	1.5	No grade below a C
D (65-69)	2.0	1.5	1.0	
F (below 65)	0.0	0.0	0.0	

World Language Selection

Graduation requirements include the successful completion of three levels of one of DeMatha's four core World Language offerings: French, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish. Freshmen with a combined 70th percentile or above score on the Reading and English Basic Skills section of the HSPT and, who have a B average for the 7th and 8th grade in Language Arts are generally placed at Honors level, regardless of prior exposure to the language. Freshmen who take a music course will delay taking either Social Studies or level one of a World Language until the 10th grade. Only students who have taken previous World Language courses for a full year should take the DeMatha World Language Exam in the spring.

Students select their World Language choice via an online form emailed to parents in mid-April.



Lunch Program

All students are assigned to one lunch period during the school day. Students may either bring their own lunches (microwaves are available) and/or use the services of the cafeteria. A varied menu of hot and cold lunch items is available daily. Students may use an on-line payment plan for lunch which requires the Student's ID. Please visit the Parents page of dematha.org for more information.

Arrivals & Departures

The school building is open for early arrivals at 7:00 a.m. Students arriving before 7:30 a.m. must go to the Antler Room. The campus, including the main school building, officially closes one-half hour following dismissal time each school day. Quiet study is available in the McMahon '76 Library until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Only those students participating in formal school activities (clubs, team practices, tutoring or study sessions, etc.) are allowed to be in any building or on school grounds after the official closing time. Students waiting for transportation do have the option of report to the After School Waiting Room, a proctored room open until 5:00 p.m. Students may not leave the school grounds and return to school to wait for transportation.

Finance

Please direct questions regarding tuition, FACTS Payment Plan, and other school related finance matters to Mrs. Anne Metz, Finance Director. Mrs. Metz can be contacted by phone at 240-764-2216 or email at ametz@dematha.org.

Lockers

All students are assigned lockers at the beginning of the school year. DeMatha locks must be used and are distributed during the Freshmen Experience program. Additional locks may be purchased from the Attendance Office at fee of \$5. Students on athletic teams must use school locks on their athletic lockers, which will be assigned during their specific sport season.

Transportation Information.

Car Pools



DeMatha assists parents in forming car-pools. Please contact Mrs. Donna Davis in the Main Office at 240-764-2201 in July for more information.

Summer Office Hours:

Mon. thru Thur. - 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday - 7:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Bus Routes

- Annapolis/Bowie
- Montgomery County
- Howard County/Laurel
- Dunkirk/Upper Marlboro
- Charles County/Ft. Washington
- St Johns/Marlo/Eastern Market
- Eastern Market/Spaulding Library

Complete online transportation registration as soon as possible so routes can be adjusted if necessary. Notification of routes will be made by the middle of June. See the Parents Page of dematha.org or contact Andrew Eck at aeck@dematha.org for more information.

Free Metro Shuttle Service

The Metro Shuttle picks up at College Park-U of MD Green Line stop at 7:45 a.m. on regular school days. The Metro Shuttle departs from DeMatha for College Park Metro at 3:10 p.m. or 15 minutes after the school day ends. Students riding the Metro Shuttle bus in the afternoon meet the bus on 44th Avenue, along the side of the Convocation Center before 3:10 p.m. This is a free service provided by the school.

**Band, Percussion,
Orchestra and Chorus**



Ninth grade students may elect a course in concert band, percussion, string orchestra, or chorus as part of their schedule. If one is chosen, the World Language or Social Studies course is postponed until 10th grade. Students planning to take four years of World Language (three consecutive levels is the requirement) should delay Social Studies (three Social Studies courses are required) in the 9th grade.

All music classes meet six of eight days per the cycle and during the school day, and are considered academic courses. Placement is determined based on skill level by the Music Department.

Questions? Please contact:

James Roper, Director of Bands
240-764-2266

James Turk, Director of Choruses
240-764-2269

Summer Session (Academic Enrichment)

DeMatha's Summer Session begins Monday, June 24. Registration is completed via the student's Admissions Portal. High School Prep classes end Thursday, July 18. Students required to attend more than one class must be registered for all classes by Friday, June 7.

There is no required uniform during the summer; however, students are expected to dress appropriately.

No classes on July 4th.

More detailed Summer Session information can be found in the Summer Programs section under Academics on dematha.org.

Transfer Course Selection

Please contact the student's class-level School Counselor in June or July to set an appointment to select courses for the upcoming year. End-of-year report cards are required for this meeting. DeMatha Math and World Language Placement testing must be completed by Monday, June 17, one week prior to the start of Summer Session.

Grooming Code

Students must maintain a neat and well-groomed appearance. Facial hair is not permitted. Students are advised if hairstyles are not appropriate. Earrings are not allowed during the school day or when participating with official school teams and/or organizations.

Calendar of Events

5/11	Placement Exams	Convocation Center	9 a.m.
5/11	School uniform measurements	Convocation Center	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
6/7	Deadline for Summer Session Online Registration		
6/8	Placement Exams	Convocation Center	9 a.m.
6/8	School uniform measurements	Convocation Center	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
6/17	Transfer Placement testing due by this date.		
6/24	Summer Session begins..		
7/18	Summer Session ends for prep students.		
7/15	Health forms uploaded to ATS by this date.		
7/15	Immunization Certificate uploaded to ATS		
7/27	School uniform measurements	Convocation Center	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
8/2	Varsity Football practice	Convocation Center	8:00 a.m.
8/6-8/8	Course Changes	Counseling Center	
8/10	DPO Book & Uniform Sale/Swap	Antler Room	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
8/15	Freshman Football	Convocation Center	9:00 a.m.
	JV Football	Convocation Center	11:00 a.m.
	Cross Country	Greenbelt Lake	5:30 p.m.
	Soccer	Heurich Field	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
8/10	Uniform Measurement	Antler Room	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
8/18	Mother's Welcome Tea (New Students)	Antler Room	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
8/21	Freshmen Experience Day 1	Convocation Center	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Freshmen Parent Coffee	Antler Room	8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
8/22	Freshmen Experience Day 2	Convocation Center	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Transfers Opening Day		9 p.m. - 1 p.m.
8/23	Freshmen - No school		
	Sophomores report	Convocation Center	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
	Juniors report	Convocation Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	Seniors report	Convocation Center	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
8/26	Full day classes		8:15 a.m. - 2:55p.m.
	Bus service and shuttle service from College Park Metro Station begins.		
8/27	Sophomore Parent Informational Coffee	Antler Room	8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
8/29	Junior Parent Informational Coffee	Antler Room	8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
8/30	Early Dismissal		12:50 p.m.
9/2	No Classes - Labor Day Holiday		
9/3	Back-to-School Night - All Grades		7:00 p.m.
9/10	Instrumental Music Parents Opening Meeting		7:30 p.m.
9/11	Chorus Parent Meeting		7:00 p.m.



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DRESS REGULATIONS

2019-2020

The following are the dress regulations required for all DeMatha students.

Freshmen and Sophomores: Navy Blue Blazer with DeMatha emblem (single-breasted only.)

Juniors and Seniors: Maroon Blazer with DeMatha emblem (single-breasted only.)

All Students:

Trousers Students have two options and may wear either of the following at any time during the year:

1. The recommended option is the DeMatha monogrammed khaki trouser. These trousers must be purchased at the school's official uniform company so that quality and appearance are guaranteed.
2. Solid gray dress trousers are available only through Potomac Clothing. Corduroy, cotton chino, etc. style pants are **not considered** dress trousers.

Dress Shirts Oxford style dress shirts, solid colors only.
Flannel, multi-colored or flimsy collared shirts are not acceptable.

Ties No required style; however they should be compatible with a blazer.

Dress Shoes DeMatha Catholic High School has a strict shoe policy that requires a specific style of shoe to be worn daily. This style can be purchased **only** from our uniform company, Potomac Clothing. They accept orders via their web site at www.demathauniforms.com. *Sperry Top-Sider Billfish 3-eyed Boat Shoes* may be purchased for students with a shoe size of 15 or larger. These shoes are reasonably inexpensive and have non-marking rubber soles. Boots, referee type or athletic sport shoes, shoes with ribbed bottoms and shoes that extend over the ankle are not permitted. Avoid black-soled shoes. All shoes must be purchased through Potomac Clothing.

New Student uniform measurement will take place in the Convocation Center on **Saturday, May 11th and Saturday, June 8th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM**. In order to receive free delivery and insure prompt delivery, orders must be placed by one of these two dates. If you are unable to place your order at the time indicated, you may place orders at www.demathauniforms.com by the end of June. Summer Session students may be measured for uniforms on July 27th from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

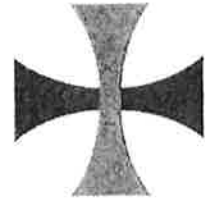
DRESS REGULATIONS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Uniforms supplied by: Potomac Clothing
Attention: Adam Hanin
Phone: 301-339-8466
www.demathauniforms.com/customer-service



DeMatha Christian Service

"Love your neighbor as yourself"-Mark 12:31



We serve others because:

*"The Trinitarian charism that informs DeMatha asks that students become **men of action, men of prayer.**" Thus, the DeMatha student develops spiritually and morally in a community where faith seeks understanding and is lived in service to neighbor."*

Overview:

- Completing service hours is an essential aspect of being a "DeMatha gentleman". It is a yearly requirement with different specifications for each grade level.
 - All service must be with a non-profit that works to provide a community need and/or work with individuals who are marginalized or at-risk.
 - We use a Google-based online system to submit, record, and review hours. No paper forms are used.
 - Mrs. Bright will review/check up on hours after they are submitted.
 - Mrs. Bright will send an email update to parents and students once a month starting in September.
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Freshman year requirement:

The theme for freshman year hours is Bettering Our Communities. Essentially, we want students to perform service that impacts their local communities.

- Required number of hours to complete for freshman year: **5 total**
- Acceptable options include volunteering at churches, youth athletic clubs, elementary schools, food warehouses, meal kitchens, etc.
- Lists of non-profit service organization options for freshmen are on the Christian service page of the DeMatha website.

Visit the Christian Service page on DeMatha's website for service opportunities, links to submit hours, and more: <http://bit.ly/DMChristianService>

Please contact Mrs. Erin Bright at ebright@dematha.org with questions or concerns.



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Order of the Most Holy Trinity

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TWICE RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Counseling Center

Dear New Student;

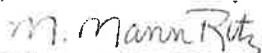
On behalf of the Counseling Center at DeMatha Catholic High School, we would like to welcome you! One of the goals of our office is to help each student become a more effective learner. When you begin your first year of high school, you will be going through a transition. To better prepare you for that transition, we'd like you to know the following information.


- You will be meeting new classmates, and they will be going through changes too! Remember, even the seniors were freshmen not so long ago.
- You'll be meeting new teachers. Each one will have a different style of teaching. They will demand more from you but they really want you to succeed and learn. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- You will be given more independence and at the same time you will have more responsibilities. It will be up to you to get to class on time, complete your homework every day, study for tests and plan your time efficiently.
- Try to always take classes that will challenge you. If you think the class you are in is too easy or too difficult, speak to your teacher right away.
- Your first year grades are part of your grade point average. Do your best to learn all you can.

The Counseling Center has programs that can help you with test taking skills, learning to manage homework, understanding your G.P.A., preparing for college, getting organized, planning for long-term projects, taking notes in class and study skills. We can also help you learn to handle conflict better, to stay healthy and safe and to make wise choices.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,


Maureen Mann Ritz, M.A., L.C.P.C.
Director of Guidance and Counseling


Theodore R. Garrett III, M.S.
Counselor for the Class of 2023