



STAG NOTES

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FROM THE PODIUM. . . MR. JAMES S. ROPER

HAPPY NEW (school) YEAR! We hit the ground running as we immediately began preparing for the Kaleidoscope Concert . This year's Kaleidoscope Concert will be held on October 13. We hope you will be able to support us and attend the concert. It has always been a wonderful event. Please consider sponsoring the event. We will have all sponsors listed in every concert program throughout the year.

This year's 5K RUN/WALK will take place on Saturday, November 17 at the Glenn Dale Community Center. The 5K starts at 8:00 AM. Come out to cheer our musicians on to the Finish Line!

Note the Calendar of Events on the back page. We would love to see you at these concerts.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the people who have made donations to the music program, either directly or through one of our scholarship programs. Your support has allowed us to continue to provide an outstanding musical experience for current students.

Last year we welcomed Helen Toves as our Administrative Assistant. Unfortunately, her husband was transferred and for some reason, she decided to go with him (imagine that??)! We are very fortunate to now welcome Ms. Debra Curry as our new Administrative Assistant.

HELP US GO PAPERLESS!

Send your e-mail address to dcurry@dematha.org to receive your Stag Notes electronically.

SEVENTH ANNUAL KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT

October 13, LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center

6:15 PM—Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM—Concert

There will be concerts on three stages by various Instrumental groups. The music will be of the "pop" and "novelty" variety. Some of the groups will be joined by DeMatha non-music faculty members performing with them. Father James Day will be singing with a Jazz Combo. The concert will begin with a "spectacular" performance by an alumni brass ensemble.

Following is a taste of the program:

Que Viva El Carnaval!	"My Shot" from Hamilton
The Greatest Showman	Rolling Stones on Tour
Memoirs from a Geisha	Imagine Dragons: Thunder

We are also having an auction component. There will be several high-end items to be won. We will sell an "arms-length" of tickets for \$20. You decide which item or items to put your tickets toward. One ticket will be drawn and the winner wins the item. So, for an investment of \$20, you may win something worth a lot more!

The tickets for the concert are \$40 and include a buffet reception. This is NOT where we raise most of our money. The price of the ticket covers the cost of the food and required rentals. *We make our money on sponsorship and advertising in our commemorative program.* Please consider sponsoring the program with a donation or purchasing an ad. We are encouraging special message ads congratulating individual students or the music program or a specific music group. Of course, this is a great way to advertise your business. We are expecting more than 600 people so it would be a large audience for the small price. Your ad will also continue to run in the Fall and Spring Concert Series programs.

Enclosed is an event sponsorship and advertising agreement. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check made out to "DeMatha Bands" to the music office or on-line at the Stag Store: <https://store.dematha.org/>

Two Scholarship Fund Opportunities

The *John H. Mitchell Scholarship Fund* gives tuition help to talented Instrumental students.

The *Charles Lawrence Scholarship Fund* gives help for private lessons to those who cannot afford them.

Please consider helping one or both!

Kaleidoscope Raffle

The raffle is a fundraiser that can benefit you as well as the instrumental music program—tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held at the Kaleidoscope concert on October 13.

First prize—\$1000

Second prize—\$500

Send a check to the Music Office and we will fill the stubs out for you.

2018–2019 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 13	KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT (See front page for more information) LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center, 7:30 PM
Thursday, November 15	FALL CONCERT —Concert Bands (3) and Percussion Ensemble I Bladensburg High School, 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 1	WAMTC BAND FESTIVAL —Concert Band II, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Good Counsel High School Olney, MD, 11:00 AM to Evening Times, TBA
Wednesday, December 5	FALL CONCERT —Jazz Lab, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble II, and Advanced Percussion Ensemble Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 11	FALL CONCERT —Symphonic Band, Concert Strings I, Concert Strings, Sinfonia and Philharmonic Bladensburg HS, 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 13	FALL CONCERT —Wind Ensemble Location TBA, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 20	PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL Sinfonia, Time TBA
Friday, March 22	PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY BAND FESTIVAL Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, Times TBA
Tuesday, April 16	SPRING CONCERT Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble – Hyattsville MS, 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 25- Saturday, April 27	MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP Destination TBA
Thursday, May 2	SPRING CONCERT - Concert Band I, Concert Band II, Percussion Ensemble I, Concert Strings I, and Concert Strings Bladensburg HS, 7:30 PM
Monday, May 6	SPRING CONCERT - , Sinfonia, and Philharmonic Percussion Ensemble II, and Advanced Percussion Ensemble Bladensburg High School, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 7	SPRING CONCERT - Concert Band and Symphonic Band Bladensburg HS, 7:30 PM
Monday, May 13	SPRING CONCERT —Wind Ensemble Location TBA, 7:30 PM