



# 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 12. 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 16 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.

We said goodbye to Debra Curry, our Administrative Assistant. This fall, we are very fortunate to welcome Ms. Kit Sin as our new Administrative Assistant. Kit's son, Joshua Mendizabal graduated from DeMatha in 2012. He was a violinist in Sinfonia.

### HELP US GO PAPERLESS!

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

### EIGHTH ANNUAL KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT

October 12, 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. Our master of ceremony will be Wisdom Martin from Fox 5 News.

Following is a taste of the program:

Havana	Funky Fugue for Five	Pachinko
Don't Fear the Reaper	Log Cabin Blues	Forrest Gump Suite
Crazy Little Thing Called Love	Earth, Wind and Fire in Concert	

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!**

### 5K Sponsorship

I know many of you "danced" for up to 15 hours at the DeMatha Marathon we held for years. The 5K has taken the place of the dated Dance Marathon. Please consider sponsoring a young man for this event by emailing me (jsroper@Dematha.org) I will give your name to a student and ask them to contact you. What a great way to stay in touch with the students that are preserving your legacy!

# CONCERT SCHEDULE 2019 – 2020

- Saturday, October 12     **KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT** (see front page for more information)  
LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney '99 Convocation Center, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, November 21   **FALL CONCERT** - Concert Band I, Concert Band II, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble I  
Bladensburg HS, **7:30 PM**
- Saturday, December 7     **WAMTC BAND FESTIVAL** -  
Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble  
Good Counsel High School, Olney, MD, **11:00AM to Evening**, Times TBA
- Wednesday, December 11 **FALL CONCERT** -  
Jazz Lab, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble II, and Advanced Percussion Ensemble  
Bladensburg High School, **7:00 PM**
- Thursday, December 12   **FALL CONCERT** - Symphonic Band, Concert Strings I, Concert Strings, Sinfonia, and Philharmonic  
Bladensburg High School, **7:00 PM**
- Monday, December 16     **FALL CONCERT** - Wind Ensemble  
Northwestern High School, **7:30 PM**
- Saturday, February 22     **PG SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL**  
All instrumental music students participate. (Requires piano accompanist) Location- TBD
- Wednesday, March 18     **PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL**  
Sinfonia - Time TBA  
Northwestern High School
- Friday, March 20           **PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY BAND FESTIVAL**  
Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble - Times TBA, Northwestern High School
- Wednesday, April 1       **SPRING CONCERT** - Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble  
Hyattsville Middle School, **7:30 PM**
- Thursday, April 30         **SPRING CONCERT** -  
Concert Band I, Concert Band II, Percussion Ensemble I, Concert Strings I, and Concert Strings,  
Bladensburg HS, **7:30 PM**
- Monday, May 4             **SPRING CONCERT** -  
Percussion Ensemble II, Advanced Percussion Ensemble, Sinfonia, and Philharmonic  
Bladensburg High School, **7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, May 5            **SPRING CONCERT** - Concert Band and Symphonic Band,  
Bladensburg HS, **7:30 PM**
- Monday, May 11            **SPRING CONCERT** - Wind Ensemble  
Northwestern High School, **7:30 PM**