

Welcome Back to the School Year 2021-22!

New Band Theme - "Back to the 'Normal' Future"

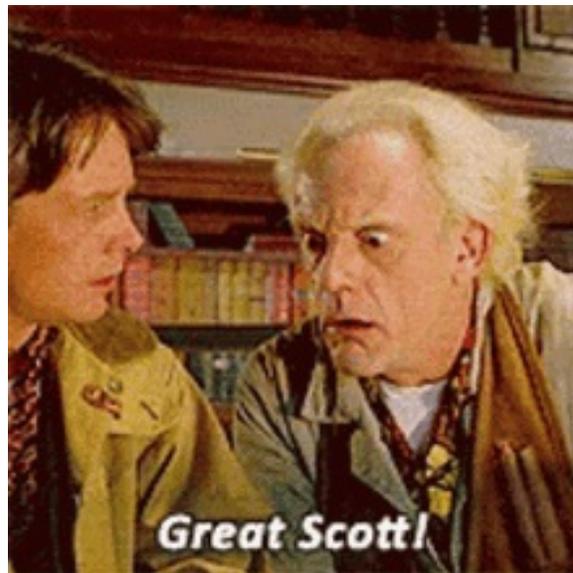
It's been a long 18 months since schools have returned to anything resembling 'normal operations'. This year we have the opportunity to go 'Back to the 'normal' future' with a few changes and modifications. We, at DSA Bands, are so excited to start the year being able to make music indoors. This communication will give you information on how we will safely make this happen. Please read carefully and take all the recommendations given.

Preparing for DSA Bands - Lift Off

DPS has set a mask mandate for all teachers, staff and students who enter any DPS building this semester. This keeps us all safe from potentially spreading the Covid virus. In the Bands area, it is important to have multiple regular masks **AND** performance masks - those that are modified for performance. These masks allow for a mouthpiece to enter but close off any air leakage from the mouth around the mouthpiece. **All brass and woodwind players MUST have multiple performance masks for Band.** It is also mandatory that all brass have bell covers.

If woodwinds have protective bags, please bring. Our Practicing Artists will be working with all students to ensure that the level of protection and awareness is as complete as it can be. Band instrument PPE has been ordered from the district but will not be delivered until mid September at the earliest. Use the link below to quickly see what you need! Students **do not** need instruments Monday or Tuesday!

[Mask and Bell Cover Research](#)



First Week of School - What to Look For

The first week of school will be dedicated to meeting our new band students, saying hello and welcoming back returning students and setting the rooms up for minimal-risk rehearsing. This will include discussions on face coverings, bell covers and bags, distancing and other areas of concern. We will see only new students on Monday 8/23 and then everyone on Tuesday 8/24. Remember, the more preparation we put in at this initial stage, the safer and lower risk we all will experience. We will talk briefly about chair

auditions in the ensembles, disseminate audition materials, explore new course offerings and the eventual expansion of DSA! See the newly redesigned DSA Homepage below.

[New DSA Website!](#)



Power Trio Performance at Vail Jazz 8/15/21

This year marked the return of the Vail Jazz Festival with a great trio from DSA Bands (from left: Hammond, JJ Mazza, Mitchell Galligan '19, and Lazlo Torok)



DSA Fill The Gap

DSA is a unique school with unique needs. The actual cost of educating a DSA student with an extraordinary arts and academic education is beyond the funding that is provided by the district. In order to fully fund DSA's nationally competitive arts and academics, we are faced with a gap. This year the financial "gap" that DSA faces is \$1500 per student for the school year.

DSA's Fill the Gap Campaign was launched in 2017, and all DSA parents were asked to come together to *Fill the Gap* with an unrestricted, tax-deductible contribution. Over the past 5 years this support has allowed DSA to provide quality educational programs in the arts and academics, capital improvements for DSA's unique needs, financial resources for low-income students, programming to increase Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and more. A school-wide culture of philanthropy is essential to the success of our students and fulfilling our mission...and together we will be stronger!

Your support of the *Fill the Gap Campaign* at a level that fits your budget will help us reach our goal of 100% participation and is 100% tax deductible. Join the hundreds of DSA parents who are already supporting DSA through either a monthly or one-time donation.

Please click on or copy the link below to make a donation: [DSA Fill The Gap](#)



Let's Mask Together!

Please make sure you are prepared with multiple masks for the return of school. As always, the Bands Department recommends KN95 masks or similar for the best protection - double masking is encouraged as well. Let's all be safe and help rid our community of the COVID virus!





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