

marching TO THE BEAT

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FRESHMAN DANIEL ROSSON AND OTHER BAND STUDENTS USE BAND TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

Every year, marching band changes the tempo of the season by supporting our school through a multitude of different activities.

For freshman Daniel Rosson, marching band is a part of daily life, and a reason for him to get up in the morning.

"Band has always taught me how to communicate with people through the music I create, which has helped me make new friends," Rosson said. "It definitely gives me a reason to wake up in the morning because I have a full schedule packed with related activities and practice pretty much year round."

In the fall, marching band holds practice every single day after school, even practicing over the summer in sweltering heat for hours at a time.

"It feels like we have a giant responsibility to provide a certain type of energy to the student section and to do that, we need to practice often and be dedicated to our sport," Rosson said. "We practice so often because it definitely shows off when we're performing."



Band teaches you about how people work, both in communicating with people and the music. You have to really work as a team to create something you are happy with. "

daniel rosson, 9

1. ALL ABOUT THAT BASS Daniel Rosson, 9, plays bass during a marching band show. "With band, it feels like we carry a responsibility to keep the tempo and energy of our peers high as we support Legend's other sports," Rosson said. 2. MARCHING IN STYLE All of marching band practices for the homecoming parade in the parking lot in full dress, solidifying their performance into an air-tight show. Practicing almost everyday after school, the work put into making something special did not go unnoticed. "Band helps me connect to other people around



my age and keeps me in line with a schedule for everything I do," Rachel Davidson, 11, said. 3. MAJOR LAUGHS Hayden Duncan, 12, laughs with friends while preparing for a performance with the marching band. As drum major, Duncan is seen as the main student example to keep everyone focused and on task when practicing for performances. "I love to be able to travel for different competitions because it gives us a chance to showcase our talents and how hard we work," Duncan said. 4. SMILES FOR STATE Daniel Brown, 9, finishes his performance of the afternoon with smiles for the crowd in front of him. "I love performing because it gives me a purpose to work for something bigger than myself," Brown said. PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEPHEN KUYON



FIERY FLUTES Abriana Ferguson, 10, plays the flute alongside Riley Nash, 9, and Brynn Lavon, 9, during the homecoming assembly. One of the youngest sections in the entirety of the marching band, the girls kept a steady beat while adding to the melody being played. "My favorite part of playing the flute with girls around my grade is that I'm constantly making new friends and learning new things from the people around me," Ferguson said. PHOTOS BY SIDNEY ARMSTRONG

this is YOU

What is your favorite part of marching band and why?

"My favorite part of marching band is the family that we build and the teamwork that we have. The band is a great way to learn life skills that I can use daily like teamwork and discipline."

TYLER COLWELL, 12

"Marching band kind of gives me a reason to wake up in the morning and feel prepared to start my day off organized and in the right headspace. I love everything about it."

DANIEL ROSSON, 9

"I like band because it has given me the change to form new connections and make new friends while helping my progression in playing my instrument and the performances I take part in."

RILEY NASH, 10

"In band, everyone has a place and we all celebrate each other's achievements and goals because we're usually all working towards the same things. It helps me make new friends and work towards my dreams."

RACHEL DAVIDSON, 11

"My favorite part is definitely being able to experience so many new things and travel with my friends to compete in places we've never been before to perform and show what we've practiced."

HUNTER BALL, 12

"My favorite part of marching band is being able to make new friends that I might have not interacted with before, especially if they're older than me or are in completely different classes."

ABRIANA FERGUSON, 10