



## Not Going to Miss a Beat

Band takes to the field during halftime to play their Marvel-ous show

Saxophone player Elizabeth Hoh '21 and percussionists Ryan Frasier '23, Bianca Patten '23, Megan Connelly '22, Trevor House '22 focus on their roles for the halftime music. The band practices for days over the summer and three times a week to learn the music and the movements to present a cohesive show.



**INFORMATION** The members of the band stand in their formations ready to wow the student section.

**THROUGH THICK AND THIN** The band continues to support the varsity team even through the cold temperatures, as they represent in all red coats.

**THE SOUND OF VICTORY** During the halftime show, Kelsey Foster '20 and Owen Eichenseer '20 sound their instruments alongside the rest of the band.



# Front & Center

It is fun to be good, and good to be fun

Being one of the best Marching Bands in the state doesn't happen overnight. At over 180 members, the band has grown significantly over the years under the direction of Jason Mabrey, and the students know they are a part of something special.

"You have to want to make the group great," Will Fenimore '20 said. "You have to be persistent. It's easy to be great one day, but you have to have that positive mental attitude every single rehearsal."

The rehearsals are essential for the students to learn the music and then tie in the movement, which requires strong memory and coordination.

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**Emily Fogarty '21**

"It's one thing to be accurate; you make the correct steps and play the right notes," Fenimore said. "It's an entirely different thing to be precise. Precision is the ability to make that accurate step or note happen the same way each time."

Finding that precision as a whole unit doesn't happen in one camp or one after school practice. It comes from the seemingly endless hours of time together to make it happen.

"Learning songs and especially drill is a tedious process," Emily Fogarty '21 said. "It takes a lot of patience to get each set perfect and running it multiple times each rehearsal. It's difficult when you start out, but once you get the hang of it, it gets to be a really fun experience even though it's a little tedious."

And when that dedication comes together in the show—whether it is at halftime of a home football game or during the Friends and Family Night performance, it's something everyone can feel and be proud of.

"One of Mabrey's quotes explains it all: 'It's fun to be good; the only way to be good is to work hard, so therefore working hard must be fun,'" Fenimore said.



## Split Second

Band breaks down their instrument and favorite songs

### Clarinet

**Daniel Tempest '23**

"My instrument can play very quiet, and usually get to play at a higher register. I loved playing the Black Panther music this year."



### Flute

**Rylie Barden '22 (CTHS)**

"My favorite thing about playing the flute is how pretty it can be with the right accompanied instruments. I loved the Black Panther music this year."



### Flute

**Kylee Blackman '21**

"The flute can be really challenging at times. I loved playing the Captain America music this year."



### Percussion

**Ryan Frasier '23**

"I'm not always stuck on one thing—I could play crash cymbals and move on to another auxiliary instrument. Captain America music was best; I played three different instruments."



### Mellophone

**Aiden Erwin '23**

"It's challenging to keep the instrument up and very rewarding in the end when you've completed what you're doing. I really liked playing 'Runaway Baby' this year."



## Single Moments Make Big Years

From band camp to halftimes, Friendship Cup to Parade of Lights, marching band gives it everything to make the show strong

### Band Camp During Summer

Camp during the summer months helps the band learn the music and start drills, but it's long hours on hot days. "Sometimes it's hard to muster up the energy, but when I know that I'm working towards producing an amazing show and also remind myself that I'm doing this for every other person there, I find the energy I need," Emily Fogarty '21 said.

### Raptor Rally August 23

Raptor Rally presents an opportunity for the Marching Band to establish themselves as a powerhouse for school spirit, first in the gyms with the pep rally, and then outside by the booths as they create an atmosphere of excitement and energy around being back at school.

### First Halftime Show September 6

"In football, if you mess up, you can call a time out to pull it together, we don't get that," Sam Newton '22 said. "If a player is having an off day, the coach can trade them out; we can't do that either. Marching band pretty much requires perfection from each and every individual and most people don't see that."

### HoCo Parade September 19

Marching Band leads the way for all other student groups, marching in the parade. The route requires they play and march for nearly 30 minutes as they make their way from Timberline Elementary to the high school. They get a short break before they start up the music again and help kick off Nest Fest.

### Friendship Cup September 28

Raptor Regiment participated in the Fountain Fort Carson High School Friendship Cup in Fountain, CO. The Friendship Cup was a day-long event filled with performances from around the state. "Marching band practice is something I look forward to throughout the day," Newton said. "But that moment when we walk onto the field and march our show makes all of the time and energy so worth it."

### Friends & Family November 4

Legacy Stadium opens to supporters of the marching band, and the band plays their full set and some of their favorites. "Friends and family night is always one of the best nights because it's all about the band and everyone that goes, is going for the band," Jazzy Sanchez '22 said. "It's always such a good feeling to see so many people in the stands there to see us."

### Parade of Lights December 6 & 7

In the 45th annual 9NEWS Parade of Lights, Marching Band made an impression, taking first place in Marching and Music and Friday and added a first place in Lighting on Saturday.

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