



Marching To The Beat

Marching band for many, means more than just playing music or being part of a family. It's a safe place where people can come together and create beautiful stories within their music. It is a sport and activity that has impacted many people within our school and community. When asked how marching band has impacted him, Haiden Anderson '23 said, "It just made me see things in a whole new perspective. Most people don't understand the hard work that goes into the little everyday things but marching band makes you think about what you are doing all the time." It's obvious how much of an impact marching band truly has on its members. Miranda Schroetlin '22 said Marching band "...was the first thing I did in Woodland park and the first group of people that I met and like, everyone who I met

in the band was all so kind and welcoming and yeah like, I really had a community...". We also asked some of the members of the marching band what their favorite memory was. Miranda Schroetlin said "regionals, every year. I've never made it to state within high school but...I guess competitions in general it's super fun like even if your band doesn't do well it's still just like a lot of fun to be there and do the best you can with your show..." and when Catalina Chess '25 said, " When I first got to the band room on my first day of marching band I like knew no one and then each person one by one like started to introduce themselves and it was just great having... all these new friends." Not only is this place like a home for many people it's also full of many memories that they can all look back on and smile about..

A March For A Lifetime

Drum Major

Miranda Schroetlin '22 has been a part of the marching band since her freshman year. She has been working hard the entirety of her time in the band. "So when I first moved to Woodland park it was right before my freshman year. I moved here a week before my freshman year and lived with my grandparents for a week because of the band, like literally, I was coming down so I could be here in time for band." Miranda has shown a miraculous amount of dedication to the band and when asked how it felt to be able to go to state she said, " I have been in marching band since my freshman year and obviously the band has hoped for state every year. My freshman year we were out by only a few points, and my sophomore year by only a fraction of a point so we've been getting close but not quite making it for a while. For me, it's literally like a dream come true to finally see our marching band make state."





The Alumni

Our Upperclassmen were up for a surprise! Not only did they have two years of newbies but the also had a new director! What a crazy year!

HemingsDad

In our new year of marching band, we found no one better to lead us except, Mr. Hemingson. He was able to take a strange but determined bunch, and make us leaders and victorious!



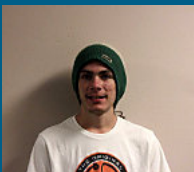
Catalina Chess '25

"Getting to meet everyone in band, and being to be able to march with them, even if I didn't want to go to practice."



Hayden Anderson '23

"After Regionals, when we were going to Fargo's and we found out we made it to state, just seeing the joy on Miranda's face, it was perfect!"



Alex Richardson '22

"We got to do our first drum line and I even busted my finger at a game and my brand new drumsticks were covered in my blood and now I have a souvenir of my senior year."



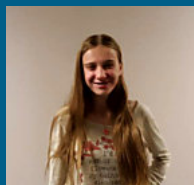
Miranda Schroetlin '22

"Definitely working with the band and seeing all of our progress throughout the season. I also loved meeting all the new marchers and definitely getting to go to state!"



Courtney Little '25

"I loved meeting new people."

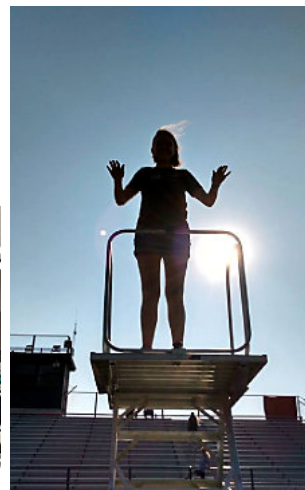


Claire Fuqua '23

"We Made it to STATE!"

The Newbies!

Our entire school and marching band upperclassmen were very excited to not only welcome our freshman marchers, but our sophomores as well! During 2020, Woodland Park was unable to have their season so when the new season began, we had two years of newbies instead of one!



This Season many students and marchers have been able to grow from this experience. We as a community are so proud of every individual who participated with everything they were and worked through the bad times and came out the other end stronger and more resilient than when they started. We have seen them strive and accomplish more than many of us ever dreamed of. It is a beautiful thing to experience such love and support between one another. To have a safe place to call a second home. There is no doubt that this band has created a bond that will be hard to break. And make friends that will last longer than most. We are so proud to have our Pride of the Park.



Our Iconic Marching Duos



The Giggling Gals

If anyone would walk into the marching band, the Miranda Schroetlin '22 and Claire Fuqua '23 duo would be the most special. Miranda the drum major and Claire the clarinet player, the most happy duo out there. They laugh and hug and manage to become each others rock through all tears. There's no doubt that these two belong on the best band duo list!



The Trumpeteers

Andrew Black '22 and Caleb Keazor '23 are the strong and VERY loud trumpets of the Pride of the Park Marching Band. They have done nothing but been solid players, and the two manage to get into some trouble every now and then. They are so loud that it's been rumored that some band members even threatened to throw their shoes at them!



Double Trouble

Brianna Adair '22 and Zoria Hinton '22 are the most brave but stupid duo out of the band. They've been doing color guard together since freshman year and have been each others best friends throughout it all. They have friendly competitions that sometimes ends up with some bumps or bruises!

