

# the BATTLE is ON

The Lair interviews passionate musicians with opposing views--at our own risk.

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The ongoing battle between band and orchestra students has been happening for years. With both groups feeling passionate about their music, we interviewed Kyle Schulthess (7) from band and Trevor Egburtson (7) from orchestra at the same time to get to the bottom of it.

**Lair:** What instrument do you play and why is it the best?

**KS:** Because the sax is a woodwind, and it's cool.

**TE:** The viola because you can play violin notes but violin can't play the c-string which is the lowest, but we can 'cause we have it.

**KS:** That's just a "slightly bigger violin."

**TE:** -That can play more and sound like a cello.

**KS:** Yeah, a bigger violin.

**Lair:** What advice would you give to someone new to band or orchestra?

**KS:** Don't play trumpet! Aww-Just kidding. Yeah, ... don't play trumpet.

**TE:** It depends on what they want to play.

**Lair:** What's the best way to prepare for a concert?

**KS:** Wear a belt.

**TE:** There's not much calming before. It's just play and you'll be fine. You become like a robot if you've played the song enough times.

**Lair:** How will you use these skills later in life?

**KS:** When I'm older, I'll wear a bigger belt.

**TE:** Music is good to know because it helps your brain.

**Lair:** So which is better? Band or orchestra?

**KS:** Band!

**TE:** No, orchestra!

(Fake punching breaks out.)

TREVOR EGBURTSON (7)

"My favorite memory from orchestra was going to Skyzone or playing the song Gargoyles and other intense songs."



**ABOUT THAT BASS!** Bassist Corrine Stratton (7) performs in a concert and waits for her cue. She has been playing since fifth grade. "I had no idea about instruments and just picked the one my finger landed on. I also thought the bass was a band instrument, but now I love it!" Stratton said. **SOUNDS OF STRINGS.** Viola player Presley Dickerson is on stage in the middle of a song. As she was looking at her music, she was stressed out. "If I mess up, I think I'm going to mess up the whole orchestra. I chose the viola because I don't like the sound of the E string," Dickerson said.

# KYLE SCHULTHESS (7)

"My favorite memory from band was making All County Band in 6th grade."



**FLUTE IT.** Flautist Rebecca Mundell (8) is at A-west playing the song *Creeper in the Castle*. "We were their for the area festival, and I was nervous because of how many people were there," Mundell said. **SOUND THE HORN!** Band member Joseph Allen (8) is at a concert. Because this is his third year playing for Drake, he wasn't nervous. "I was just chilling and playing," Allen said.



**WILDCATS!** Suzette Mayer is preparing to perform for A-West. They traveled there in the evening for a festival. "I wasn't nervous and had a good time," Mayer (7) said. **BLOWN AWAY.** Saxophone player Luke Hamilton (7) plays in the middle of a concert. When he was in the peak of the song, he had to hit a hard long note. "I was playing *Darklands March* so I had to make that weird face to get the right sound," Hamilton said.

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