

# the **GOOD WITCHES** of the **WEST**

Two female drum majors lead the band to a successful season.

During the 2023 marching band season, **Eden Warner ('25)** and **Irene Wich ('25)** guided the band to a rocketing success, through exemplary leadership and determination as an all-female drum major duo.

Stepping into the new position of being a drum major after two years of playing in the band, Wich's role offered her a new perspective and positive memories.

"It's a totally different experience than being in a marching band. It's exciting, super cool, and I love working with Eden," said Wich.

As a leadership role, the job of a drum major comes with a lot of responsibility and hard work. Despite this, Warner knew exactly what her new role entailed.

"It is really hard, but I hung out with last year's drum majors and



I knew what kind of work I was getting into. Drum majors have to be there hours before, on time, and know exactly what is going on," said Warner.

Though Warner and Wich are in charge of leading the band, this did not change the sense of community the band has with their drum majors.

"Everyone is close and they are welcoming. Overall we are a strong community and we know that we can rely on one another," said Wich.

As both are female juniors, Wich and Warner bring fresh perspectives to the role.

"I think it's really cool for both me and Irene because we're on the younger side and we're junior females and I think as drum majors, it works to represent a different culture," said Warner.

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**Learning to grow.** Standing strong during a performance, **Emma Sweeney ('25)** plays her flute. Sweeney reflected on her season and the commitment that it entails. "I was able to learn that sometimes it's okay to push yourself if it's something you really want to succeed at," said Sweeney. photo by: lillian turner



## shining **BRIGHT**

Color guard glows green in their new uniforms.

"It's amazing to finally have **official** uniforms."

**Elena Dominic ('25)**

"The costumes show how guard is supposed to **represent** the people of the emerald city."

**Madeline Shelton ('25)**

"The new ones are much more **comfortable** and easy to wear."

**Star Richards ('25)**

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**Giving it all.** Posing for a movement during the friends and family show **William Lanphear ('25)** blasts away on his trombone. Lanphear decided to take on the challenge of marching band during his junior year and believes that he has improved as a musician during this time. "Before, I didn't really care to practice, but with marching band, it sort of forces you to take a step up and really push yourself," Lanphear said. photo by: lillian turner

**In the moment.** As her flag flies through the air, **Angélique O'Connor ('24)** beams toward the sky. As the season progressed, band and guard members had the opportunity to bond and grow as a group. "I really enjoyed eating dinner and playing games with everyone in the band, as well as the guard," said O'Connor. photo by: lillian turner

RAMPART REGIMENT  
**FALL**

paving the

# YELLOW BRICK ROAD

The Rampart Regiment marching band and color guard perform and compete in the 2023 season with their theme, 'The Ecstasy of Emerald'.



## OVER the RAINBOW

Marching band reaches for gold in their success during competitions as they advanced to state.

SEPTEMBER 23

4TH place  
Legacy Marching Festival

OCTOBER 7

2ND place  
Douglas County Marching Invitational

OCTOBER 18

1ST place  
CBA Southern Regional State Qualifier

OCTOBER 27

5TH place  
CBA State Class 4A Semifinals & Finals

**Covered in emerald.** Kneeling in a line, **Bradyynn Schloesser ('27)** and the clarinets play under the green wave. As a clarinet player, Schloesser is one of the many people who are at the front line when the cloth comes up and over their heads. "It's a little scary at first because you're scared the cloth will snag your instrument, but it's a really fun experience," said Schloesser. *photo by: katherine omdahl*

**Record breakers.** Practicing with her flag before a game, **Ella Parkinson ('25)** dawns her smile with her fellow guard members. Color guard, alongside marching band, placed fourth overall during the Legacy competition, surpassing the school's previous record. "Being able to see the joy on everyone's faces when we were told we had broken the record was so cool and thrilling," said Parkinson. *photo by: lillian turner*

**Spicing it up.** Rocking her own style, **Ashley Sanchez ('24)** plays her saxophone at a home football game. Sanchez, a soloist, plays a special role in the marching band's ensemble and has been adding her own spin on the band uniform. "I'm supposed to play Glenda in the third movement... her color is yellow, which is just perfect, because it's my favorite color," said Sanchez *photo by: lillian turner*

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