

# LOUD AND PROUD

A season of success for the Lobo Regiment

**7**:00 PM, October 6, 2023. Students gathered at Fitz Field to watch the Lobos football team destroy Wheat Ridge at the Homecoming game. However, this was not just an important night for the football team alone, as the Lobo Regiment, the school's marching band, planned to join them on the field at half-time. Homecoming represented how far they had come as a band and as a team. With years of practice behind them, soon-to-graduate players prepared intensely, as this was a stressful night for everyone.

"We really cut down on the talking and goofing-off this year, which has really shown in our performances so far," junior pit percussionist Trent Carpenter said.

Marching band showed more than just how they could play an instrument, but how they knew it and moved with it. The team took 10th place at state in Pueblo against lots of other Colorado teams. They were led by their two conductors, juniors Lila Braun and Austin Clate.

"I always really liked being in a leadership position and being able to support my band in a stronger way," Braun said.

Every single member on the football field during halftime showed their commitment to each other and their love for what they do. Clate had been in marching band since he was a freshman and this year he took on a leadership position. Having such a big position took faith and trust in the whole team.

"A lot of kids were shy, but they had to create sound, so I needed to help them get their voice out. I always want to bring the team's power out," Clate said.



**BANDING TOGETHER** After waiting an hour for the band to take the field, junior Austin Clate focuses to find his rhythm. Marching band held their records with their leaders by placing third in Regionals and seventh in State. "The team didn't have someone to really lead them through so I'm glad I chose to," Clate said. *photo by s. smith*



## Stirring up Treble



**Micah Kipp, sophomore**

"This is my first year of marching band, and some friends who were already in marching band convinced me to join. It's a great experience and we all love having fun together," Kipp said.

Why We **Matter**  
What does being in marching band mean to you?

**Autumn Mix, senior**



"The people in marching band all have a close bond. It can be hard because I spent a lot of time with them and it's hard to leave them because I am a senior," Mix said.



**HALFTIME IS OUR TIME** Senior Casper Ennett, carefully plays the bass clarinet at the Homecoming game against Wheat Ridge High School. "We definitely wanted to show up and show off at the game. Everyone really wanted to bring the heat," Ennett said. *photo by l. thompson* **KEEP ON DRUMMING** Sophomore Jadence Evans takes on band by being one of the few drummers that hypes everyone up with unique drumming skills. Evans had a very big role on the team, leading everyone through the hallways during pep rallies and making sure everyone showed their Lobo spirit. "I started with no intention to go band, but now I am here enjoying it," Evans said. *photo by m. evers*

**JUST KEEP MOVING** Sophomore Victoria Godby plays the baritone sax in front of one of her first big crowds during the Homecoming football game at halftime. This was Godby's first year in the Lobo Regiment, the group she found her spark with. "It's just good practice for life in general, from how to put everything together, to how talk to people, and understanding your place in a community," Godby said. *photo by i. hess* **BE NATURAL** Junior Star Justice performs her best as part of the color guard. Justice was part of the color guard for three years and found her place within the Lobo regiment. "It's nice to be making friends with everyone because you feel a part of something important, and it's so fun," Justice said. *photo by m. evers*



"Band is definitely a lot more fun and connected. **I made a bunch of friends** with people I never thought I'd be friends with."

**Emma Walker, freshmen**



"It's nice to have a **family and group outside of your academic life.** We all just joke around and have a good time playing instruments."

**Benjamin Harrison, senior**



"When I was living in Texas, a bunch of my **friends were in band so I decided to join.**"

**Rodry Kruger, sophomore**



"It's cool to have **people to talk to around school** and we just kind of formed a friend group of 40 people that all march."

**Sullivan Gibson, senior**