



## Band



**Summer time! That was not** a typical summer for the band students, who spent time along with the color guard, practicing their music together. Getting to work as a group was exciting and new, for some, while for others, it reinforced teamwork and persistence.

**H**ere come the drums, the flutes, and all the percussion instruments! The band sure played, but they do not play games. Rather, they played music taught in their classrooms for weeks and weeks.

That did not in any way serve as a deterrent for these members.

"I had very high expectations because I knew our show was written well and everyone was so dedicated this year," said **Amanda Moore, 12.**

Besides improvement and practice, many band members have played their instrument for at least six or seven years!

Even if at least several of the band members decided to only continue playing their instrument until they graduate from high school, some said that they wished to play their instrument at the university level.

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The variety of instruments played, each band member being proud of his or her instrument, include the clarinet, the trumpet, and other wind instruments.

One should not be fooled into thinking that each band member plays solely one instrument. These members are highly involved in other musical programs.

"I am part of Pep Band and Jazz Band," said **Steven Pace, 10.**

Out of all the fabulous memories the band had, many include events that have nothing at all to do with music!

"My favorite moments of band camp are the numerous friends, the canoe trip, and the amazing feeling knowing you've finished," said **Natalie Saure, 10.**



**Pancakes for everyone...with a couple** of tunes. Pancake Day, March 12, was a memorable day for all band and orchestra students. They played their instruments in the commons to a very pleased audience.



**Play those trumpets! Practice was** demanding, but when performance time came, palms got sweaty and the trumpets got heavier. No problem, the repetition paid off when the trumpets blasted to a whole new tune in the spring. The flowers bloomed as the trumpet sounds zoomed through the air!



## Winter Color Guard



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**S**ixty, fifty-nine, fifty-eight, fifty-seven... The time was going fast when Winter color guard had only an hour to learn a dance routine and perform it in order to receive a score that determined whether they made the team!

The pressure was fierce and many were not used to it, who have not been a member of color guard before. So why did they go through all the pressure?

"I love everything about guard. It's a lot of work and sometimes painful, but it's rewarding to be in. There really isn't a way to explain it unless you experience it," said **Danielle Doughty, 11.**

But color guard was no festival without the preparations. Team members had practices at least two times a week and had their first competition in February.

Nonetheless, the color guard was very close since they spent a great amount of time practicing together and aiding each other.

This allowed them to not only prepare for competition, but to communicate with peers.

"The competition days are such a rush; they're addicting. Plus, we all spend so much time together. We're all close and we've got crazy inside jokes. It's really fun," said **Sarah Hammer, 11.**

Competition days were really nerve-racking for the winter guard.

"On competition days, I feel stressed, nervous, and excited, all at the same time! Once we get on the floor, though, I realize that it's all worth it," said **Elizabeth Samelak, 11.**

Part of the team's confidence level came from their coach **Ms. Angela Hott**, a winter guard coach for three years.

Why wouldn't it be worth it when such a rewarding experience can come from it? Not to mention, the friends members made are likely to be with them beyond their color guard experiences.



**Practicing for the first winter guard competition! Bikem Polat, 11, and Elizabeth Samelak, 11,** were practicing in the commons before their first competition. It paid off! The team received second place on their February 1st competition.



**Competition time! Flags were up in the air** in the first February Winter Guard competition. Turning, dancing, and catching flags were only some of the movements performed. The creative uniforms added light to and really enhanced the performance.

