



Symphonic Winds



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Scott Kruger, 9, stays on the beat! The cymbals were always heard in the group. Along with playing the symbols **Kruger** also played the drums.

Symphonic Winds is a great combination of all grades and instruments! Band worked hard all year round. Band started in the summer with band camp.

Mr. David Swift led the Symphonic Winds through many great competitions. In order to be in top band students must have earned an eighty percent or higher on their auditions.

"I believe that band is the best and the worst of times, but in the end I still love it," said **Chad Baumer, 12.**

The band competed in OMEA competition. There were many bands that were at OMEA. The ratings were anywhere from one to five, with one being the best and five being the worst. Symphonic Winds recieved

a rating of a one. The group was excited with their score after they had worked so hard to perfect everything.

Band did not get enough credit for the year. Band was at every football game and every pep assembly. The group was really close and it was seen in their competitions.

"This one time at band camp... just kidding, but because of band I have made some of my best friends! YAY BAND," said **Emma Tarai, 11.**

Band was a great way to make long lasting friendships. Many long hard hours went into making the band sound as one.

"I'm really glad I stayed in band all four years. I've met a lot of fun people and had tons of neat experiences," said **Julie Mueller, 12.**



Jennifer Belsky, 12, and Maya Pillai, 12, play along with the rest of the band! The band performed at Fine Arts Day. Their performance was enjoyed by everyone.



The band is getting everyone ready for the big game! Band was at every football game and competed in their own competitions as well. Band was an exciting show at half time of the games.



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Everyone marches to the same beat! **Matthew Cadwallader, 11,** set the beats in order to keep everyone together. Drums were a large part in band.

Band was not just playing an instrument, there was so much more to band than that! Band was a chance to get close to the people in your section and even in the whole band.

"Concert band is fun because you can create new friendships that could last a lifetime," said **Harrison Steinbuch, 9.**

The music played in band was not the boring old classics. There was very up beat music that the band learned and perfected.

"Concert band has really opened my eyes to some really

great music. Some people think that all concert band music is old and boring, but we play some fun and modern pieces too," said **Matthew Cadwallader, 11.**

Winds Symphony was under the direction of **Mr. Lenny Stover** and **Mr. Gary Langhorst.**

Concert band also included drum line. Drumline competed during the fall and winter quarters.

"I'm in band so that I can do drum line because drum line is what it's all about," said **Matthew An, 10.**

All in all band was a great time and the friendships that were made were irreplaceable.

"Winds Symphony (band) is a double bacon cheddar awesome burger. In Ebay terms, it would be an 'A+++' 'Brand New' 'Great Seller!!," said **Greg Blake, 11.**



It's game time, and that means that the band is performing at halftime! **Andrea Perlman, 11,** set the beat along with the other percussion instruments. Halftime would not have been the same without the band.



The school year starts early for band! **Mr. John Frank** helped students march and get in the right postions. The summer was long, but it paid off after hearing the unity of the band and seeing the correct formations.

