

Proper Conducting

Keeps everyone In marching band in line

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CLICK, CLICK, CLICK. were the opening sounds that the percussion made at the start of every performance. Although the season is over, these sounds will not be forgotten. Each year a new group of faces is added to the mix. These new members, usually the incoming freshman class, must attend an extra week of band camp during the hot summer months. Here, these "rookies" learned the basics necessary to be successful in marching band. Following the first week, the entire band gets together to learn the routine for the season.

"I like being in marching band, because I get to meet new people each year," said **Michael Guder, 12.**

The band had a wonderful season obtaining many titles and awards. Under the direction of **Mr. David Swift, Mr. Jeff Bieler, Mr. Gary Langhorst,**

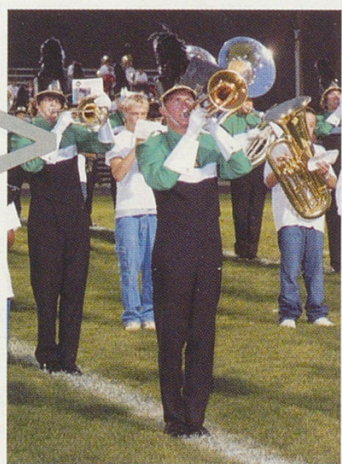
Mr. Lonnie Stover, and **Mr. Clint Hott,** the band was named Grand Champion at the West Clermont Competition, and also won awards for their outstanding percussion. In addition to competing in contests almost every weekend, the band performed at every football game. They pumped up the crowd and provided entertainment during the half. In order to obtain the right frame of mind,

members must pump themselves up for the games. Before Friday night football games each section of the band got together for dinner. At these dinners, members of each section not only got physically energized, but also psychologically energized.

"The section dinners before the games are great. We have a lot of fun, and get ready for the big game," said **Brian Murphy, 12.**



COMING TOGETHER. Each year the marching band gets together with grades 5-8 to put on "band night." Band night fell on the homecoming game. They were able to put together a spectacular performance for the large crowd.



ALL LINED UP. Many hours were spent at band camp perfecting this technique. Being able to get the same beat is crucial for any band, especially a marching one. This is just one of the many things on which they were judged at competitions.

PRE-PERFORMANCE RITUALS. Just as in athletics, the band also takes time to stretch before performing. Stretching is extremely important in order to avoid pulled muscles.



I'm glad we got a 'one' at state. We really deserved to do well after all of our hard work during the season.

> **Phil Barbe, 12**

The many hours in the hot summer days are well worth it when you have the best performances possible and win Grand Champion.

> **Rachel Costello, 11**

