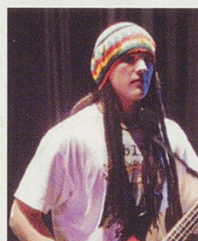


## A word from the stars



Sycamore has seen in a long time.

"All in all, I think that everyone had a fun experience. We rocked the house and blew the system. I think that these were the best bands

> **Alex Young, 12**



"We were up there doing something we like to do, and when people positively responded to that it was just the most incredible feeling."

> **Jared Goldfarb, 11**



bright, and we are excited for what lies ahead."

> **Mike Maher, 12**

# Face With our own stars face

## Battle of the bands

By: Shay Meisner

**F**INAL DECISIONS. Following three days of auditions with nineteen bands beginning on November 10, five bands were judged worthy to perform on stage at the battle on December 6th. The

panel of judges was made up of thirty-two volunteers who showed up for a judges' meeting on November 10th. In the past, judging has not been so popular.

"The interest for judging was extremely high compared to last year," said **Becca Maher, 10**. Although the only requirement to judge the battle was to attend the judges' meeting, the judges were obligated to critique and judge each band without showing any favoritism.

The five bands selected were: Last Word made up of **Mike**

**Mahe, 12, Dan Schoenberger, 12, Brandon Spear, 12,** and **Dan Parsons, '03**, Still Rock Steady made up of **Jeff Miller, 11, Gabe Goldstein, 11, Jesse Steele, 11,** and **Alex Young, 11**, Toliver made up of **Brett Banks, 12, Jason Opplinger, 12,** and **Jeff Schear, 12**, Blind Reality made up of **Dexter Payne, 10, Andrew Flint, 10, Brian Telljohann, 10,** and **Chris Flint, '03**, and The Pinstripes made up of **Chris Grannen, 11, Matt Kursmark, 11, Jared Goldfarb, 11, Ben Pitz, 11, Mikey Sarasin, 11,** and **Candace Washburn, 11**.

At the Battle these bands were given their chance to shine before their peers. The bands had the option of performing either cover songs, or original compositions. The bands were even allowed to use special effects such as special lighting and fog machines. Students attending the battle, got involved by getting out of their seats and cheering for their favorite bands.

Each student in attendance, was given a chance to vote for their favorite band following the battle. Once all of the votes were tallied, The Pinstripes came out victorious.

## Battle Basics

**Date:** December 5

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Cost:** \$10

**How were the bands chosen?**

Nineteen bands auditioned in November before student volunteer judges. The top five were then chosen for the battle.

**How many judges were there?**

32

**How were in-between acts chosen?**

They were volunteer, including some of the bands that did not make it into the battle.

**What did the bands perform?**

They performed both cover songs, and original compositions.

Courtesy of The Leaf

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST.** Dan Parsons an '03 graduate was the lead vocalist for Last Word. Other members included guitarist **Dan Schoenberger, 12,** bassist **Brandon Spear, 12,** and drummer **Mike Maher, 12.**