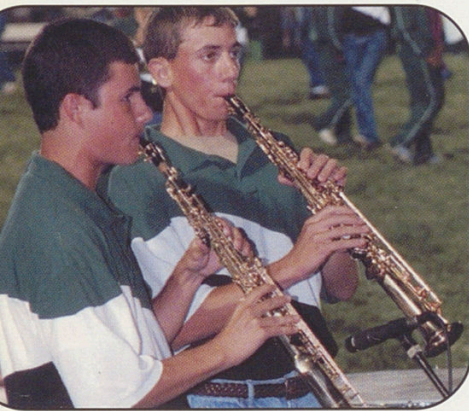


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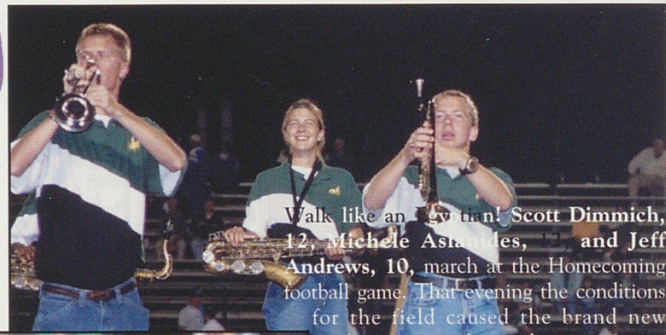
"Marching band is a wonderful way to end the season. The show does very well at competitions and it makes the season memorable,"

**Zach Baharov, 12, and Michele Ashlanides, 12.**

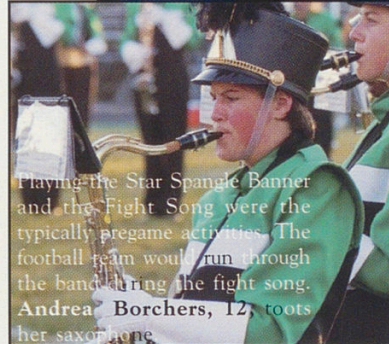
Long hours, hard work, and giving up your weekends is what it takes to be part of the Marching Band. The Marching Band is one of the hardest working groups at the high school and has the hardware to prove it. Band camp was held for two intensive weeks from eight AM to eight PM. Also, the band met on Thursday nights throughout the summer to practice the music. The time put in really paid off. The Mysteries of Egypt show with music titled "Hieroglyphs" earned the band their highest score ever at the Versailles Competition on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Every Friday night the band joined the football team to perform. On Saturdays the band spent all day at competitions but never left empty handed. To begin the season, the band performed at the Campbell County High School Competition, the band received seventh place out of twenty four bands. At the Versailles Competition the marchers earned the grand champion award.

"After hearing we won the grand champion award it felt like all our hard



Walk like an Egyptian! **Scott Dimmich, 12, Michele Ashlanides, and Jeff Andrews, 10,** march at the Homecoming football game. That evening the conditions for the field caused the brand new uniforms not to be used.



Playing the Star Spangle Banner and the Fight Song were the typically pregame activities. The football team would run through the band during the fight song. **Andrea Borchers, 12,** roots her saxophone.



Leader of the pack! **Melissa Mitchell, 12,** was the drum major for the past two years. She kept the band in time and lead them to

work had really paid off," said **Steven Snyderman 12.**

Later that day the band performed at the Tecumseh Festival and received third place in their class. To end their season the band performed at the state of Ohio Marching Band Finals and marched their way to a score of number one, the best in the state.

In the fall the band traveled to Florida. At Universal Studios, the students spent time at the Islands Adventure and marched in two parades. At Sea World the band played in front of the penguin house. "I loved the trip, not just because we got out of school. Universal was awesome," said **Brian Murphy, 11.** By **Laura Eastes**

# tune in



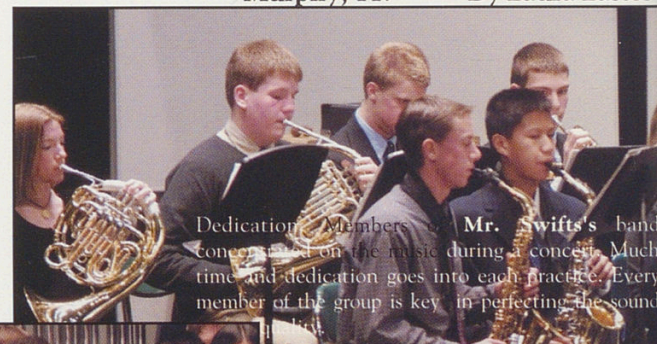
"Seriously, who doesn't like getting dressed up simply to look good and play some classical music? I still don't understand why Concert Band isn't a spectator sport,"

**Evan Leitner, 11.**

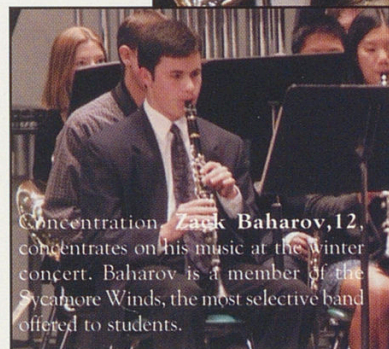
Playing as a team is as critical in band as it is in athletics. Just as in athletics directors face students with a broad range of ability and dedication levels. Their ability to "tune in" to each student's individual needs contributes to the success of the program.

"Band is a blast! The directors are determined to make us better performers," said **Corrie van Amerongen, 11.**

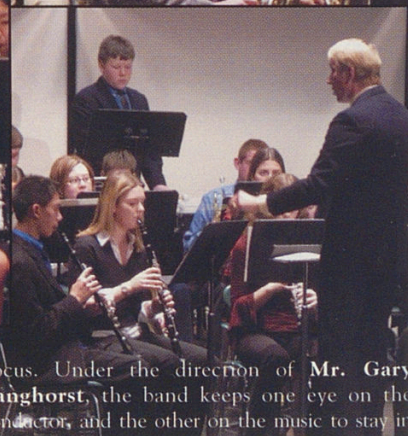
The very best performers earn a chair in the Sycamore Winds directed by **Mr. David Swift.** In order to be a part of this selective band, students must earn an 80% or higher on auditions at the beginning of the 2nd quarter. Those players working to fine tune their skills



Dedication. Members of **Mr. Swift's** band concentrate on the music during a concert. Much time and dedication goes into each practice. Every member of the group is key in perfecting the sound.



Concentration. **Zach Baharov, 12,** concentrates on his music at the winter concert. Baharov is a member of the Sycamore Winds, the most selective band offered to students.



Focus. Under the direction of **Mr. Gary Langhorst,** the band keeps one eye on the conductor, and the other on the music to stay in

perform in either the Symphonic Winds directed by **Mr. Gary Langhorst,** or the Wind Symphony directed by **Mr. Lonnie Stover.** Students in the two lower bands have a chance to challenge the student with the lowest score in the higher band, or retake chair tests to improve final

grades. Unlike athletics this internal competition is put aside during concerts. Each band plays as one huge team. They are quiet, polite, and hopefully in tune.

By **Katie Loftspring**