

# Between the Two

Band members find a balance between competition, football music

Early in the year, band members begin to prepare every day for the district band auditions scheduled for November 8. District is a mandatory competition for the members of 1st band and optional for members of 2nd band.

Eighth grader Brooke Hanson made district last year, but is still a little on edge about auditioning. "I am definitely nervous, but confident as well," Hanson said. Band president Maya Webb has a very positive attitude about the auditions.

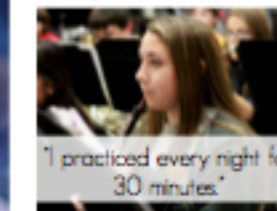
"I practiced until I could crush the competition and meet my goal for first or second chair in the district," Webb said. "Practicing for band members is extensive, but necessary. They have to rehearse for district as well as go through football and

concert music during class. During district auditions, football season is in session, and band had to be able to manage their time between the two types of music they were playing.

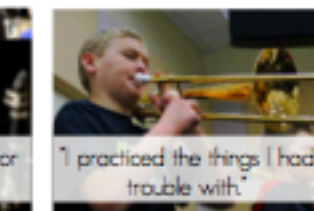
Eighth grade tuba player Bryce Roddenberry focused on the music more challenging to him. "I already knew how to play football music from last year, so I focused on the district music," Roddenberry said.

Although football music tends to be more interesting or enjoyable to play than district music, band members must balance the two types of music in order to excel in the District competition as well as at football games throughout the first semester.

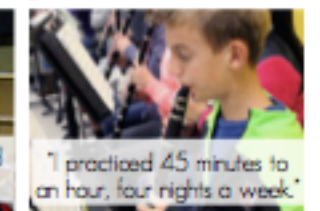
## How did you prepare for district auditions?



Grace Mosen, 8



Jake Bram, 7



Joaquin Gendron, 8

Blowing into her flute, Wind Symphony band member Samantha Porter performs with the band at the second pep rally. The band played football music to get the crowd excited. "Football music is really peppy and it makes people dance, and it is fun to watch them dance," Porter said. Photo by Natalie Aman



1. Fingers on the keys, Robert Louis and Samuel Hladaj play their saxophones in beginning band. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski 2. Practicing a song, Ryan Suesmith carefully plays his steel drums. Photo by Josh Cannata 3. Reviewing her music, Amy Bejarano-Romero practices clarinet for the Beginner band concert. Photo by Natalie Aman 4. Blowing into his tuba, seventh grader Daniel Zuniga performs a piece. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski

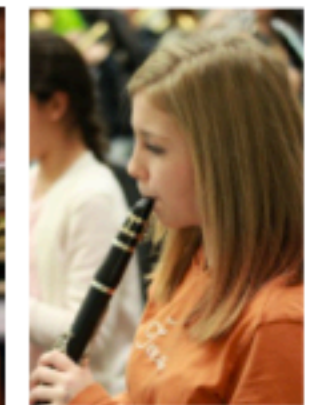


Focusing on his music, eighth grader Adam Dinkins performs at the Gorzycki homecoming football game against the Bailey Bears. The Gorzycki band performed their football music in the stands to cheer on the team. "It is fun to play in a different atmosphere," Dinkins said. Photo by Natalie Aman



Looking up from his music, seventh grader Derek Perez plays his trombone in second band. The band practiced Christmas songs for the holidays. "Our music is pretty fun and easy when you get the hang of it," Perez said. Photo by Josh Cannata

Entertaining fifth graders, Tyler Boyd plays his trombone with the Wind Ensemble on the Fine Arts Recruiting Tour. On the trip, the band played some of their most popular tunes at elementary schools. "I thought it was great seeing all those kids and knowing they would join us," Boyd said. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski



Preparing for a concert, Elizabeth Achilles practices her clarinet in second band. The band members enjoy getting new challenges. "I have been playing for one and a half years, and my favorite part is to learn new music," Achilles said. Photo by Josh Cannata