

## game night thrills

**1. Full Hearted** Singing along to "Hey Baby" by Bruce Channel, sophomore Andre Cordova, Alex Ball, and Jared Chapelle clap along at Ranger Stadium on Sept. 18. Band members danced and sang during the games. "We don't care how we sing," Cordova said. "We just sing our hearts out."

**3. Tuba Tango** At Ranger Stadium on Sept. 4, junior Dylaina Swan and the rest of the tubas dance on the track. Swan enjoyed being followed by the other tubas. "I usually start dancing and then everyone else joins in," Swan said.

**2. Banging to the Beat** Before the game, senior Derek Fang and juniors Trevin Harris and Allison Bravi warm up their snare drums before the first home game on Sept. 4. "Band means that my hard work to make the drumline pays off," Harris said.

**4. Playing Solo** As the beginning of the band UIL show starts sophomore Garrett Snowden and senior Joel White perform their solos Sept. 18 at Ranger Stadium. Snowden put a lot of work into not only his solo, but in all pieces of music in band. "I practice about three hours a day," Snowden said.



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## Musicians reveal favorite stand tunes

For the band, half time shows and stand tunes highlight their football season. The ability of each musician to play fun and popular songs such as *Bang Bang* by Jessie J, *Word Up* by Cameo and others get the crowd on their feet and dancing.

"My favorite tune that we play would definitely be *Hey, Baby!* because it's a really cute song," freshman Angelina Ibarra said.

Another thing that the musicians enjoyed was the marching performance at half time. The band played *March Grandioso* by Roland Seitz, followed by *Born to be Wild* by Steppenwolf and *Disco Inferno* by The Trammps.

However, they also played *Poker Face* by Lady Gaga.

"*Poker Face* is definitely my favorite part of the half time performance," said freshman Adam Day.

On the other hand, freshman Laney Rendon said the best part of the game was when the band played *Uptown Funk* by Bruno Mars.

"It's very upbeat, and everyone knows it," Rendon said.

Whether hard rocker or smooth jazz enthusiasts, the band had everyone's tastes covered.

Although everyone had their own personal favorite, there's one thing that everyone knows; these musicians know how to get moving.

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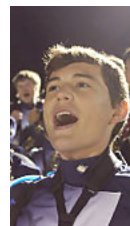
**Spirited Saxes** Guns up high, juniors Jared Pualetti and Thomas Frazier, freshman Elhan Yeager, junior Khalil Brooks and seniors Joel White and Lucas Hinojos show which section has the most spirit at the first home game on Sept. 4. When the band was not in the stands, it performed "Las Danzas De La Rosa" for halftime.

# halftime show off

# what de•fines band?



1. Ready to make his first step onto the East Central field on Sept. 11, freshman Adam Day stands at attention. "When you work so hard for something, it's always great when you get show it off for a crowd like that," Day said.
2. Freshman Abigail Wood waves her flag with the rest of the colorguard during the Oct. 2 halftime show performance. "I love to perform in front of the crowd," Wood said. "I always seem to have a blast, and doing it with my friends is even better."
3. Focusing to get it just right, junior Michaela Varner twirls her flagpole in sequence with her fellow members Sept. 4 at home.
4. Along the end zone, sophomores Manuel Barrera-Frey, Tai Fong, Bryce Keith Dakota Perelstein and Sam Sommer stand at stand-by with other trombones waiting for the drum majors to blow their whistles Sept. 4 at Ranger Stadium.
5. Performing a traditional colorguard routine, junior Elena Diaz de Leon watches the drum majors during the first home game performance Sept. 4 at Ranger Stadium.



"A fun new experience for incoming freshmen and a fun way to meet new people."  
- **freshman Cole Jensen**



"Colorguard means everything to me. It provides me with happiness and friendships with all sorts of people. It's super fun, and I love how everyone is included; no one sits on the bench."  
- **junior Jai-Lin Patterson**



"Band is where you can act crazy and be yourself. Band is just a huge family."  
- **senior Ruby Smola with sophomore Nina Gloria**

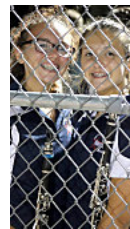


"It's getting to have the best time with the best people."  
- **junior Brianna Hauschild**

1. **Cheer Them Up** At Ranger Stadium on Sept. 4, senior Riley O'Sullivan and juniors Samantha Spenrath and Anne Mark take a ride on the spirit roller coaster. The spirit masters pumped up the band's spirit in the stands. "I love getting up in front of the band and making it more fun for people," Spenrath said.
2. **Attention!** Marching on to the field, seniors Natalie Morales and Rachel Broderick and junior Anne Mark lead the band as drum majors at their first home game Sept. 4. "Every performance is one that I cherish," Morales said.
3. **In the Pit** While the dance team takes the field, sophomore Jamie Thompson awaits her time to play at East Central on Sept. 11. Thompson was part of the pit, which included various percussion instruments. "It's fun and exciting, and we're a close group," Thompson said.
4. **Spins and twists** Twirling her baton, junior Camryn Shows performs her routine on Sept. 5 at home. "It's really exciting to get perform and see all of my hard work pay off," Shows said. "I love the energy of the crowd and doing what I love every Friday night."



"It's awesome, and I have a lot of fun with my friends."  
- **freshman Samuel Thibodeaux**



"Marching, playing and having amazing friends. I'm making the best memories."  
- **freshman Brooke Salgado with freshman Emily Benton**

