

CLIMBING TO THE TOP

WITH THE SHOW, "CLIMB", MARCHING BAND RECEIVES STRAIGHT 1'S AT UIL COMPETITION



In the Back Parking Lot Prior to a Game, the flute quintet, Melissa Gentempo⁰⁹, Andrea Alanis⁰⁹, Khuong Tran⁰⁹, Daisy Sanchez¹¹ and Thy-Thy Nguyen¹⁰ warm up for their performance. "All of the nerves went away once I remembered I wasn't alone," Tran said.

Steadily Approaching the 50-yard line, Keitron Williams¹² gets into position for his trumpet solo. "There are all of these little components that band as a whole has to put together to accomplish this one big picture," Williams said. "It's a team effort since there's so much that goes into it"

In Celebration of Their Last Game, Alex Hernandez¹², Alejandro Galindo¹², Diego Pinales¹², Alex Paniagua¹², Ariel Ricafrente¹², and Edward Gonzales¹² skip along the track with linked arms during senior night. "It's saddening because I won't be with my closest friends," Galindo said. "But I've learned a lot of things, like how to mature faster after being drum major leader for two years."



Looking Ahead, Glenda Estrada¹⁰ leads the line of woodwinds during the halftime performance. "There's a lot of visual movements that I need to keep track of," Estrada said. "But I love the thrill of marching."

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"As a new tradition, on senior night, we're able to leave an object that represents us behind on the field that we've marched on for four years."

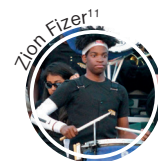
"I left my tears, of course, but it was nice recollecting all of the memories of each and every senior."
Crystal Nguyen¹²

"I cried. It was very emotional seeing all the people I loved saying goodbye for the last time."
Alex Sar¹²

"I left my right glove. All I could think about was the hardships I went through and how I finally reached the end."
Rahul Sendiong¹²

MAJOR MOMENTS

Marching band students reflect on their journey throughout the season.



August 28th
"The first game was exciting to perform for all of the fans."



October 20th
"We did well at the UIL competition for marching. It gets more exciting every year."



July 30th
"Summer band is actually a lot of fun and all of our hard work pays off in the end."

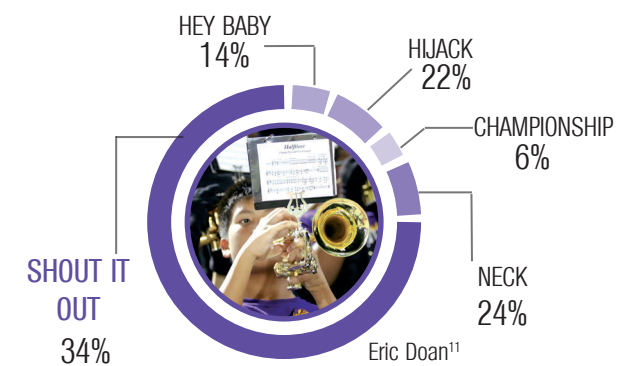


Eyes Up, Kingston Rollins¹⁰ watches the drum major intently to stay on top of the beat. "When you're with your peers and doing what you love to do, it all becomes fun," Rollins said.

After Halftime, Keitron Williams¹² and Alex Clark¹² analyze the video on Lynda Eubanks', assistant band director's, phone. "Ms. Eubanks recorded us imitating a cool band routine I found online," Clark said.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STAND TUNE?

50 People Surveyed



Justin Tran⁰⁹
 "Even though the people are my favorite thing about orchestra, I still enjoy playing my instrument. The music is harder in high school, but it's still fun."

Diana Delgado¹²
 "I've gotten to meet so many people in the last four years thanks to orchestra. I've learned that practice really does make perfect."

Edgar Trujillo¹⁰
 "I joined because of the many activities and I love the music. The violin is the best way I can show my appreciation of music."

Jeffrey Sese¹⁰
 "Ever since I was little, I always had a thing for classical music. The people, music, and fun activities make all of the hard work worth it."

Niah Pham⁰⁹
 "Orchestra is a great way to meet new people and have fun while playing music. It's much more intense and complex in high school than in middle school."



Off Stage at the Holiday Concert, a cello choir of 17 cellos perform for the audience. "It's been years since the cello section got to do something like this," Nick Nguyen¹¹ said. "The cello section is hot and strong this year."

STAYING ON BEAT

CELLO CHOIR PERFORMS AT CONCERT AFTER 7 YEARS

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Summer Chester
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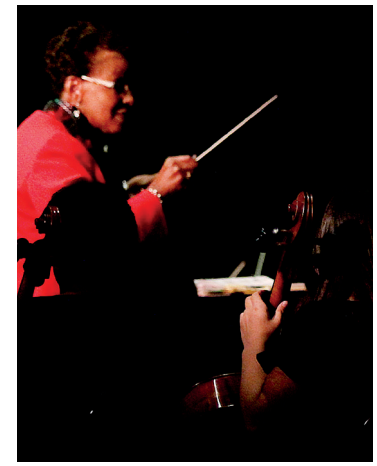
As Holiday Characters, Amangelin Jalbuena¹², Stephanie Le¹¹, Brittany Baidoo¹¹, Summer Chester¹², and Kim Nguyen⁰⁹ wave to the onlooking children during the annual holiday tour. "When the characters entered, it was lit," Baidoo said. "We got to make the children happy and see their jubilant smiles and cheers."



Supporting the Weight of Multiple Flags, Brian Villa⁰⁹ and Alan Ramirez⁰⁹ help load them into trucks for the students who put the flags up in Greenwood. "It was just a little tiring, but only because I just brought them to the truck," Villa said.

Serving as Guest Conductor at the Holiday Concert, Patricia Crittendon, principal, directs the orchestra during Jingle Bell Rock. "The audience loved it and I'm sure the orchestra members did too," Melannie Junco¹⁰ said.

On Top of a Truck, Jaime Duran⁰⁹ thoroughly washes it at the orchestra's car wash. "It was fun interacting with the community," Duran said. "I'd only wash cars for the school and the orchestra."

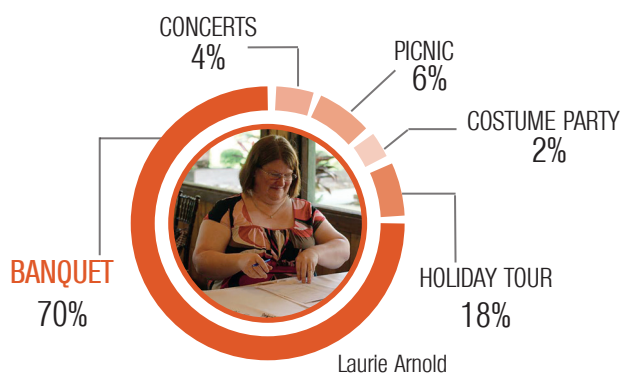


At the Eagle Extravaganza, the quartet of Jackson Hitchens¹¹, Rebecca Castaneda¹², Ellison Mudanza¹¹, and Andrew Nguyen¹², welcome visitors. "Our only rehearsal was the five minutes spent during Eagle's Nest the day of," Castaneda said. "It still turned out fine."

Radiating Excitement, Amy Pulido¹¹ shares her cello with an enthusiastic fifth grader during the elementary school tour. "I didn't start playing my cello in the fifth grade, but it was still a nice experience showing the kids something new like the joy of orchestra," Pulido said.

WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ORCHESTRA EVENT?

50 People Surveyed



KEEPING UP WITH ORCHESTRA
 Members share their packed weekly schedule

Monday
 "I'm actually fine with having gold violin sectionals on Mondays. Is that weird?"
 Gisselle Hernandez¹⁰

Tuesday
 "Green violin sectionals really do help, plus Tuesdays are pretty convenient for me."
 Angelo Panganiban¹⁰

Wednesday
 "Sectionals allow me to bond with the all of the other violas."
 Alejandra Guerra¹⁰

Thursday
 "It's exhausting having full orchestra rehearsals pile on top of cello/bass sectionals."
 Summer Chester¹²

Friday
 "I love practicing with my friends and it's a great way to get better at playing."
 Bryan Nguyen⁰⁹

ANDREW DOAN¹²
 "You're never too old for cartoons!"

