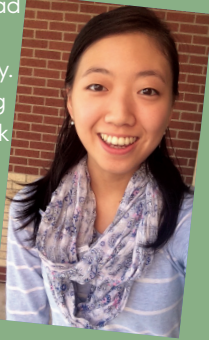


# The Bottom Line

## Students pick up schedules before school begins

"Before Round Up, I had to hang up fliers for National Honor Society. Once it started, getting my schedule was quick and easy but the line for the parking permit was long. I'm excited it's my last year but it's also a little weird."

— Anna Qi<sup>12</sup>



"Since I already knew where most of the classes were, I didn't really stay long to go find my classes. I got my schedule real quick and left."

Celine Alires<sup>10</sup>



*Tooting Your Horn* During the band's Watermelon Social, Clara Lee<sup>10</sup> and Mindy Lee<sup>11</sup> practice their marching drills. "I joined band because I wanted to be social and connect with people who played the same instrument as me," Mindy Lee said. Photo by Bryanna Cao



Saxophone Section Photo by Jason Rhodes

*Colors of the Wind* At the Watermelon Social, Preston Winton<sup>12</sup> performs along with the rest of colorguard for family and friends. "Colorguard has become a passion for me and my main form of expression," Winton said. "The sense of family is my favorite thing about it." Photo by Haley Clifton



Emily Smith<sup>12</sup> Photo by Haley Clifton

## Freshmen get feel for school

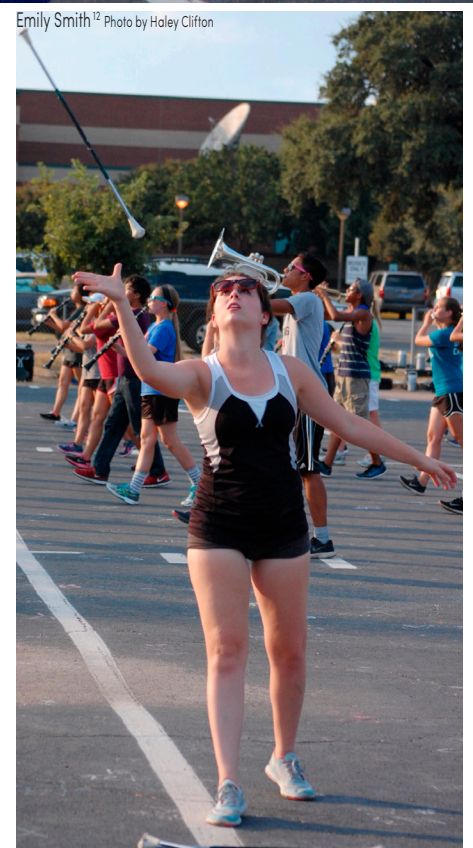
"At Colt Camp, I went around the halls, met a few of my teachers and found some of my classes. I was excited about coming to high school and to have classes with some of my friends and meet new people."

— Alexis Pituch<sup>9</sup>



*Leaders of Tomorrow* At Colt Camp, Jenna Luttrell<sup>9</sup> and Vivian Yell<sup>9</sup> sign the 2019 class poster. Freshmen toured the school, attended a club fair and picked up their schedules. "My favorite part of McNeil is the fact that we have so much school spirit for so many different things," Luttrell said. Photo by Jason Rhodes

*Finding Nemo* Exploring the school with his mom Shannon Marks, Garrett Marks<sup>9</sup> uses a map to find his way around. "Attending Colt Camp gave me the opportunity to find my different classes and learn the wings," Garrett Marks said. "The Round Up was helpful; they told us about GPA, class rank, and other things." Photo by Jason Rhodes







# SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE

## Band shows off skills for friends, family

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. During the summer, the marching band hosted its annual Watermelon Social to show off their skills to friends and family for the first time since the end of their Summer Band Camp and, of course, feast on watermelon.

"It's both a fun time and a checkpoint of sorts for us to see where we are," Libby Fears<sup>12</sup> said.

The students spent the summer learning and enhancing their musical skills. They worked on their show music and marching technique. They took pride in everything they accomplished in such a short amount of time.

"The social is the first time we get to show our parents everything we've worked on during the summer," Nick Bulko<sup>12</sup> said.

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This Watermelon Social was an opportunity to enjoy the fading summer days, with music and good food, surrounded by friends and family. Band members remembered this time as a learning experience and as a fun way to connect with new people.

Band members performed movements from the CityScapes halftime show.

"We got to show off for the first time to our family and some

former alumni who visited," Francis Shih<sup>11</sup> said.

The band members were even treated a school favorite during the event.

"The most exciting part was getting to eat Rita's Ice because it was the last time I got to have it before they closed," Kenna Heroy<sup>10</sup> said.

— By Kayla McCaskill

Kevin Ryan<sup>12</sup> Photo by Haley Clifton



Brendan Berver<sup>Parent</sup>, James Berver<sup>3</sup> Photo by Marie Han



*In Line, In Tune* Practicing warm-ups with the rest of the band, Ashley Engle<sup>10</sup> positions herself in line with her flute section, playing in tempo. Engle, as well as the rest of the band, participated in the annual Watermelon Social, where they showed their families what they worked on over the summer. "My favorite part about band is having a family within it," Engle said. "We're all very close, no matter how different we all are." Photo by Haley Clifton