

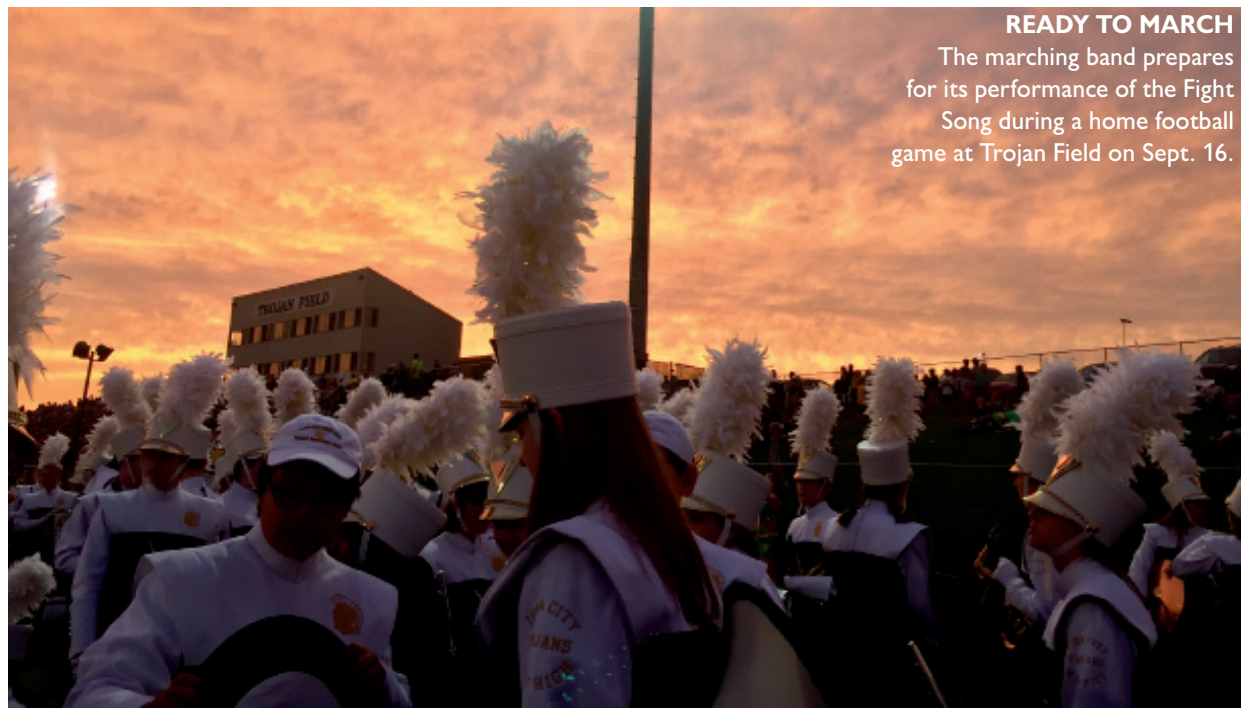
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TO THE BEAT

Drummers Zach Starman '18, Sean Chi '17, Thomas Duong '19 and Prateek Raikwar '18 put on a show for the student section. "Playing in the drumline is a surreal experience," Duong said. "It's awesome to see the reactions of the crowd as we play for them."

PARADE FUN

Freshmen Nishi Byrd and Aiden Peterson march while playing trombones Sept. 30.



READY TO MARCH

The marching band prepares for its performance of the Fight Song during a home football game at Trojan Field on Sept. 16.

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ON THE BEAT

Hey Jude. I Want You Back. Confident. These songs are the focus for the crowd listening, but the 300 members of marching band must concentrate on their movements and sounds.

Grace Crimmins '20 enjoys learning to move in unison across the field. "My favorite thing about band is Friday night performances. It is so much fun getting to march on the football field and play songs that we have been working hard on," Crimmins said.

When the crowd quiets down, the drumline is sure to bring the noise. "The drumline gets a lot of attention," Sanjeev Sarin '20 said. "We also get the coolest parts in songs."

Twirler Arielle Comellas '18 said she loved the energy from the crowd. "It's so much fun to be able to work with Julia [Baker '17] and try new tricks on game nights," Comellas said.

New members can work on their skills while also having fun. "The whole band has already improved since school started," Harrison Voigt '20 said. "We just had to have time to get to know each other."

Brandon Burkhardt '18 enjoys traveling out of state with the band. "The coolest thing we get to do this year is going to Disney for a week, which is why it is worth doing band," Burkhardt said.

Others think the camaraderie of band makes it worthwhile. "My favorite part is the jokes we have ... we're playing *The Stripper*. It's a weird tradition for us, and it's a ton of fun to play on a trombone," Ander Fuller '18 said.

The *Stripper* was a hit with other band students and the crowd. "At The Sounds of The Stadium, we had 'stripper' people from West that danced to us playing the song," Anna Brown '19 said. "It was funny and made the crowd laugh."

Playing together as one created powerful music. "It's lots of fun to be able to play the biggest hits, and it's pretty cool to play them with a couple hundred other people," Logan Stuart '17 said.

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