

A Parent's Thoughts:

"You see their smiles, tears, joys and sorrows all rolled up into one magnificent experience—the sense of parental joy cannot be matched, nor more easily described. The look of determination and the smile when the cheers ring out makes the months of practice and competitions a simple blur. If your teen is at all musically or athletically inclined, they should consider marching band—I've seen lifelong lessons taught and friendships happen that are irreplaceable."

Still Not Sure?

If you still are not sure about marching band, check out some of the following resources which show marching band's greatest benefits:

"From The 50 Yardline"
www.fromthe50yardline.com

Drum Corps International
www.dci.org

Bands of America
www.musicforall.org



Past Shows:

2018 – "Noir"
2017 – "One Small Step"
2016 – "Voices"
2015 – "Time After Time"
2014 – "Wonderful World"
2013 – "We Are..."
2012 – "Hide and Seek"
2011 – "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"
2010 – "Tragic Kingdom"
2009 – "Motown Goes Red and Gold"

Top 5 Reasons to Join:

1. **Overnight Trip:** Since 2009, the Falcon Force Band has taken an overnight trip to compete in the Bands of America Grand National Championships. This year, the Band and Chorus will be the FIRST Fenwick Group to travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.
2. **Meet Friends Before High School:**
This makes the transition from middle/elementary schools to high school easier!
3. **Improve Your Confidence:**
Performing gives you confidence to know you can participate in public settings!
4. **Get Real-Life Experience:**
Marching band is about more than music and marching—it's about lessons in life. These lessons include, but are not limited to: dedication, commitment, time management, work ethic, morals, teamwork, responsibility, and leadership! Employers and College Administrators know that marching band members tend to be disciplined hard workers, and like to see activities such as this on resumes.
5. **Be part of a Competitive Team:**
Marching Band is an athletic activity. It is "Music For Athletes" and you can even receive credit for physical education. Everyone performs on the varsity level and no one sits on the bench!

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MARCHING BAND



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Falcon Force Marching Band

Marching Band is comprised of band students (and non-band students in color guard) attending Fenwick High School as well as 7th & 8th grade students from local Junior High Schools (JH instrumentalists must be actively participating in their grade school program)

Components of the High School Marching Band

Winds: Students playing instruments using air to produce sound are considered wind instrumentalists. The wind section includes any instruments from the brass and woodwind families.

Percussion: Students who play percussion instruments. At different times, the percussion unit may be split up between “battery percussion” (drums) and “auxiliary percussion” (keyboard percussion and “toys”). Students who have experience playing piano or a string instrument are able to learn percussion instruments fairly quickly because they already know the basics of reading music and rhythms.

Color Guard: The color guard performs with the marching band and on their own. This unit includes students who use different equipment to add a visual element to music. Students do not need prior experience (in fact, most color guard members do not start until freshman year) to join. Those students with experience in gymnastics, dance, cheerleading, or twirling will already have some of the basic skills needed.

What the students are saying:

“Band is an enriching, challenging, and enjoyable program with many exciting opportunities.”

“Joining band allows you to meet people before high school starts. It is a way for you to get involved in the Bishop Fenwick community.”

“It is a great experience. It is a really good four years and you will not regret it. It is a whole lot of fun”

Performances:

All Fenwick Varsity Home Football Games

MSBA Local Competitions

Bands of America Regional Championships

Middletown Memorial Day Parade
Morning parade on Memorial Day

2019 Marching Band Show Theme

“The Haunted Manor”

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Orlando, FL



MYTHS about Marching Band:

♪ **Too Much Time**

False! With exception of a few individual group rehearsals, there is scheduled in June so that students may concentrate on family activities. Full band rehearsals begin the week after July 4th. Many weekends are left open in the summer for family.

♪ **Too Much Money Compared to other activities**

False! Participation fees in Marching Band are the same activity fee amount as all other activities at Fenwick.

FAMA works tirelessly to provide financial assistance to those who demonstrate need.

♪ **Too Many other activities to be involved in Band**

False! Our Marching Band members have been involved in Soccer, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Wrestling, Dance, Drama Club, Mock Trial, and numerous other activities outside of school. We like our students to be involved in the school culture, and stress a balance in mind, body, and spirit. You will find that involvement in the Arts helps students develop an emotional maturity, and overall happiness.