

Why do band? Here's what students are saying about band at...



Sophomore: "I wasn't sure in 8th grade if I wanted to do band in high school. I wasn't that into music but I went to a lot of the competitions for my brother. I decided I would give it a try. Since I joined, I have a big group of friends that I hang out with. Band gives you a group of good friends and people you can count on. It's a lot of fun!"

Senior: "The experience is absolutely amazing. The band is competitive and you meet some pretty cool people."

Freshman: "Sure band, like anything, takes up time. But if you never try it, how do you know it's not for you? In the end, it's really fun and you make awesome friends along the way."

Freshman: "Marching Band does take time, but that time is always filled with some amazing memories. Band camp, the directors, the trips, and the football games really show how it all pays off. And you walk away with 80 new friends you would have never met if you didn't do marching band. I loved it and I'm glad I stuck with band."

Junior: "Band is a commitment, but trust me what you gain from the experience you'll never forget and always use. You'll build a family that will help you adapt to the big changes in high school. If time is your concern, we have several students who have taken all the courses you're considering, and I'm sure they will be happy to help you."

Freshman: "I had the same worries and anxiety about band, but I did it anyway. It was a decision I have not regretted once."

Sophomore: "Band is a great opportunity and they will meet many new friends. Friends from all kinds of circles. And upperclassmen that will help you!"

Freshman: "I went into the school year knowing so many other people. The first day of school, in the hallways, I already had friends of all ages. I had a full table at lunch."

Senior: "It does take time, but we have students in band who take all honors classes. Many multi-sport players and people who are just busy out of school. And many with all three!"

Sophomore: "I didn't know if I was going to do band, or enjoy it, but now I'm glad I did it. Best choice ever."

Freshman: "I only joined band last year because my mom and dad made me. Now, we've bought a new horn, I'm excited to play, and I'm thankful they "made" the decision for me. If only I knew...."

Junior: "Band is family of people from all different groups and cliques. It is a great opportunity to meet people that you would never know or talk to otherwise. I met people in band that I would have never talked to if it wasn't for band and now they are some of my best friends. Band at West is so much more than notes on a page."

Sum up your experience this past fall in 5 words.

"I matured alongside my peers."

"Please don't let it end."

"We learn and have fun."

"Best time of my life!"