

Fall season keeps marching band busy

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It's common knowledge that the football team at Riverdale High School has a game every Friday night of the football season. But, there is another group of students that also perform on the same rigorous schedule: the marching band.

These performances during halftime aren't the peak of their season, either. The RHS band also competed in four competitions this year, one of which was out of state. Their most anticipated competition, Contest of Champions, at MTSU on Oct. 22 felt like a real achievement.

"By our standards, it was a pretty big success. We put in a lot of effort this year, and we could really see the rewards," said senior Ben Bloom, the band's Field Commander.

"It was our last competition of high school, and as a senior it was a special moment to see how the band has grown," said senior John Hill.

On Oct. 29, the band hosted Division I, a competition for smaller. Bloom said, "It's the 34th

year that Riverdale has hosted it. It's a full day of work, but it's always pretty fun. [We] get to meet new people and see different types of bands."

"Every student helps out. We're pretty much the reason it goes so smoothly. It's definitely our biggest fundraiser of the year," said senior Nathan Nix.

Despite marching season being over, band's work isn't done. "We still have play-offs to get through, which will be fun. After that we start on concert music. It's not so competitive with other bands, just more with each other," said Bloom.

The first concert of the year is scheduled for Dec. 6, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

