

ONE FREQUENCY ONE BAND

Band makes finals for first time with Frequency show

Marching through the tunnel and seeing the light stream through, hearing the cheers get louder as the end of the tunnel gets closer and taking a breath that will have to last the next 10 minutes. This was the feeling of competition band members as they prepared to take the field. They came together to make every step on that field perfect for themselves and their family.

"I know it will make us more of a team if we go into it wholeheartedly," senior Alex Key said.

The band life came with early, summer mornings and long afternoon practices. The feeling of hard work and dedication swept through the audience that came to watch the band perform.

"Whenever I step into the band

world, I feel a sense of pride to be apart of this organization. It makes me proud to be able to say 'Yes, I am apart of the Sparkman Band," senior Jonathan German said.

The band family grew with the hiring of a third director, Mr. Robbie Stout, and continued to make school history by making the finals at the Middle Tennessee University Contest of Champions as well as making it to finals in the U.S. Bands Competition in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They ended the season on a high note.

"Growing to get where we want the band has been upgrading and getting increasingly more difficult in music and marching. This along with hard work helped us reach what we wanted to with this year's show," junior Trenton Draper said.



"It's more laid back since I know what I'm doing."

Chelsea Owens (12)

Practice is PROGRESS

Practice for the upcoming competition and marching band season began in July. 275 students sweated in the Alabama sun to ensure that the halftime performance would bring people to their feet. Frequency became more than the title of a show; it gave life to how sound travels and affects things, including the band. 1. **Practice Makes Perfect** Running through the show, senior Nick Mastando focuses on keeping in time and in step. The final practice of the year was an emotional one for seniors like Mastando. Photo by Robyn Cole 2. **Standing Tall** Keeping still while at stand by, sophomore Heaven Colquiett keeps still while listening to the new directions from the director. Stand by had been brought in by new director Mr. Robbie Stout. Photo by Robyn Cole 3. **Back It Up** Playing strong, sophomore Rachel Folda keeps tall and proud while marching backward in the show. Folda kept a tall look about her as she moved on the balls of her feet. Photo by Robyn Cole



1. **Do The Robot** Bringing techno back, sophomore Madison Tarpey dances, bringing a sense of comedy to the band. The show was lighthearted to make the crowd come to life with joy for the band. Photo by Cassie Chapman 2. **Marching In** Marching in together, drum majors seniors Chelsea Owens, Gabrielle Griner and sophomore Josiah Drake lead the band into the stadium. The band never failed to march in strong and proud. Photo by Robyn Cole 3. **Bringing The Bari Sax** Bringing in more diversity, senior John Frerichman carries his baritone saxophone to the football field instead of leaving it in the concert world. This added sound to the band's show. Photo by Cassie Chapman 4. **Side Stepping** Making his way across the field, senior Adam McNeal marches with his hips facing the end zone. Photo by Cassie Chapman 5. **Dance For Me Robot** Showing his moves during the half time show, senior Carter Wilson does the robot with the rest of the band. The dance sequence never failed to bring the crowd to their feet. Photo by Cassie Chapman 6. **Take A Knee** To bring another level of spirit to the show, senior Jack Horton kneels in a way to not put a tear in his pants. Over the season, many students experienced their pants ripping during the show because of this move. Photo by Cassie Chapman

Underneath it ALL...



The band not only brought life and music to a football game, they also brought the sparkle. Starting out as a small tradition, it grew into a band-wide tradition to wear glitter during a football game. "Glitter makes the band feel like we have our own little secret between us while we shine on our own," junior Amanda Tillman said.