

An ongoing series that showcases area high school bands

Hallettsville is shipshape

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Mind the boat me mateys. It's for the Hallettsville High School band halftime show. The band is doing a 'Pirates of the Caribbean' theme this year. "We have a ship on the field," said Colin Chichurka, the band's director for the past two years. "Our color guard picks up the sails, and it looks like the ship is moving." In September, the band placed second overall at the Blinn College Marching Festival, and the drumline received best in class, Chichurka said. Saturday, the band will compete in the UIL area competition in Georgetown. "This is the first year in a long time that the band has made it to a UIL area competition," he said. "They put forth 110 percent every day. That sets them apart from most."



**Amelia Mitchell,
senior,
assistant drum major**

What does it take to be a good drum major?

"You have to be a good leader and people have to respect you."



**Stephanie Wilson,
junior,
head drum major**

What makes Hallettsville the best band?

"Because we work hard. We really, really want to succeed in what we do like everybody does."



**Stephanie Hermes,
senior,
color guard captain**

What does color guard add to halftime performances?

"Color guard adds a lot of action with our sword fights and then our colorful flags. It's something to look at other than the band marching in their wonderful forms."

School colors:



**Band Director:
Colin Chichurka**

**This year's theme:
"Pirates of the Caribbean"**

Movements:

1. "Fog Bound"
2. "Medallion Calls"
3. "The Black Pearl"
5. "Hoist the Colors"

Number of band members: 57



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WHICH BAND SHOULD WE SPOTLIGHT NEXT?

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| 1. Yoakum | 3. St. Joseph |
| 2. Palacios | 4. Yorktown |

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