

An ongoing series that showcases area high school bands

St. Joseph's movie night

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If you like soundtracks to popular movies, you'd like St. Joseph's half time band performance.

The band takes you through songs of movies such as the James Bond films, "The Wizard of Oz," "High School Musical 3" and "The Dark Knight."

"Our formations tell the story of each of the songs," said Michael Petrisky, the band's director of six years. "In '007,' we finish in a form of a bow tie. When we do 'Can We Have This Dance?,' we do a formation that recreates that illusion of the mirror ball. It drops and then goes back up."

The band also plays its traditional "train" just before every St. Joseph kick-off.

"We start very slowly," said Brett Hager, drum major. "With the drums, it sounds like the train is starting to take off, and the wheels are starting to turn, and then the trombone sounds like the horn."



Brett Hager, 18, drum major

What does it take to be a good drum major?

"You have to realize you're not there to hold a position of power. You're there to serve the rest of the band."



Leslie Zepeda, 16, clarinet

What are benefits of being in a small band??

"We feel like we know each other more. We're like a family more than just a band. We interact with each other a lot, and we understand each other."



Eric Still, 17, trumpet

What makes St. Joseph's band so great?

"Size doesn't matter. In our case, our size has nothing to do with how great we play. Everyone in our band is important and everyone plays to the best of their ability."

School colors:



Band Director:
Michael Petrisky

Number of band members:

28

This year's theme:
"A Night at the Movies"

Movements:

1. "James Bond theme"
2. "Can I Have This Dance?"
3. "Harvey Two-Face" and "A Little Anarchy"
4. "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

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1. Yoakum
2. Palacios
3. El Campo
4. Yorktown

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