

Friday Fundays at GCHS...

Color guard and dance team members (shown below) drop their flags and props and pick up the pom-poms for the Friday morning walk-throughs. Masks are no bother for the drum corps (right) as they have no problem projecting their sound in the GCHS hallways.



Senior dance team co-captain Willow Brown was all smiles last Friday in Lucedale when the band played the school fight song.



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Nothing says fall football season at GCHS quite like the Marching Pride parades through the halls of the schools on game-day mornings. The big sound from the brass section helps set the tone. Shown (Left) are Ja'Kwon Collins. Austin Davis and Jacyce Crout filling the hallway with good vibes to start the day last Friday at the school. Drum Major Christian Pope doesn't get to play his instrument too much on Friday night, but he proudly grabs his saxophone to lead the Pride on Friday mornings during the season.



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The marching band has quite a few seniors this year. These students have spent many years playing an instrument, learning how to twirl flags and dancing. The color guard, dance team and band members travel together to games and competitions. Being part of the band has been a great adventure for these students, and even though these seniors are ready to begin the next chapter in life, they agree their years in band will not be forgotten.

"Being part of the GCHS marching band has meant to me a sense of pride to be able to represent my school," Isabella Kittrell, who has played clarinet during her four years in the marching band. "My plans for after high school would be to support the GCHS band in the future years."

Alto saxophonist Ian McCurdy agreed, adding that during his four years at GCHS, the band has somewhat been like his second family.

"Band has been very adventurous and welcoming," added 4-year Color Guard member Makaila Valentine. "I make new friends every year, and I found something I really enjoy doing."

Valentine said she would love to earn a spot on the JCJC or MGCCC color guard, so she "could learn more moves", something Abigail Carney has in mind as well. Carney says some of her best memories are from bus rides home from games.

Two-year Color Guard member Brittany Brown said it has been an honor for her to be able to represent her school as part of the Pride. It has meant so much to her in fact that she hopes to earn her degree and one day become a color guard coach.

Brayley Mayo, a senior member of the Sassy Cats dance team said being in the marching band simply makes her happy.

"My most memorable moments are performing,"

said Mayo, who also hopes to one day teach her craft as a dance instructor.

Breanna Green has spent five years in the marching band playing the clarinet, while Willow Brown is a Sassy Cats dance team member with four years in the marching band. The two agree that the band is like family. Green's favorite band memories involve participating in competitions, while Brown said she enjoyed all the different aspects of band.

"I will always remember laughing whenever, however about whatever," Brown said.

Flutist Ali Eubanks has spent seven years in the marching band and said each year was an exciting experience.

"Music has always meant a lot to me," Eubanks said. "To me, the most memorable experiences from my years in the band have been playing the music in the stands at football games. It's so much fun!"

While this year's football games will be limited to 25

percent stadium capacity, at least for the near future, band members like Eubanks want to encourage fans to dance along to the music.



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