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It's "show-time" for band students

Kayla Cirwinski / Staff Writer

In time for the holiday season, the high school band performed their annual holiday concert.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, parents, students and community members gathered for a festive night full of music and cheer.

Their winter concert consisted of four bands, Freshman, Maroon, Gold and Wind.

Freshman Concert Band students are placed on the same audition upperclassmen band perform. Maroon and Gold Band are designed as a middle- to upper-level high school performing ensembles. Lastly, the Wind Band is the highest level performing ensemble at the high school.

Freshman Band started off their winter concert, performing the song, "Carols." Following that song, they then played "Silent Night" and "Ornaments."

"My favorite song played by the Freshman Band was Silent Night because I love that Christmas song, so it was just really fun to hear that song played by an amazing band," attendant Jason Ashton said.

Following the Freshman Band, the Maroon Band performed next. Their first song that was played was "Fum Fum Fum."

"What I liked about playing Fum Fum Fum was that, there were parts of the song that challenged me, and I like challenges," sophomore band member Taylor Kaminski said.

Next, the band played the song, "Alleluia." Kaminski feels that parts of this song also gave her a challenge as well because some of the parts in the song were a little hard to play.

Even though Kaminski liked playing all of the songs, she feels that the last song was her favorite to perform. The last song performed by the Maroon Band was the song "Speed of Light."

"My favorite song that we played was Speed of Light because it was the most fun song to play," Kaminski said.

Next to perform, was the Gold Band. The first song played by the Gold Band was, "Every Winter's Breath." Following that was, "All the Bells on Earth Shall Ring" and the song, "Billboards March."

"All of the songs that have been played by this band were really good, I cannot even pick a favorite because they all just had a really nice sound to them," attendant Kelly Jones said.

Last but not least, the Wind band performed their first song, "Holiday Peace." Jones liked this song because it had a really nice rhythm to it and this song is also one of her favorite Christmas songs.



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The high school band performs during their holiday concert in the auditorium. With a great turnout and festive music, the band had a successful concert approaching the holiday season.

Secondly, this last band of the nights, played a song called "Sussex Mummers Christmas Carol."

"This song was one of my favorite songs of the night because I love listening to this song during the holidays, and I also really love the artist who sings it, Leslie Howard," Ashton said.

Towards the end, the final two songs of the concert were "Rhapsody on Christmas Carols" and "Sleigh Ride."

Rhapsody on Christmas Carols was performed by the United States Marine Band, and that is part of the reason why Jones liked this song so much.

"Not only do I love the United States Marine Band, but these kids here at the concert, really played this song so beautifully," Jones said.

Jones feels that all of these bands played great at their winter concert, and people who did not attend were missing out on a joyful night.

Due to all of the people that had showed up and enjoyed the songs performed, the high school band a cheerful night, carrying on the tradition of their annual holiday concert.

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Upcoming Events

Pizza Palooza returns

Maria Leonino / Editor

Join the Stow Community at the annual 'Pizza Palooza' held at the high school. Pizza restaurants and others across the area will set up in the commons, while bounce houses and other kid friendly activities will be set up in the lower gym.

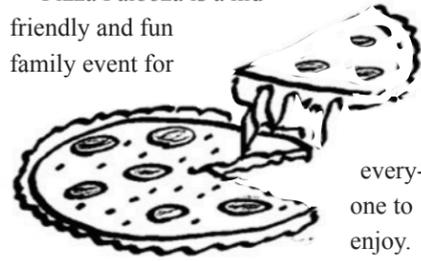
The event comes to town on Jan. 26 at 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., and will take place in the commons and lower gym.

To try the pizza or other food, attendees must buy testing tickets which are ten tickets for ten dollars.

Attendees can also vote for their favorite slice of pizza before they leave.

At the end of the event, businesses will receive first, second or third place based on the amount of votes they received.

Pizza Palooza is a kid friendly and fun family event for



everyone to enjoy.

Band Aide to help future high schoolers

Maria Leonino / Editor

Members of the high school band are invested in the future of the marching band. As a result, the high school band has orchestrated a new event where they travel to Lakeview and give kids helpful band lessons.

High school band members have volunteered to give those lessons, and the main goal is to help the fifth and sixth grade band students improve their music abilities.

Starting in Jan. 2020, the high school volunteers will travel to Lakeview and give



Photo courtesy of Katie Lowry
Lakeview band members practice their trumpets during the band aide program. Students hope to improve with the help from high school band members.

interested band students lessons from 3:15-4:15 p.m. The band will be

separated by grade and instruments for more one-on-one instruction.

At the lessons, band members play music games, and the younger kids are able to earn prizes after participating for five weeks. The program is an excellent way to keep younger students involved in the Stow Band Program.

Band members and high school students, senior Katie Lowry and junior Olivia Rainey are in charge of the lessons and are hoping to expand their lessons so more students can be involved.

Academic Challenge builds students' genius minds

Maria Leonino / Editor

At the high school, the possibilities are endless for academics. A club offered here is called Academic Challenge, which can be simplified to meaning high school jeopardy.

Students in the club travel to schools within our area and compete. They answer questions over subjects such as math, history and science.

One benefit of academic challenge is that students have the opportunity to use information they have spent time learning all throughout their education at the high school and compete with other schools.

Academic Challenge is overseen by Shelley Brewer, and they meet every Monday after school for an hour. Their purpose is to provide personal growth and practice the ability to work with others.

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