

Band Together

A more normal year allows band members to participate in yearly traditions again

Eyes closed, lights off and every marching band member and their instrument sitting beside one another just for a moment. Before coming out to the rowdy student section inside the stadium, the band rushed into their sections for “quiet time.” After about a minute, band director Steve Adams flipped on the lights and cheers burst from the sections.

“They kinda go crazy,” Adams said. “Our drum majors lead them in various cheers. Sometimes there is musical ones where they’re playing, sometimes they’re just vocal cheers.”

After a year of COVID, the band was finally able to participate in their yearly traditions during marching season. Junior Courtney Setty participated in band section traditions where each section competed against one another for a prize. During game days, the band had their own traditions to bring energy to every home game.

“We do beach night when we go to Shawnee Mission Lake and just swim around and play games,” Setty said. “We eat food together, and then afterwards, we do stuff with our sections until like midnight and it’s a lot of fun.”

Other than having traditions including the whole band, each year the junior drum majors received advice from the field captain. Current field captain and drum major, senior Bryn Davis had been passed down advice from the previous drum major and intended to do the same with current junior drum major Noah Campbell.

“The junior drum major spends all season observing and learning from the field captain,” Davis said. “He’s experienced me make mistakes and I’m positive he’ll learn from them to better himself and the group.”

Junior drum major Campbell looked up to field captain Davis.

“Bryn is a great role model and I look up to her to learn stuff that maybe I didn’t know before,” Campbell said. “I think we function pretty well as a team.”