

HIGHLANDER BAND

MORE THAN A BAND...A TRADITION

"MUSIC RAISES PEOPLE UP; THEY FIND THE BEST OF THEMSELVES BY PERFORMING"

Gareth Malone – "The Choir"

Quotes from graduating seniors:

"The best experience I've had in my whole life!"

"I learned and gained so much from this band"

"you get to learn about yourself as you face the challenges"

"It teaches you discipline and ability, which is essentially all you need to succeed in life"

"I like the sense of camaraderie and uniformity of purpose"

"It's a great opportunity to make friends in other grades"

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TRADITION

The Highlander Band has been performing for over 51 years. They have been ACC champions (a championship involving many schools across 9 states) 11 times since 1973, and have been consistently high-ranking in all that time. Their Royal Stuart uniform and bagpipes are a link to the ancestral home of William Livingston, Governor of New Jersey from 1776-1790. The band has a culture of dignity and discipline.

A YEAR IN THE BAND

The Band year starts with Band Camp in the last 2 weeks of summer, where the students get to know one another and their program. Band Season is fall, comprising practices and judged competitions. They also perform at football games and do pep music. October and November are the climax of the season with GL's Band Pageant, the Chapter X championship, and the ACCs. After then the band performs occasionally at football games and parades. Highlander Band members also participate in the GL Concert Band and play in the winter and spring concerts.

BAND TRIPS AND SOCIAL LIFE

Students enjoy a strong, positive and clean camaraderie, and they love being in the Band. There is a winter semi-formal and a spring trip. We try to visit and perform in Scotland every 4 years. **Band parents** also enjoy a rewarding social life and actively support the students.

REASONS TO JOIN

• Learn to perform music to high proficiency • Have **FUN!** • Great for **college applications** • Learn to play in coordination with movement • Perform in championship **competition** • Learn that success rewards hard work • Self discipline • Time management • Physical fitness • Leadership opportunities • 3 ways to perform: musicians on-field or pit, or color guard • Nobody "on the bench" • Students find a passion • learn new instruments just because they can, eg pipes • Kids can tutor one another • Freshmen gain upper classman friends before school starts

HOW TO JOIN:

Meet your Guidance Counselor and tell them you want to join. 9th Grade Course selection is in January/February. Band is worth 6.25 credits.