

Governor Livingston Indoor Drumline Meets Success at Chapter Championships

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NJ - This past Sunday, April 26, 2009, the Governor Livingston Indoor Drumline competed at its first chapter challenge. The ensemble placed 1st in the Scholastic Novice A Division with a score of 78.5.

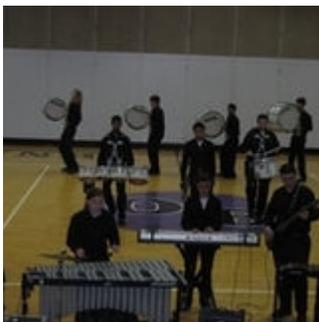
The Governor Livingston Indoor Drumline began in the winter of 2008 and has continued as a strong program at Governor Livingston in 2009. The band rehearsed one day a week for three hours a week with their drum instructor, Kyle Murphy, and band director, Nicholas O'Sullivan. Outside of the three hour rehearsals, percussionists practiced in sections to further develop their knowledge and understanding of drumming.

The most surprising fact about Governor Livingston's Indoor Drumline is that most of its members are not part of the marching band drumline. From trumpeters, to saxophonists, to guitarists, to colorguard, Governor Livingston's Indoor Drumline is made up of a broad range of musicians and dancers.

Members of the line consisted of bass drummers Tom Woolcott, Daniel Lee, Vivek Singh, and Lorand Laskai. The line was led by senior snare drummer, Mitchell Mattes, and sophomore quint player, Ashvin Singh. Members of the ptt crew included Leanne Richard, Rebecca Rodgers, Gabby Tonzola, Brian Luciani, Sophie Kontour, Jake Sanchez, and Samuel Adams. The band was also accompanied by colorguard member Lucy Dawson.

"Percussion ensemble has made me a better musician overall. I have learned that hard work and dedication always pay off. I have also learned to appreciate every aspect of music, from concert band, to marching band, and now drumline. A lot of us put our personal time into making this program a success and I'm glad it worked out," said an ecstatic Brian Luciani, a member of the Governor Livingston pipeline and drumline.

Upcoming events for the Governor Livingston music program include a concert at the end of May and an appearance from the marching band at the Memorial Day Parade.



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