

As the year comes to an end we sadly say goodbye to our graduating Seniors and at the same time we welcome the incoming Freshman. You have all made the band a fun and enjoyable time for all of us. You encouraged us when we were down, and you showed us the ropes. You all definitely led by example. We will miss you all. Congratulations to the Marching Band Class of 2011, Jeff Banbor, James Banister, Christine Connery, Derek Darby, Cenza Della Donna, Christian Della Donna, Stephanie Fette, Cassie Gulya, Kendall Hageman, Jenny Hulse, Brandon Kepich, James Lee, Alyssa Morro, David Reiter, Westly Russell, David Selph, Jacki Tate, and Richard Thomas. When asked about their experience with Marching Band over the years this is what a few seniors had to say.

Derek Darby said "It has been a wonderful four years being part of the Jackson Liberty Marching Band. It was an extraordinary experience as well. I had the distinct opportunity to travel to various places throughout New Jersey for football games and competitions, as well the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. Being in band has not only enabled me to make new friends, it also motivated me to get involved in other activities. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Katona and Mr. Carattini for teaching me not only how to play music but also how important music is in the real world. I would also like to thank the band parents for all of their hard work and support for the band. I wish the band successful seasons for years to come. Thank you for making high school a memorable experience for me. I wish you all the best.

Stephanie Fette said "My experience in band was excellent and a lot of fun. Freshmen year to junior year I played the clarinet. Then senior year I switched to pit and played the keyboard and auxiliary. I enjoyed playing and marching at all the home and away football games. Competitions were my favorite thing to do in marching band, we traveled the state and competed in many competitions which included marching at Yamaha Cup competition which was held at Giants Stadium which is now called New Meadowland Stadium, we went to Hershey, and at the New Jersey State Championships. We got several 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards. I also enjoyed marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. Next year is not going to be the same without marching band, but I will make sure to be back and cheer for them. I want to thank Mr. Katona and all the band parents for a great four years of marching band and I am going to miss all of you next year. If you attend all meets/practice/games etc, as a bonus you can receive a band varsity jacket!!!"

Jenny Hulse said "Band has been a great part of my life for the past four years. Being apart of the band has helped me gain great long lasting friendships that i will never forget. Mr. Katona is an amazing band director and teacher. He's taught me a lot of things about music that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. The band parents have also been amazing. They're always here for us kids when we need something or someone to talk to. They supply us with amazing meals during our competition seasons, and plan amazing trips for us like our trip to Boston this past April. I personally would like to thank the band parents and Mr. Katona for an amazing 4 years in band, and I wish them the best of luck in the future."

As we get ready to say goodbye to the Seniors we know that you will all still be cheering us on, and we know some of you wont be able to stay away. Best of luck in all of your future endeavours, and always remember music is an important part of your life and know you had a helping hand in making the Jackson Liberty Lion Marching Band a great success.

July band practices are right around the corner Freshman and we look forward to having you join us. You are about to begin a journey that will be something you will never forget. You will make so many new friends and will be part of a great organization. See you all in July!!

As a reminder dont forget to mark your calendars on Wed July 6th the DCI will be here at Jackson Liberty High School. Freshman mark your calendars as well because Freshman Orientation and your first night of practice is on Thursday July 7th from 6-9pm. Finally parents the next Band Parent Meeting will be on Tue July 12th in the chorus room at 7:30pm.

Be sure to check the website frequently for any changes in events, or practice dates. www.libertylionband.com