LN Band Makes Homecoming a Night To Remember

Philip Hegwood plays the trumpet during one of the coldest homecomings ever.

Throughout the game, band members huddled together to stay warm.

Philip plays five different instruments and trumpet is one of his favorites.

He has played in the band during his high school career and he really likes supporting the school through his love of music.

Philip's favorite part of the homecoming game was playing with everyone in the band.

He thinks the best part about being in band is the chance he gets to perform for the school with his friends.

Shione Jimerson, also known as Shi J. has been performing with the dance team for three years.

She gets great joy out of performing for others, and loves sharing her dance moves with any audience.

Shi J. was one of the first four members of the dance team. Since then, she has been performing at homecoming games, and other sporting events.

Perfroming is so much a part of her life, and has been since she was very young.

Kyle Johnson has played bass drum in the drum line for the past year. Participating in Drum line this year has inspired him to be interested in playing music. Johnson decided to play the bass drum becuase "I thought it would be easier than playing the snare," said Johnson.

Seniors Take Charge of Cancelled Pep Rally

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Representatives from the junior class ban together to win the homecoming tug- of- war game at the pep rally 2006. The senior class was able to reschedule the pep rally games after a series of protests held on the campus of Loy Norrix.

"I don't want the media to portray the kids negatively," said LaPrairie on one of the reasons homecoming events were cancelled. Wednesday before homecoming, students at Loy Norrix were informed that their homecoming events, which included the powder puff game, the pep rally and the homecoming dance, had been canceled. "Our primary concern was safety," said LaPrairie, "we had incidents that were occuring at basketball games and on the school grounds. My concern was if we would be able to effecively monitor what was going to take place at the pep rally," said LaPrairie. He was also concerned about media coverage if something were to happen at the rally. "They always say it's the students, but in reality this problem stems way beyond our campus walls," said Laprarie.

Valerie Boggan was walking the hallways after news of cancelling the pep rally became public.

"I was walking through the halls I heard kinds expressing their dissapointment to Mr. Laboe and myself," Boggan said. "That's when I turned to them and said 'Is this your answer to the problem?'"

Boggan recalls students shouting things like 'Yall are just scared,' and 'What are you guys afraid of?' "I turned to them and said, you can decide to be a part of the problem or you can be a part of the solution, Let me know what you come up with," said Boggan.

Later that morning, Boggan was approached by a group of students who wanted to become part of the solution. "I was sitting at my desk when a couple of boys walked by my office, then some girls came around the corner and walked by, I looked again and realized they must be waiting for me," Boggan said.

Tommy Brooks, along with 35 other seniors, decided to protest the pep rally decision. "We wanted staff to hear us out because we felt we had no choice and everone was looking foward to it," said Brooks. "We felt that we shouldn't be punished for things that didn't have to do with us."

During the time that Boggan and the group of seniors met, they devised a plan to reinstate the pep rally. Small groups of seniors planned to approach classrooms with a list of expectations and guidelines for the pep rally, and seniors would serve as role models asking anyone that was misbehaving to leave the gym.

Boggan was impressed by the leadership these seniors exhibited, but it was up to Principal LaPrairie to make the final decision.

LaPrairie remembers being very excited after Boggan told him about the students. "I started walking to her office and kept grabbing people along the way [to bring to Boggan's office]," said LaPrairie, "I thought this is exactly what we need to have happen." The students told LaPrairie their plan and after careful consideration he decided to reinstate the pep rally. "The safety concern was and always will be there," said LaPrairie, "but I thought that's the type of engagement we need to run with when we see it. I'm not going to squealsh the opportunity for kids

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