

2016 Summer Marching Band Season Summary

This season was very similar to last year. Membership was typical for a “non-trip” year. We had 121 with 12 “Super Seniors”, a high number for a “non-trip” year. These leaders and other veterans did a wonderful job of coaching up the rookies.

With the school year going two weekends into June, our band camp (“Sweat Camp”) did not occur until June 13-17. Other bands were performing in parades already before we had even started learning our show. Most of these bands start rehearsing long before “The HERD” and put in 2 or 3 times as many hours before the school year is out in order to be ready for these early June parades. These heavy rehearsal schedules result in smaller bands. The philosophy of “The HERD” is to rehearse as little as possible during the school year, just once per week for 3 or 4 weeks, so that we conflict as little as possible with other spring activities. This allows a larger number of students to participate. However, it means that we cannot participate in any of the early season parades. This year’s band marched in only 6 parades in June, compared to 8 or 9 in a typical year.

Although it is difficult to compare scores from year to year, this appears to have been one of our best bands, ever. The group finished the season ranked 5th in the state for parade marching, with the second highest average score in the history of the band. The band received a superior rating at every competition, the only band in the history of BHS to earn this distinction.

The season finale was in Hanover where the band performed for its’ hometown fans.

Competitive Recap

	Score	In Class	Overall	Specials
Buffalo	76.2	Exhib.	Exhib.	If we’d have been in competition “The HERD” would have been 2nd out of 8 bands. We went on to defeat the champion several times at other parades.
Foley	81.1	2 nd of 5	2 nd out of 12	Best Music, Best Marching
Brooklyn Center	82.3	2 nd of 3	2 nd of 6	
Sauk Rapids	83.45	1 st of 4	1 st of 10	Best Music, Best Marching, Best General Effect
St. Cloud	83.7	2 nd of 6	3 rd of 11	
Roseville	82.3	3 rd of 5	5 th of 12	
Hanover	Exhib.	Exhib.	Exhib.	