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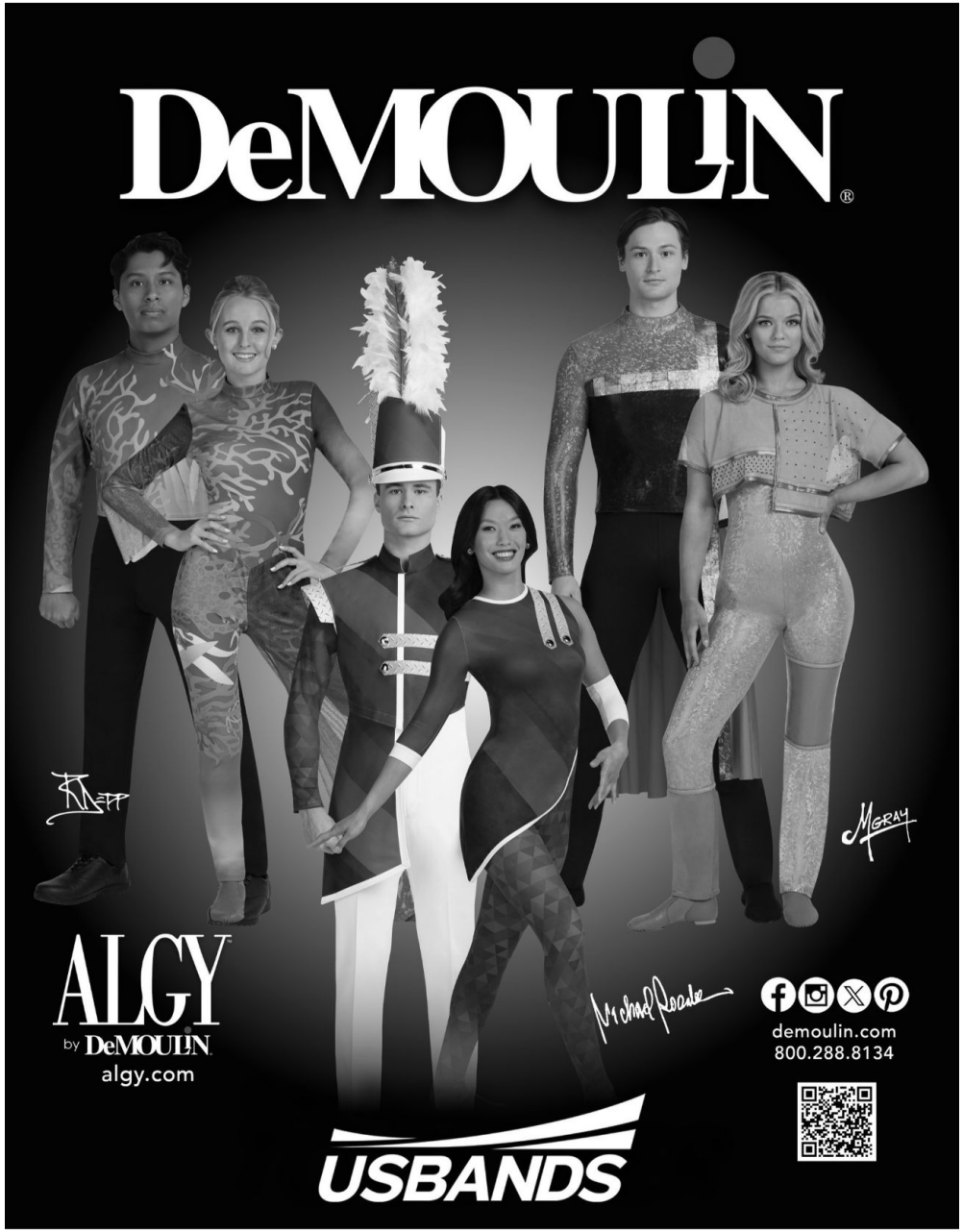
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Menu

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Hamburger	$5.00		2 for $5.00

Snacks

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Candy	$2.00



Drinks

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Water	$1.00

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Welcome to the 51st Annual Hamilton High School West Cavalcade of Bands!

For over a half century, this event has celebrated the passion, dedication, and talent of student musicians from across New Jersey. Each performance showcases not only musical excellence but also the spirit, discipline, and energy that marching band instills in young people. Your support today and throughout the marching season helps ensure that this cherished tradition continues to thrive for generations to come.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event to life. In particular, we recognize Mrs. Leann Sikos and the dedicated members of our Band Parents Club, whose extraordinary efforts and unwavering support make an incredible impact. We are equally grateful to our students for their commitment and enthusiasm, and to our administrative team and custodial staff for their steadfast support of both the arts and our students. Your contributions truly make all the difference.

Here's to honoring our past, celebrating the present, and inspiring the future through the power of music.

NOW ON WITH THE SHOW!!!!

Mr. Peter Certo & Mr. Davon Wheeler
Band Directors
Hamilton High School West

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Tenor Saxophone







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I LOVE YOU! ♡ MOM



RILEY,

HAVE A GREAT 51ST CAVALCADE!

WE LOVE WATCHING YOU PERFORM AND DO YOUR BEST!

LOVE,
MOMMOM & POPPY,
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Dear Supporters of the Marching Arts,

Welcome to the 51st Annual Hamilton High School West Cavalcade of Bands!

It is an absolute privilege to gather once again in support of these exceptional high school musicians. Bringing together hundreds of dedicated students, directors, and families from across the region, today's showcase highlights the incredible passion, discipline, and artistic talent thriving in our marching arts community.

Hamilton West has a storied history of musical achievement, and walking these grounds as an alumnus fills me with tremendous pride. Building on five decades of excellence, this year's Cavalcade marks the start of an exciting new chapter for our program. We remain deeply grateful to the pioneers of our program—including the late Karl Recktenwald, whose visionary leadership laid the foundation for everything we enjoy today.

A special note of thanks goes to our band directors, Mr. Peter Certo and Mr. Davon Wheeler, as well as our tireless parent associations, whose behind-the-scenes work makes an event of this scale possible.

To every ensemble taking the field today: play with heart, leave it all on the field, and enjoy every moment. Thank you all for coming out to celebrate and cheer on these outstanding performers!

Brian E. Smith
Principal
Hamilton High School West

51st Annual Cavalcade of Bands

September 26th, 2026

Schedule

Lindenwold	I A Class	11:00 AM	Jeffrey Cope Patrick Hart
Bordentown Regional High School	II A Class	11:15 AM	Cheryl Stallworth-Glitz Samantha MacFarlane
Nottingham High School	III A Class	11:30 AM	Jennifer Klek Jarret Susswein
Long Branch High School	III A Class	11:45 AM	Jasmine Gomez
INTERMISSION		12:00 PM	
Steinert High School	IV A Class	12:30 PM	John Ketterer Caitlyn Ficarra
Robbinsville High School	V A Class	12:45 PM	Birch Wilson
Hamilton High School West	II A Class	1:00 PM	Peter Certo Davon Wheeler
AWARDS		1:30 PM	

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Immortal Heart

featuring music from the television show "Arcane"

Bordentown, New Jersey
USBands Group IIA

Superintendent: Dr. James Altobello
Principal: Mrs. Michelle Spaventa
Director of Bands: Cheryl Stallworth-Glitz
Assistant Director: Samantha MacFarlane
Color Guard Instructors: Marina Hannen & Julie Stillwell
Percussion Instructor: Ben Kirk
Music Composers/Arrangers: Fred Emory Smith & John Mapes
Bass Drum Music Arranger: Aiden Rich
Drill Design: Cheryl Stallworth-Glitz

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Drum Majors: Alex Martucci & Sammie Karolkiewicz
Woodwind Section Leaders: Rebeca Candea & Nora Chestnut
Brass Section Leaders: Cara Gallagher & Owen Leichner
Drumline Section Leaders: Aiden Rich & Jayden Berroa-Bastedo
Pit Section Leader: Bhargav Prasanna
Colorguard Section Leader: Rayna Thalhauser
Field Manager: Lucy Ulrich

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SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Music: MattHightower,Josh Powell andJeremyThompson.
Drill Design: Jarret Susswein•ColorGuard Choreography:RobinClifford,GabyPsalto

Drum Majors
Raul RiveraRios, Leilani Santiago, AddySibrian

Color Guard Captains
Sam Lucero, Bella Tatusko

Featured Soloists
Adriana Garcia - Marimba
Leilani Santiago, Addy Sibrian, Raul Rivera Rios - Saxophone
Morgan Rhodes - Vocalist
Anna Strusz - Dancer / Trumpet
Leah O'Brien - Trumpet

Nottingham Marching Unit Staff
Director: Jennifer Klek
Assistant Director: Jarret Susswein
Color Guard Directors: Robin Clifford, Gaby Psalto
Percussion Instructors: Demi Miller, Mason Filippi, Connor Addis
Sound Technician / Design: Caitlin Bowen
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Kaylee,
Best of luck on this new adventure!



We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad



Way to go Hailey and keep on grooving! Love Mom, Dad, Brian, Hannah, and Charlie

We are so proud of you and all the hard work you've put into this show! Watching you learn, grow, and step outside of your comfort zone has been so special.

Always remember that we will be cheering you on every step of the way. Keep working hard, have fun, make amazing memories, and enjoy every moment of this exciting journey!

We love you and are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jean, and Dylan

Wave

Long Branch High School Band
The Spirit of the Green Wave



Selections

El Cumbanchero - Rafael Hernández, arr. Jay Dawson
Summertime - George Gershwin, Dubose and Dorothy Heywood, Ira Gershwin, arr. Jay Dawson
Malaguena - Ernesto Lecuona, Marian Banks, arr. Jay Bocook

El Baile del Mar celebrates the vibrant cultures that help shape our community and the energy of life along the Jersey Shore. Through the fiery rhythms of El Cumbanchero, the relaxed warmth of Summertime, and the passionate drama of Malagueña, we capture the spirit of our city, where diverse traditions, music, and summer memories come together. Join us as we dance by the sea in tribute to our community and our coastal home.

School:	Long Branch High School
Superintendent:	Francisco Rodriguez
Principal:	Vincent Muscillo
Asst. Principal:	Twana Richardson
Supervisor:	Lonell Klina
Colors:	Green, White & Black
Members:	58 (32 Winds, 6 Battery, 7 Pit, 1 DM, 10 Guard)
Classification:	USBands Group 3A
Band Director:	Jasmine Gomez
Band Staff:	Van Cole
	Marykate Donaway
	Andrea Gomez
	Domingo Hernandez
Drill Design:	George Lavelle
Guard Choreography:	Gabby Cruz
Drum Major:	Ayana Gonzalez
Guard Captain:	Elianna Mendoza
Drum Captain:	Ronald Pacheco
Field Commander:	Jacob Mendoza

Long Branch High School is proud to present THE SPIRIT OF THE GREEN WAVE. This ensemble is committed to building better students, citizens, and artists by nurturing applied discipline, aesthetic appreciation, time management, abstract thinking, and community mindedness.

We thank you for supporting the marching arts and music education.

The Steinert High School Marching Unit

Proudly Presents:

"Angels and Demons"

Composed by Randall Standridge

Featured Soloists:

Part I- The Battle Eternal

Trumpet: Jordan Lopez Mellophone: Logan Worland

Part III- Voices of Light

Guard: Lucy Kelly Trumpet: Rachel Zoda

Part IV- Dark vs Light

Flute: Rachel Neely

2026 StudentLeaders

Drum Majors		Band Captain
Kailyn Le and Micah Reyes		Rachel Neely

Percussion Captains

Front Ensemble Christian Epps and Luke Smith-Grassia		Battery Kevin Burger

Color Guard Captains

Vanessa Guiral	Lucy Kelly	Sarah Thomas

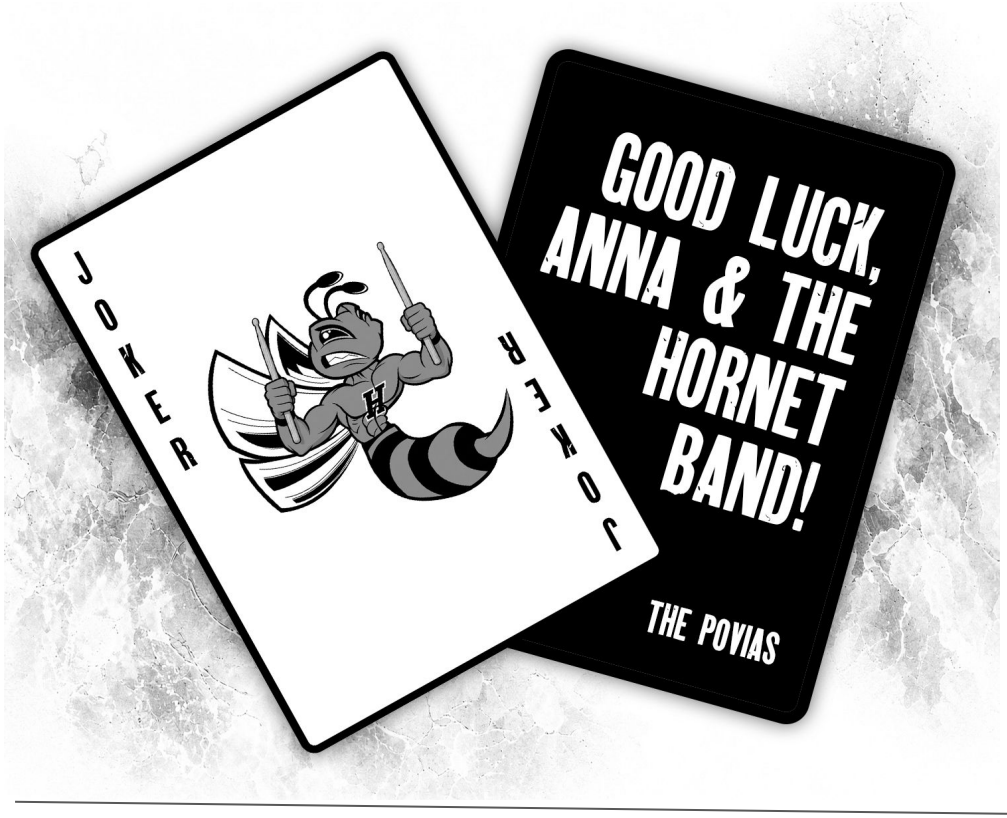
Staff:

Director	Assistant Director	Color Guard Director
John Ketterer	Caitlyn Ficarra	Caitlyn Ficarra
Color Guard Advisor	Percussion Instructor	Drill Design
Kayla Albrethsen	Bruce Schroeder	Chris Burbank

Pit Instructor

Eric Ficarra





To Our Senior

This is going to be one of the most important years of your life and we are so happy to watch and support you! We love you so much and so glad to be your parents. You have grown so much and we are happy to have watched you grow into the young woman you are becoming. We wish you nothing but the best in this thing called life. We want you to keep striving at your best and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. We want you to make us and your sisters proud. We love you beyond life.

Love your fans aka your parents Mom and Dad!!



Robbinsville High School

Raven Regiment

Show title: Hocus Pocus

A dark and spooky night in the woodsturns into chase, followed by gazing into a magic mirror whichwilldefinitely put a spell on you!

Staff:

Director: Birch Wilson

Asst. Director: RylliePhillips

Color Guard Director:Cass Petrich

Pit Instructor: ThomasCase Jr.

BatteryInstructor: JeanSowinski

VisualInstructor: MattLeitner

Design Staff:

Arrangers: Michael J. Miller & Jason Palmer

Drill Writer: Matt Leitner

Equipment &Choreography: Cass Petrich

Additional Staff:

Erin Serfass

Kaden Donnelly

Student Leaders:

Drum Major: Stella Jiang

Brass Captain: Armando Martell

Woodwind Captain: Isabel Ni

Battery Captains: Eric Carl Coronel & Sharanya Vemula

Pit Captains: Gabriel Dundale & Gwenyth Holt

Color Guard Captains: Lucy Daly & Emmalyne Holt

Sergeants:

Tanishka Mohapatra, Mars Campbell, Aidan Ni, Bradley Slavin, Jayden Dan, Mihir Chandra

Raven Regiment

Hamilton High School West



"HORNET" MARCHING BAND

PRESENTS

HEARTS OF CHAOS

SUPERINTENDENT	DR. SCOTT ROCCO
PRINCIPAL	MR. BRIAN SMITH
SUPERVISOR OF PERFORMING ARTS	DR. KERRI SULLIVAN
BAND PARENT PRESIDENT	MRS. LEANN SIKOS
DIRECTOR	MR. PETER CERTO
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	MR. DAVON WHEELER
COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR	MRS. GINNY DIAZ
PERCUSSION INSTRUCTORS	MR. LUCAS BERGEN MS. GEORGIA REED
MUSIC ARRANGEMENT	CJ BARROW, MICHAEL MILLER & SHANE GWALTNEY
DRILL DESIGN	ANDREW TYE
DRUM MAJORS	ZAKARIA KHAN
CAPTAINS	LINDSAY BAKER COLTON BALOG ERIN FURMAN KATIE CUOGHI

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Cooper Balog,
I am so proud of you!
Love, Mom



Jackson Balog,
Enjoy every moment of your senior year!
Love, Mom





My dear Vannie Poo, I am incredibly proud of you for completing four amazing years in color guard . I've had the joy of watching you improve year after year, and every performance filled me with pride. Your achievements are a true testament to the fact that when you set your mind to something, you can accomplish anything.
Keep shining!
From Auntie Natalie

Mr. Brian Smith, **Principal**
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To our Hamilton High School West Band Parents Club, your support of our program is unmatched.

Special thank you to
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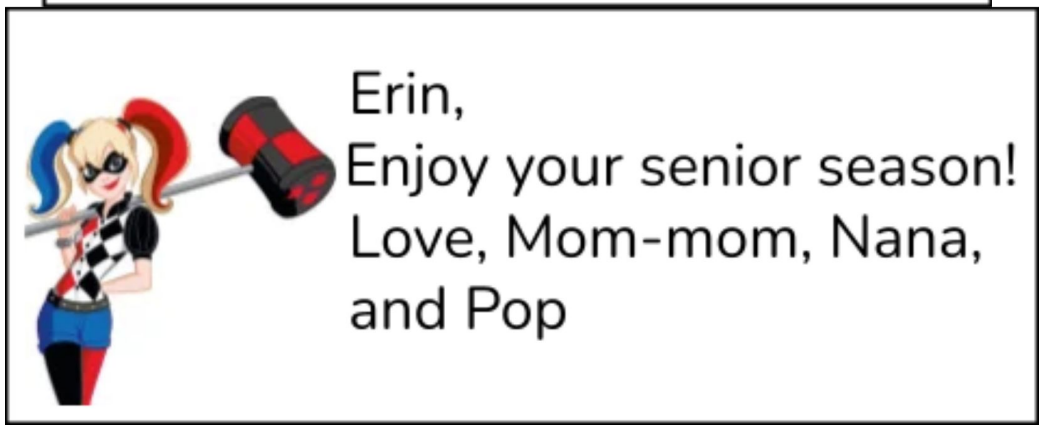
WE THANK YOU!!!!

Cavalcade 2026 would not have been possible without all of your help and support.

Stink, Vanna, Von-Von, cheers to you!!! We are so proud of you, for giving guard your all! We seen your commitment, dedication, determination, and growth since your start of #guardlife. You will soon forget the practices, but you will always remember the performances. Continue to put your best foot forward and we can't wait to see you preform this season. Love always, The Aunties, Nan-Nan, Pop-Pop, Silver, Rayne, and Uncle Willie









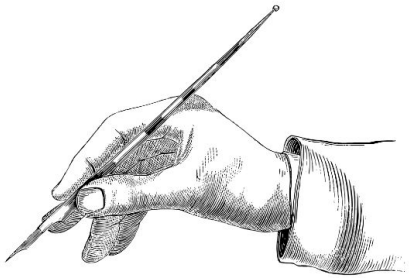


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Your dedicationis something to be admired. We are beyond proud of you. Continue working hard! Remember, the best is yet to come!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Maggie

Boosters



PLay loud and proud Jeff!
Love Mom and Dad

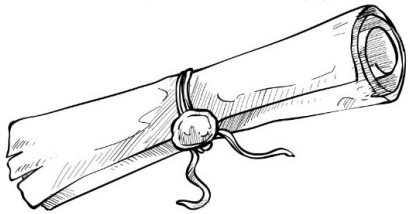
Good Luck Jeff
Uncle Ron and Family

One Band One Sound Go Jeff
Nana B

Jeff Good Luck In The Band
Uncle John

Wishing you the best of luck Jeff
G-pop and G-mom

Your Biggest Fans George!



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Thank You!

The Hamilton High School West Band Directors would like to extend our sincerest thanks to our amazing band parents.

Your support, time, and dedication make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and in the success of our program. From volunteering your time, to supporting our fundraisers, to always being there with encouragement and kindness, you are the heart of our band family.

Thank you for all you do!

WITH GRATITUDE,
THE BAND DIRECTORS

Ava, being your sister has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. Watching you grow, find your strength, and become your own person makes me prouder than I could ever put into words. Through every high and every low, I hope you always remember that you will never walk through life alone. I'll always be beside you, and Allure will always be above us, loving us in a way that time could never take away. The three of us will forever be connected by a love bigger than this life. Keep shining, keep growing, and keep making us proud. I love you endlessly. 💜




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KEEP MAKING TROUBLE. KEEP MAKING MUSIC. AND NEVER STOP BEING YOU.