



## ***BENEFITS I HAVE NOTICED FROM MY STUDENT AFTER PARTICIPATING IN MARCHING BAND***

### ***INTRODUCTION***

Below are written testimonials from parents/guardians about how marching band helped benefit their student while at CGHS.

Names have been removed for privacy reasons

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I'll never forget dropping my son off at the end of his first week of band camp his freshman year. The long days in the summer heat had started to wear on him, and he was second-guessing his decision to join marching band. He told me he wasn't sure he wanted to keep doing it.

I told him that, outside of sports, there are very few opportunities at his age to learn what it really takes to be great at something — the hard work, dedication, sacrifice, time, and effort it takes to be truly elite.

That's what marching band gives these kids. It teaches them discipline, teamwork, resilience, and pride in their accomplishments. And sure enough, as the season went on, I watched him transform — not just as a musician, but as a person. He learned to push through challenges, to trust his team, and to take pride in being part of something bigger than himself.

The lessons he's learned and the friendships he's built through marching band will stay with him for life. As a parent, there's nothing more rewarding than watching your child discover what they're capable of — and to see them walk away knowing they were part of something truly great.

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The marching band is a great community for teamwork, talent and leadership development. My daughter and I both learned a lot from this season, thank you!

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Our son was the shyest kid , confidence was low and just kind of stuck in 8th grade. On the very last day to sign up he decided to give it a go . Marching band has been amazing for him in so many ways. 3 years later and that shy kid with no confidence was gone . Instead he became a young man , with confidence, conviction and an appetite to succeed. My wife and I both were not band kids but man looking at what it has done for our son is just amazing . We have also had the luxury of watching his friends join and turn into great young men with confidence and a place in that big scary school . So

thank you center grove marching band, this has been an amazing experience and look forward to more of the journey!!

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The CG marching band has provided a tremendous impact on my son's life. It helped him have an immediate friend group starting as a freshman. He got to feel comfortable interacting with upperclassmen through the band. It helped the transition from middle to high school feel seamless. He learned what it looks like to be a student leader and what it means to be a teammate. Most importantly, it helped my kid find the "grit" I wasn't sure he had. Band is hard... hot practices, long hours, giving up other activities... but it helped him get tougher and learn how to do something even when it is hard. And although it was hard, he absolutely loved the experience and I expect him to stay with the band all four years. I would recommend it to anyone.