

SPORT OR NOT?

MARCHING IN STYLE

marching band and non-marching band students discuss if it is a sport

For marching band, I am neutral about it because I have heard many things about it not being a sport, but my brother says it's a sport. I don't know what to think about it. Sometimes I am just more of a neutral person, I don't always need to have an agree or disagree standpoint. The practice time and hard work doesn't have to do with my decision making, but I do think it's just mostly other people that are opinionated on this topic.

-TOMMY NOBLITT, 9

I think it's all labels and categories. I think it really doesn't matter. What they do is athletic. Whether you call it a sport or not it really doesn't matter to me. What they are doing takes a lot of time they are obviously moving physically during a long period of time, doing a lot of stuff and they have a lot of responsibilities during that time. If you want to call it a sport or whatever that's fine. I think they're probably athletes. Labels don't really matter one bit to me.

-CHRIS KREKE, PERFORMING ARTS

I think that although marching band is technically not considered a sport, we put in a lot of work, and definitely a lot of effort. It's sometimes controversial on whether it is a sport or not. To me, it is a sport since we were also out there practicing as much as everybody else but it can be seen in a lot of different ways.

-ADELAIDE MILBURN, 10

Although I think marching band isn't recognized as an actual sport, they compete and they're three-time national champions in a row. That's pretty good, so if they're not recognized as a sport they should be.

-EMILY OSBORNE, 11

Personally, I think marching band is a sport just because if you see the students that participate in marching band, they put a lot of time and commitment into it because marching band does take a lot of physical work. The work and time they put into it is similar to a sport.

-VIYANG HAO, 9

I think that marching band is not a sport because it is not physically demanding enough and the IHSAA doesn't recognize it as a sport. In addition to that, I don't think that marching band people are allowed to participate in APC, advanced physical conditioning, here at Carmel High School.

-PAUL GINELLA, 12

SOMETHING OLD

SOMETHING NEW

Abby Nitsos, junior and flute player, describes the new uniforms and compares them to the old

"Something new about the uniforms this year is that they are a lot more stretchy than they were before. It's a lot easier to do choreography in them. Since they are more stretchy, they look more fitting when they are on. The shako, the hat, is taller and the plumes are more fluffy. Something that is old is that when you are looking at them from a distance they look exactly the same as previous years. They didn't want to change the style. One sleeve is blue, one sleeve is black. We have the classic mirror "C" and the rhinestones."



1 FLUTING Performing at halftime, Olivia Hall, senior and marching band member, plays the flute at a home football game. She warmed up before the performance in order to prepare herself. "I love how close we all get throughout the season and how much fun we have at practice and competitions," Hall said. S. Hanna photo



2 MOMENT OF SILENCE Waiting for his cue to start playing, sophomore AJ Greven plays the vibraphone. Greven played the vibraphone for over two years. "It's a lot of fun because almost all of my friends are in marching band and it's also just fun to be around them," Greven said. S. Hanna photo



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3 HITTING THE NOTE Playing the marimba, sophomore Mia Greyz is focused on doing her best. She played at the front ensemble with the rest of percussion. "It's just a good time being there... especially after games where we get to hang as a team," said Greyz. S. Hanna photo

4 PREPARING Part of the drum line, Izzy Topp prepares for the half time show at a football game. She loved marching band because of the community. "As a drum major, we make sure everything is set up before we conduct the half time show," Topp said. S. Hanna photo

5 PLAYING ALONG Concentrated on her work, sophomore Laurie Seibert is playing the clarinet. Seibert enjoyed being a part of the marching band. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," Seibert said. S. Hanna photo

6 IN LINE Playing the piccolo, sophomore Sora Yeo stand in line with other band members. The community of marching band made many of their experiences better. "I really like my section, they are really sweet. They are the reason I do it and I really like the music that we play," Yeo said. S. Hanna photo