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Portage central high school marching band

Courtesy of Portage Central Band 2018 PCMB Show, It's Time represents a social change that has happened over the years. The show brought the band a three-year unbeaten season. Liz Williams, staff writer, on October 29, 2018, the marching band achieved an undefeated season for the third consecutive year. In its last competition at East Kentwood, the band received an amazing final score of 97.6. Their theme, It's Time succeeded in re-sweeping the judges, centering on how music has changed over the years. The band played the Beatles' Yesterday, Coldplay's Clock, Katy Perry's Rise and the musical Rent's No Day Butt Today. The students are overjoyed about their great victory and are satisfied after all the dedication they put into it. Carly Wolfe, a sophomore, said, All of our seniors have worked pretty hard over the past four years, so I'm glad they finished it with a high tone. Throughout the season, the band had excellent work ethic with great focus and determination. They had some challenges as they've worked to perfect their performance. The weather was not so pleasant and had to march in cold and wet conditions, which affected the instrument. But it didn't stop them from achieving their goals and giving them a spectacular show. We also lost experienced seniors this season and challenged them to live up to their high expectations. The PCMB drum line to which John Espodit, a second-year student of Jay Pike, belongs. Sophomore John Espodit said, It started with anxiety and there were a lot of beginners, but I learned quickly and worked hard. Espogito says that many people especially had to step up for the drum line, but it made everyone stronger as a band. I don't know what the students should expect next season, but I'm looking forward to having fun and hopefully continuing their winning streak. We at Portage Central Campus are very proud of our band program. CMS has more than 330 students (140 6th, 110 7th and 80th) in the band. At CHS, our program includes 250 students and is known and respected at the state, national and international level for musical excellence. High school programs include PC wind and percussion, symphonic & concert bands, jazz bands, indoor percussion ensembles and marching bands. bjvantoll@portageps.org We have something for everyone! rflynn@portageps.org, apatrik@portageps.org Portage Central High School -8135 S. Westnag Portage, MI 49002 I received a call from several people who attended last Friday's Portage Central vs. Battle Creek Central Football game. They were not satisfied with some of the members of the Portage Central Band who decided to use their platform was told by several people who attended the game that about 20 members of the Portage Central High School Band were sitting during the recorded performance of our country's national anthem. We were also told by the band members' parents that the children who stood during the performance of the national anthem were not pleased that fellow band members despised our country. We can take at least comfort in the fact that most of their band members are respectful and grateful to the country where they lived and stood during the national anthem. More importantly, who promotes these young teenagers to be deeply involved in the politics of hatred and contempt? These young minds are easy to manipulate and the ones who are trying this operation are committing child abuse in my book. Let these children grow up without the seeds of hatred planted in them by the leftist political ideology that thrives on it. Teenagers generally love the interpretation of music and lyrics. Now, what about the band Green Day songs titled American Idiots: One country hysteria information age that doesn't want to be an American idiot controlled by the media it shouldn't turn into a media controlled adult they might listen to Band Green Day and then turn into stupid Americans. The principal of Portage Central High School had a very respectful conversation, for his thoughts. In that e-mail conversation he wrote: We had one section of the band that didn't focus during the national anthem. I used the word concentration because the young men of both soccer teams chose to kneel during the national anthem. They were focused and intentional. We have a young band this year, but for many members, this was their first game. So when our band director noticed that a group of about 20 people was still sitting between the national anthems, she walked up to them, corrected their behavior, and clarified our expectations. I contacted me with a child in a band and did a circle back to my parents. I asked if they knew why their children were sitting during the national anthem and they let me know they sat down for typical political reasons in the Democratic Party. Hopefully these teenagers will learn why this country is so great, serve for what they have today, and respect the dead soldiers. Protest everything you want, but second protest during the national anthem, when you kneel or sit between the national anthems, you are sitting kneeling in the grave of a dead soldier for your freedom. The Strong Stand (film)American! The live show with Lenk airs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and your thoughts call (269) 441-9595 Geffert Milgefelddr8135 S Westnedge Avenue, Portage, Michigan, Veleinigute Starten 4 9002 Gemaynytsigge Organization Schulele Ansehensei Tent Lens Parts Facebook Mechte Mitte Daisen Intienter Transfere Mapper McHen, Warm s Bay Dyser Cete Gate. 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Maybe they have a dynasty in play. Their talent is always part of mustang history about their student group. For the third time, the Portage Central Marching Band had not only an undefeated season, but also the first undefeated season in school history with the City of Dreams show. The marching band played City of Dreams at McCumley Field and Kennoit Hills, Vicksburg, Stevensville Lakeshore and East Kentwood's Michigan Scottish Marching Band Competition site. In the process, the 2017 edition won four championships and another undefeated season. The Perfect Season was recorded in 2014's Mad World, last year's Concrete Jungle, and this year's City of Dreams. The Portage Central Marching Band, also known as PCMB, is directed by Patrick, Lenny Florin and Alison Patrick. The design team includes three band directors: Ibe Sodawala (music writer), David Watt (visual designer, color guard writer), Will Alderman (percussion writer) and Mike Answorth (Visual and Brass Director). It consists of 9th grade musicians and 155 students of grade 10-12. The band's heart and soul are veteran director Patrick Flin, who has coached marching bands on PCs for more than 30 years. He believes in students and his team for success. Excellent shows that set standards in all performances and rehearsals and believe in the PCMB process, great and really smart students, phenomenal PCMB design teams, dedicated and talented staff and parents, excellent principals and a lot of support from PC faculty and student organizations, Flin said. It's the best PCMB of my 33-year career at Portage Central. And it's really a very powerful compliment from the heart. One of the unique relationships I have with my kids is that I am very honest and tell them what I need to achieve in order to be successful in each tournament. There is nothing covered with sugar, and it is an honest story. Fortunately, I'm right every five seasons. I think in my 35-year education career, I have learned a lot and am also surrounded by great people. The Portage Central Band is the Grand Champion, with the exception of Kenois Hills, Vicksburg Indoor Class A Champion (depending on the weather), and all captions except One Caption In on Saturday Night's Last Challenge, the band swept all captions and won the Grand Championship at East Kentwood. Not only did they win, but they also scored 96.2 this season, City of Dreams, derived from Alicia Keys' Empire State of Mind, Green Day's The Great Street of Broken Dreams, the disturbed cover The Sound of Silence, Will Alderman's Street, and CeeLo Green's Bright Lights Bigger City. The show is for a complex and sophisticated audience, but it also means that the judging community will be pleased, Flynn said. For band photos and more, visit or

