

St. Charles West Band

SCW BAND THIS WEEK!

September 9, 2019



Weekend Recap

This weekend the Marching Warriors traveled to O'Fallon Township High School. Here is a recap of our results.

Band Overall Score: 54.025

Band Overall Placement: 4th out of 7 (0.55 away from placing)

A full recap scoresheet is available on the website.

My Thoughts:

This was a better than expected result for me personally. The concept of the show did not come together quickly for me this year and when it finally took shape, it left us with a very small window to fit, order and assemble costumes for the band. This resulted in two weeks of "clunky" rehearsals as we tried to manage this process. In addition to this, we were limited in our ability to rehearse in the stadium. Rehearsing in the parking lot is suitable, but as we near a competition it is beneficial to have stadium rehearsals so I can evaluate the show from a judges perspective. When we finally got to the stadium Thursday night, I noticed aspects that I had missed because I did not have this perspective earlier. I tried to recover the show as best as possible Thursday night, but we ran out of time and I was concerned that we would score low and place even lower. The students pulled off a great performance Saturday which lifted them above my expectation to nearly placing and scoring what I would consider a decent first show score. This is the earliest our band has competed in a while, plus we have reduced the amount of rehearsal time this year compared to last so I was concerned about our competition "readiness" going into Saturday. All in all, the students exceeded expectation and started our season on a very strong note. Overall my proudest moment is not in our result, but rather in our student's representation of our band while traveling. Students displayed exemplary behavior considering the amount of flexibility required due to the constraints of the festival site. With two solid rehearsals this week I feel confident we will be rewarded this coming weekend at the Murphysboro competition.

Shout Outs:

A huge thank you to Mrs. Bowlin for bringing together all the costuming for the band in an extremely short amount of time. Thank you to my mom, Chris Meyer for hemming all the flight suits in two days time. Thank you to the many team leaders who spent extra hours after school working to get the uniforms ready. Thank you to all the parents who provided support to the band this weekend including those who helped load and unload the truck and those who assisted with food for the band.

Looking Ahead This Week:

Tuesday, September 10th—Rehearsal 6:00pm—9:00pm

Thursday, September 12th—Rehearsal 6:00pm—9:00pm

Friday, September 13th—Football Game 5:30pm—10:00pm

Saturday, September 14th—Drums at Appletime Festival, Murphysboro, IL

*We perform at 6:15pm in Murphysboro this Saturday. Itinerary for the day will be available Tuesday night.

Special Announcement:

We launched a Century Resources Product Fundraiser today. Students were provided with order brochures. Please make sure they get this home to you. We ask if you can to consider helping by taking the brochures to work, share with family and friends and share the information on social media. There is an online store available with this fundraiser. All the information is on a document given to the students.