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Tenaflly High School Earns Top Honors at USBANDS Competition

School's marching band places first at NVOT Competition

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Tenaflly, NJ – October 20, 2022 – The Tenaflly High School marching band took first place on Saturday, September 24 at the USBANDS competition held in Old Tappan, NJ. USBANDS (www.usbands) is the largest pageantry arts organization in the U.S.

Held at Northern Valley Regional High School, eleven school districts participated in the competition. The Tenaflly Marching Band's program "Breaking News" placed first in Group III and second overall with a score of 79, missing first place by just 0.600 points.

"The program is still young and both the students and I feel a sense of pride in what we have been able to accomplish so far," said marching band director Michael Jacobetz. "After placing first last year, our goal was and continues to be one of growth and improvement. We are excited to build off of the successes."

Jacobetz, who is in his sixth year with the high school, works hard to maintain the standard of excellence set by the District's Fine Arts Department. In 2019, he entered the marching band into its first competition (also the Bergen County Invitational), placing first overall. Last year, the band placed first overall at the USBANDS Bergen County Marching Invitational.

"A marching band adds so much to a high school," said Tenaflly High School principal Jim Morrison. "From sporting events to pep rallies, they bring such energy to the school. They are really a source of pride for us."

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