



Tenaflly High School Marching Band places first at the Bergen County Invitational on Oct. 10. The band placed first in 2019, but the competition was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. COURTESY OF TENAFLY SCHOOLS

Tenaflly High School marches into first at regional event

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The Tenaflly High School marching band took first place on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Bergen County Marching Invitational, sponsored by the largest pageantry arts organization in the nation, USBands.

Held at Bergenfield High School, 10 districts participated in the competition.

The Tenaflly program "Rhythm of the Heart" placed first in Group II and first overall with a score of 80.50. The opening number "Bacchanale" is from the opera Samson and Delilah by French composer Camille Saint-Saens.

"We are working hard to rejuvenate the program, and I believe that the students are feeling a sense of pride in what they have been able to accomplish together," said marching band director Michael Jacobetz. "Our goal is to continue to grow and improve and build off of the success we have had this year."

The marching band also competed in the Oct. 2 Yamaha Cup competition at MetLife Stadium where it placed 12th out of 38 in their class. This was the band's first appearance at the show.

Added Jacobetz, "The students are passionate and enthusiastic about band and our success is a reflection of their dedication and commitment to excellence."

Jacobetz, who is in his fifth year with the high school, is working hard to working hard to maintain the standard of excellence that has been 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, there were no competitions due to the pandemic.

"We are excited to watch as our marching band not only continues to entertain us at games and events, but enters and places in these highly competitive events," said Tenaflly High School Principal Jim Morrison.

During the past four years, the school has upgraded the percussion and brass instruments, and recently purchased a PA system to integrate electronics into the performances.

Added Morrison, "The students are doing great things and we want to show them that we support them. They continue to be a source of pride for us."

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