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Subject: **NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND PLACES FIRST IN STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.**

The 120 Members of the New Providence High School Marching Band capped off a great season by competing in both the US Bands Group 5A New Jersey State Championship and A Class National Championship. The USBands New Jersey State Championships was held on Saturday, October 29th at South Brunswick High School. The Pride and Class took the field at South Brunswick and placed first in Group 5A with a score of 87.7, receiving special awards for Overall Best Percussion, Overall Best Effect, and Overall Best Visual.

This is the 14th State Championship garnered by the band over the past 20 years, and earned the band a place at the USBands A Class National Championships held at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, Pennsylvania last Saturday, November 5, 2022.

There were 3 schools from surrounding states competing in Group 5A, with 64 schools overall in the A Class competition over two days of competition. Drum Majors Samvit Singhal (Class of 2023) and Ronan Flanagan (Class of 2024) led the New Providence Marching Band in their show titled "FORM-ation", featuring music by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Antonio Vivaldi, Eric Whitacre, and William Henry Draper that depicted the formation of the planet earth. The "Pride & Class of New Providence" received the top honor of USBands Group 5A National Champion with a score of 95.0 along with special awards for Overall Best Color Guard, Overall Best Percussion, Overall Best Music, Overall, Best Effect, and Overall Best Visual.

The band was welcomed back to New Providence late on Saturday night with an enthusiastic escort by the New Providence Police and Fire Departments. The band is under the direction of Mr. Michael Niedziejko and Assistant Director Mr. Donald Baker. Mr. Niedziejko states "The season was different in that we started earlier than ever due to the change in the calendar for school and for Football, but the students were consistently focused and committed all season. They truly represented the community of New Providence with Pride and Class tonight and all season." Mrs. Susan Kirkland, Department Head for Music and Performing Arts, adds "The Marching Band has long been a jewel in the crown for New Providence High School, and this year was no different. We celebrate with great pride their talent, hard work, determination, enthusiasm, and these remarkable accomplishments. Many thanks go to the

staff, students, and families for creating such a positive community, where everyone belongs.”

In April, the New Providence High School Marching Band will travel to Disney World for a performance at the Magic Kingdom. Catch them locally in November at the upcoming Holiday Walk! For more information about the New Providence High School Marching Band, please visit the [website](#).





