

The Marching Grens Muse

Keeping You In-Step

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Marching Grens Debut “The Collective” in Competition at CMBF

The Marching Grens were welcomed back to Wheeling High School to perform their 2023 show “The Collective” at the annual Chicago Marching Band Festival last Saturday night. The Grens debuted the show in the Class AA category against schools such as Rolling Meadows, Lake Park, and Huntley. The band proudly showed how far they’ve come in just a few short weeks, taking home the prize for Outstanding Drum Majors thanks to Claudia Lopienski, Maria Smith, and Dinah Anta. “Our students performed their best show on Saturday. I couldn’t be more proud of them. I can’t wait to continue developing this show!” said director Ron Fiorito. Congratulations to the Marching Grens on this fine achievement!

Drum Majors Maria Smith, Claudia Lopienski, and Dinah Anta await the award for Outstanding Drum Majors at the Chicagoland Marching Band Festival.



EG Bands Announce Snap! Raise Fundraiser

EG Bands students are trying something new this year to help boost their fundraising efforts using Snap! Raise, which will go live this week. Working with the EGBA Booster team, band students will solicit donations via the Snap! Raise online platform to help offset the expenses incurred throughout the year. Students will be telling our story via emails, texts, and social media for 28 days, and recipients can choose to provide a tax deductible donation to our cause. Keep an eye on your email folders and Let’s do what we can to help their effort!

Haven’t Seen “The Collective” Yet?

If you haven’t had a chance to catch the latest Marching Grens show, you will have another opportunity on Friday, September 22nd at the Elk Grove Homecoming Football game. The Grens will perform the show at half-time for the crowd. Get your tickets and come on out to support our band and EGHS Football. For the best viewing experience, check out the Grens on September 30th at the Knight of Champions competition at Prospect High School.

EGBA Wants You!

EGBA stands for Elk Grove Band Association - EG Band’s booster organization. We are 100% organized and run by parents who assist with event planning, uniforms, Marching Grens pit crew, hospitality, and fundraising. The Boosters meet on the first Wednesday of each month, usually in the foyer conference room. All band parents are invited to attend and we want to hear your input, feedback, and ideas. Our next meeting is October 4th at 6:30pm. Please feel free to join us!

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Did You Know?

When attending a marching band competition, watch closely and you'll notice judges on the field during the performance. Some of these judges move as adeptly as the musicians. Marching bands are judged on more than just the music they play. They also score points for visual performance: alignment, spacing, equipment/instrument control, tempo, and more. Next time, take a moment to track a field judge and watch how they work their way around the field, without most spectators realizing they are there!

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 22nd: EG Football Homecoming Game—Marching Grens performance

Saturday, September 30th: Knight of Champions competition—Prospect High School

Wednesday, October 4th: EGBA Meeting 6:30pm at EGHS

Additional Resources:

<http://www.eghsband.com/> - Official Home of Elk Grove Band Department.

<http://eghsbandboosters.weebly.com/> - Home of the Band Boosters, also known as EGBA.

<https://www.facebook.com/eghsbandboosters> - Please like our page for updates!

<https://twitter.com/EGBandBoosters> - Official Twitter account of EGBA. Be sure to follow us!



The Grens Are Back!