



Norwalk High Marching Band

USBands Group VI National Champions

The Norwalk Board of Education is proud to recognize the 2017 Norwalk High Marching Band for the completion of a highly successful fall marching season. Performing their show “Relics,” the band recently took first place in the US Bands Group VI National Championships, the highest level of high school competition.

The Norwalk Marching Band has a long tradition of excellence. This year was no exception. On November 11, performing on the field at MetLife stadium, the band scored a 97.775 out of a possible 100 points, winning its second National Championship in four years. With more than 50 bands performing in the daylong event, the Bears outscored bands from New Jersey, Virginia, Arkansas and Connecticut to capture the Class VI Open crown. Norwalk also earned additional awards for Best Music and Best Overall Effect.

The National Championship win capped an undefeated season for the band. In October, the Bears also captured both the Connecticut State Championship and the New England States Championship.

This high level of success represents a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication. The band’s 175 student musicians and color guard members have been rehearsing and performing since August, beginning with two weeks of band camp before school even started. During the school year, students log more than 20 hours of rehearsals per week.

In addition to delivering award-winning performances, these highly committed students also demonstrate academic excellence. Over 90 percent of NHS band members maintain a 3.0 GPA or better.

The Board of Education is proud to honor the talented students who make up this year’s Norwalk Marching Band, as well as Band Director Chris Rivera and his hard-working staff. We also offer our thanks to the many band parents, who we know spend countless hours supporting the marching band both on and off the field.

We congratulate you all on your achievements, and wish you all the best for the upcoming indoor Winter Percussion and Winter Guard seasons.