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THE SOUNDS OF FALL

If you attended the Special Town Meeting Monday, August 24, at Foxborough High School, you may have heard bits of some familiar songs or seen seventy-six high school students deep in concentration as they mastered new marching drills in the parking lot. The FHS Marching Band began their annual camp on August 24. Before it concludes on Friday, August 28, the students, including thirteen freshmen will learn the steps and the music to this year's halftime show, which features four songs from the band Steely Dan: "Reeling in the Years," "Rikki, Don't Lose That Number," "Peg," and "Josie."

Drum majors Rachel Fuller and Anna Opatka will lead this year's band. Fresh from drum major camp at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, this year's drum majors stated that they "are looking forward to working with the members of the marching band, who demonstrate the talent, inspiration, and dedication in order to help achieve another successful year for the Foxborough Music Program." Freshmen learn the fundamentals of marching every morning this week, working with the drum majors, section leaders, and other members of the band. All band members participate in smaller group sections in the afternoon to learn the music, and then return to the high school for evening rehearsals to put both the music and marching together. "I know that the 2009-2010 Marching Band will be a really important part of a positive and successful school culture at Foxborough High School. We always strive for the highest standards of musical excellence," says Steve Massey, Director of Music for the Foxborough Public Schools.

The FHS Marching Band can be seen at 7 p.m. at the following home games at the Ahern School: September 17, September 25, October 23, November 6, and November 13. They will also perform at the annual Foxborough-Mansfield Thanksgiving Game on Thursday, November 26 at 10 a.m. in Foxborough, as well as in the Memorial Day and Founder's Day parades.

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