



Superintendent's Highlight October 26, 2018



With thunderous drums, crashing cymbals and blazing horns, the Marching Band of Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School marched on to Mitchell Field to amaze the spectators at this year's Newsday Marching Band Festival. Their first performance of Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song," really provided an opportunity for these talented musicians to demonstrate the result of months of hard work and practice. They marched with poise and professionalism as they displayed the music of this year's theme, "Across the

Pond," featuring the music from the "British Invasion".

Their second song, "Bicycle Ride," by Queen featured a wonderful arrangement of the classic song that highlighted the vocal lines of Freddie Mercury. They concluded the show with a complex and full arrangement of The Beatles', "Eleanor Rigby".



Kudos to the Marching Band Director, Mr. Brian Carter, as he led his group and prepared his students for this impressive showing. Equal praise must be given to Mrs. Karen Bernstein, Asst. Band Director, Mr. Glenn Chiarello and Mr. Neil Walowitz, Percussion Line Instructors, and Kerri Powell, Flag Line Coordinator. This team selected and shared amazing music to reflect the power of our music program.

The Marching Band was equally impressive at Homecoming and will be there at the Coaches vs. Cancer game. I encourage you to come and support and witness the talents of our students and teachers! We are looking forward to a year filled with opportunities to perform, even on national stages. I cannot wait until the new uniforms arrive and they march in our Memorial Day Parade in those smart outfits!!!

