



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Member of the Sterling Silver Spectacular hold their trophy representing their accomplishments at the Region UIL Marching contest in Port Neches Groves this past Saturday.

The Hot Asphalt Field

On August 1st when most students are thinking about water parks, sleeping late, and staying up late on their computers and phones, the members of the Ross S. Sterling High School Band and the Sterling Stars have other plans. It is to get up early, head for the school, and spend 2.5 to 3 hours on a hot asphalt field.

Why, you may ask?

Because these dedicated students are preparing for Marching Season.

Each year the members of the Sterling Silver Spectacular begin their quest for three ones at the Region UIL Marching contest while their friends are still thinking of summer.

They begin each day with warm-ups on the hot asphalt field, then many hours field learning how to pirouette, march with toes up, chaine', heels down, bodies traversed, jete', and horns held high on the hot asphalt field.

Once school starts, their afternoons are spent on the hot asphalt field polishing their marching drill and fine tuning their playing skills! The field is often times hot enough to even melt their marching shoes!

But the reward is sweet! On Saturday, October 18, the Sterling Silver Spectacular ended their quest for the coveted three ones. They took the field with professionalism, determination, and belief in themselves. They performed their show "Pandora" to a crowd of adoring fans who cheered wildly for them. The end result - - their three coveted ones and certification to the Area UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 25 at Galena Park Stadium.

Their next quest is the State UIL Marching contest in San Antonio, Texas at the Alamo Dome on November 4. Their ranking this Saturday will determine their certification to the State UIL Marching contest. And to think that it all started on a hot summer day in August on a hot asphalt field!

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