

KIDS COUNT



Port Chester High School drummers Paul Marcone, Steve Altmann, Carlos Becerra and Richard Gregory perform during the Second Annual Musical Arts Conference Championships at Sacred Heart University.

PCHS percussion group places 1st in championships

Winter guard comes in fourth

In Port Chester High School's second year participating in percussion and winter guard competitions in many years, the percussion portion took first place in the championship at the end of their season. The winter guard took fourth place, missing third by a 10th of a point.

The Second Annual Musical Arts Conference Championships took place at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. on April 5.

The percussion ensemble consisted of 23 percussionists accompanied by six color guard members performing a routine called "The Planets."

The group scored 92.6 out of a possible 100 to take first place in their category.

The winter guard was minus any captains because all of the color guard captains from the Port Chester High School Band's fall competition season chose to participate in the percussion routine instead. In addition, all of the seniors in color guard except one moved over to the percussion ensemble.

"We didn't have any captains this year so we all got to put in our two cents all the time," said Allison Nowotnik. "We only had 14 girls, so it was a lot easier to deal with and get things done. It was really fun."

With the loss of the majority of seniors and no captains, "we did really well," said Nowotnik, scoring 82 out of 100. She took satisfaction in the fact that "there were 13 or 14 groups in our class and we came in fourth out of all of them. Last year we had eight in our class and came in fifth. So we moved up in our class and beat more people."



Lizzie Savanella is at the center of this formation which was part of the percussion group's "The Planets" routine.