

Letter: Danvers Marching Band a class act

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To the editor:

“Impressive!” That is only one of the words that was heard after the Danvers Marching Band’s performance at last Saturday’s Danvers-versus-Swampscott varsity football game in Swampscott. Sitting across the field and looking at the sea of blue-and-white uniforms capped by the six white sousaphones was a sight to see. As the members took their positions in the four corners of the football field, preparing for their entrance, we knew the fans were in for a stellar performance. And the Danvers band delivered. The performance itself, including the marching, formations and music, culminating in the band’s rendition of “Yankee Doodle” and the display of the American flag just a day before Veterans Day, was enjoyed by all in the Swampscott stands.

But what impressed us the most was the Danvers band’s respect and attention to the Swampscott Marching Band. After the Danvers band’s performance, every Danvers band member came around to the Swampscott side of the field to intently listen and watch Swampscott’s performance. Our band members also reported that the members of the group introduced themselves to our group, praising our performance and our soloists. It was heartwarming to see a group of students exhibit such class.

We would be remiss if we did not express how extremely proud we were this past Saturday of the Swampscott band and its band director, Mr. Ed Jack, as they executed quite possibly their finest performance in years.

The community of Danvers can be very proud of their young performers and leaders. We certainly were last Saturday, and are proud to be part of a community of musicians across the state who works diligently to entertain fans at half-time shows each fall.

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