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## **SHS BLUE KNIGHTS MARCHING BAND EARN HIGH MARKS AT CHESHIRE COMPETITION**

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**Rockville** --- The Southington Blue Knights Marching Band earned a SECOND PLACE trophy in their division at their fourth USSBA (United States Scholastic Band Association) competition of the season, which was held at Cheshire Hill High School in Cheshire, CT, Saturday, October 16. In addition, they achieved the third highest score of the 16 bands performing, and also earned the BEST OVERALL EFFECT award.

The Blue Knights have performed well in every competition during the past month with first place finishes, as well as Best Overall Effect and Best Overall Percussion awards, at Waterford, Rocky Hill and Rockville High Schools.

This year's field show entitled "Hieroglyphics" is a unique repertoire composed by Key Poulan and consists of three movements "Valley of the Kings", "The Golden Horus" and "The Royal Cartouches." The band includes 64 musicians, 27 Color Guard, and one Drum Major, and is directed by Jeff Shaw and Sara Sabatino. The show's visuals are directed by Color Guard instructors Laura Shaw and Jennifer Snow, along with drill instructors Ken Bell, Kevin Cormack and Jeff Weir. Steve St. Mary and Colin Mason are the group's percussion instructors.

Jeff Shaw felt that his students did well at the Cheshire competition, despite performing in difficult field conditions. "We have a high-risk show... the drill is demanding and the movements are very fast-paced. For the kids to earn a Best Overall Effect award and improve on their score

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from last week in less than ideal conditions, says a lot about their marching ability.” said Mr. Shaw.

In addition to performing the half-time show during Southington High School’s home football games, the Blue Knights’ continue their demanding schedule with competitions in Groton (Oct. 30), Stratford (Nov. 6), and Giants Stadium (Nov. 13), as well as a special performance at Rentschler Field in East Hartford (Oct. 28). In addition, they are busy preparing for their home show, “Music of the Knight”, to be held at Southington High School’s Fontana Field, Saturday, October 23.

For more information, visit the Blue Knights Marching Band Website at [www.shsbands.com](http://www.shsbands.com), or contact the Southington High School music department at (860) 628-3229 ext. 250.

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