



Hopatcong Borough Schools

Press Release

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Marching Chiefs at West Point

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Dr. Joanne Mullane, Hopatcong Acting Superintendent of Schools, Announces

The Hopatcong Marching Chiefs were honored to again participate in this year's West Point Football Band Day on Saturday, September 30. The Marching Chiefs pulled out of Hopatcong at 6:30 AM arriving at West Point shortly at 8:00 AM. The Marching Chiefs rehearsed for two hours along with seven other bands and the West Point Cadet Band, and the West Point Army Band. For the second year in a row, cold, windy wet weather moved in mid-morning, but this year the rain cleared out for the Army Black Knights Game Day events, including the West Point Cadet Review, and the Black Nights Alley (the pre-game concerts and games). The paratrooper demonstration was the only event cancelled. The band cheered on Army as they beat University of Texas University at El Paso. At halftime, the bands played to a large crowd following the West Point Athletic Hall of Fame inductions.

Band Director Mr. Zimmermann said " I continue to be impressed with our students, reporting to school so early for a long bus trip following an away Chief's football game, to then participate in a rehearsal, tour West Point, sit through the first half of a college football game, brave cold wet weather, and then continue to perform very well and more importantly, have a great time and have fun!"

