Middle School Band scares up a storm at Bandster Bash!

**Huntington** — On Friday, October 28, the Gateway Middle School band program performed its annual *Bandster Bash*. Each year, the band performs in this concert as a fun concert to kick off the year. Families came to a spaghetti supper and concert dressed in their Halloween costumes, rather than the typical black and white band attire.

The supper was a fun community gathering for band students and parents/guardians. The cafeteria was decorated in the spirit of Halloween, and there were Halloween-themed games and activities for young children.

The sixth grade band performed first. They played two pieces: “Creature Feature” and “Along Came a Spider.” They were followed by the seventh and eighth grade band, with a “frightful” performance of “Dark Odyssey” and “Gothic Legend.”

Band student teacher Rachel “Ominous” Oestreicher conducted one piece for each band, and the remaining songs were conducted by band director Beth “Gutsy” Guertin.

Following the concert, students were awarded costume prizes. They included Cutest Costume, Scariest Costume, and Most Creative Costume. All the costumes looked fantastic, and showed the students were really getting into the Halloween spirit.

The bands invite you to join them for their holiday concert on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gateway Performing Arts Center.

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*Photo (left): Student teacher Rachel “Ominous” Oestreicher was mummified during the pre-concert dinner, as a ghostly apparition of a student appeared behind her!*