

Bacon band All-Star attraction

The award-winning and nationally famous Roger Bacon High School Band has been selected to perform in pre-game and halftime shows at the East-West All-Star Football Game, Saturday, June 17, at 8:00 p.m., at Nippert Stadium.

Roger Bacon's Band, for a consecutive three years (1968-70), took first place in the American Legion Competition in Ohio. In 1968, they placed third in the nation at the St. Petersburg Festival of States, in St. Petersburg, Florida. Competition in this particular contest is limited to only 50 bands throughout the country, one for each state. Roger Bacon represented the state of Ohio.

For two years (1970-71), Roger Bacon captured first in the Ohio State Fair competition. In 1971, they missed, by a mere fraction of a point, winning first place in the St. Petersburg Festival of States competition. Thus, they scored second place in the nation. Their most recent accomplishment was placing first in the 1971 Philadelphia Invitational Competition Parade of Champions.

Father Celsus Griese is band moderator and Wesley Neal band director, both of whom have served in those capacities at Roger Bacon since 1960.