



## The Band Comes Marching In...

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**April 27th 2016**



In September of 2015 McCollister's was contacted by the Director of Bands for Allen High School to provide a proposal to move two 53 foot truckloads of uniforms, instruments, luggage and color guard gear from Allen, TX to California.

Once the initial proposal was received, a team of McCollister's employees began working on detailed load plans to ensure the moves went flawlessly – meetings were held, measurements taken and photos shared. A detailed load plan for both trucks was crafted, and after 5 or 6 revisions the master plan was ready. Ultimately, almost 400 pieces of luggage, 28 racks of uniforms, boxes of hats, rows of sousaphones, wearable and rolling percussion, low winds, brass, flags, speakers, keyboards and even a golf cart were staged on the floor of the Band Hall.

On December 22nd both trucks were ready to load simultaneously. With the assistance of volunteering band parents known as the Pit Crew and several students, the loading of the trucks began. It was a busy 5 hours before the doors were closed and great news... IT ALL FIT!! Both trucks were loaded floor to ceiling, nose to tail.

The drivers set off to meet the band in Torrance, CA on December 28th. Everything unloaded into a hotel ball room for the week ahead. While in California the band also participated in BandFest performing at Disneyland in Anaheim. This was not the first time the Allen band had been in the parade, they appeared in 2006, but this year's appearance set a record. The Allen High School Escadrille Band became the largest marching band on record to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Allen High School Escadrille was one of 18 marching bands selected to participate in the 2016 Tournament, The Escadrille consisted of 782 students marching.

Trucks were reloaded late in the afternoon on New Year's Day with all hands on deck, human chains of students and parents handing in instruments and luggage to our drivers. Everything returned back to Texas on January 5th safe and sound. Everyone at the school was beyond pleased and very thankful! We were honored to be a part of such a great group of students and support in the logistics of this move.