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Percussion, Guard groups host tourney

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On the heels of its first competition last month, the South Lyon Percussion Group is preparing to host an all-day session of entertainment. Percussion teams from up to 30 schools, along with an assortment of Winter Guard groups, will take center stage at South Lyon High School on Saturday, March 13.

Doreen Hannon, a member of the South Lyon Band Parent Association, said the percussion team has made great strides in this, its first year of competition. South Lyon will also be represented by two separate Winter Guard teams which have performed synchronized feats for several years. Both competitions will be seen when South Lyon plays host to teams from around the state next weekend.

For the uninitiated, Hannon said that both percussion ensembles and winter guards grew from marching bands and drum-and-bugle corps, with a broader range of showmanship.

The South Lyon percussion squad, for instance, hammers out selections from "Pirates of the Caribbean" with a drumline beat accompanied by moving props and costumes.

South Lyon has two Winter Guard groups, The Rhapsody of South Lyon and the Reverie of South Lyon, both of which expect to participate in next week's competition. Based on military-style Color Guards, routines make use of music, flags, sabres, rifles and dance in showcasing the performer's skills.

Other upcoming performances for the per-



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South Lyon High School's percussion team will host a tournament of up to 30 schools. This is the first year that South Lyon has had a percussion team.

ussion group includes the Winter Fest Pep Assembly at 1 p.m. Friday, March 5, at South Lyon High School.

Performances during the tournament will be

held in the South Lyon High School gymnasium. Opening ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 2:26 p.m., with performances scheduled through the final awards at 10 p.m.