

STEPPING UP TO THE MIC

The chorus sang the Alma Mater proudly, the NJROTC walked with more dignity and respect than ever, and the band members lifted their instruments and performed amazing routines. All of the high school's performers geared up for yet another year of performances. "We have been working really hard to perfect each song that we'll perform at the Christmas Concert this year," sophomore **Shanikqua Washington** said.

The NJROTC members felt that they received more respect when they wore their uniforms on Wednesdays. Like a

family, the cadets looked out for each other in the school halls, making sure that their shoes were shined and their shirts stayed tucked. The cadets practiced every day for an hour. Juniors such as **Tavia Ware** looked forward to the yearly competitions. "They inspire me, everyone works really hard," Ware said.

Although the high notes stretched some of the singers vocal chords, the chorus managed to learn the new Alma Mater in only a couple of months. "I did not really like the new Alma Mater because the notes were really high for the sopranos,"

With hopes of winning, performers started off their year with a bang!

sophomore **Jamie Craven** said.

Despite obstacles such as new material and unfamiliar routines, each of these groups held their heads high and performed to the best of their abilities.

-Lauren Nettles



Do, Re, Mi! The chorus practices the Alma Mater and the Star Spangled Banner at Cougar Stadium. Mrs. Drawdy's chorus classes performed these songs every year for the Homecoming games.

Attention! The NJROTC patiently waits for their Wednesday inspection. Everything had to be perfect on their uniforms. The cadets got a weekly grade for the inspection.

