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Sophomore Pierce Roller plays the bass drum during the halftime show on Sept. 4 at the North Stadium. Roller plays first bass drum. Each bass drum is tuned to a different note, creating some of the only melodies played by the drum line.

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