***DRUM MAJOR AUDITION INFORMATION***

***Video Submission Due Friday, May 15th Online interview to take place on Monday, May 18th***

**What We’re Looking for in a Drum Major:**

* Servant Leader (not on a power trip!)
* Confidence (but not cockiness!)
* Musicianship
* Poise
* Organized & Responsible
* Self-Discipline
* Good Communication Skills (Verbal & Kinesthetic)
* Outstanding Role Model
* Good Conducting Abilities
* Showmanship
* Physical Fitness & Endurance
* Mental Sharpness
* Good Rhythm & Feel for Tempo
* Score Reading Comprehension
* Problem Solver NOT a Problem Creator
* **NO DRAMA!!!**
* Make mature, intelligent decisions
* Positive Motivator
* Be Involved and Visible with the Band
* Have a General Concern for Others
* Approachable (Not Stand-offish)
* Willingness to give up time from other things for the band
* Focused on the “We” and “Us”, not the “I” and “Me”

**The Video Audition & Submission Process:**

***Introductions – Total of 10 pts****.*

* Salute – *5 pts.*
* Introductions (name, grade, instrument, leadership positions held-*if any*) – *5 pts.*
* *Voice must be clearly heard*

***Conducting – Total of 55 pts.***

* Basic Patterns (4-3-2-1 Drill…2 measures Staccato, 2 measures Legato for each time) – *15 pts.*
* Personal Selected Music – max. of 3 ½ minutes- *20 pts.*
* Band Director Selected Music – *TBD* (showmanship, energy, facial expressions, patterns, cues) – *20 pts.*
  + *Music can be downloaded at the following link: TBD*
* Final Short Salute – *0 points*

***Video Submission & Parameters***

* Formats accepted – MP4, WMV, or AVI
* Your full body Must be viewable for the salute and conducting portions
* Your Personal Selected Music & the Band Director Selected Music MUST be clearly audible during your conducting
* Video must be unedited during each section. You may video each section individually then combine those into one video; however, you may NOT edit a video in the middle of the Introduction or each conducting exercise.
* We will provide a separate Google form to use to submit videos
* This for form will be available on Monday, May 11th
* You Must fill out both the General Leadership form and submit the leadership packet as well as the Drum Major form.

**Formal Interview:**

* These interviews will take place on Monday, May 18th between the hours of 1pm and 3pm.
* A time will be given to you after the General Leadership Application submission, not to be confused with the Drum Major Application Submission.
* We will have three interviewers, all of which will be people from outside the organization or who have long graduated from our organization.
* We will utilize MS Teams or Zoom Meeting.
* You MUST be able to have a means to chat live with both audio AND video
* You will introduce yourself to the interviewers (State name, grade, instrument, leadership positions held-*if any)*
* Answer all questions as openly and honestly as you can. Remember, don’t try and think about the right answer.
* Questions from Judges – *5 pts.*

**Suggestions:**

1. Be well prepared! You will be nervous!
2. Watch yourself conduct in a mirror! That is the best way to clean!
3. Stay in your conducting “window” or “box”.
4. Watch out for fly away fingers, curly Qs, and unclear patterns.
5. Remember that the band must be able to follow your conducting (the ictus is important).
6. If you get off, recover quickly. (don’t get flustered; we won’t restart the music)
7. Wear your polo shirt and black shorts!
8. Have Fun!

Videos will be available to view by the band on Monday, May 18th and Tuesday May 19th .

Voting will take place online on Tuesday, May 19th.