

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.
 - o *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 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.