



## DRUM MAJOR AUDITIONS

Drum Major Candidate- Must have 2 years of marching band experience, must be enrolled in a large ensemble class and must carry a 2.5 G.P.A.

### Selection process and point distribution:

- 1. Write an essay.** You have had the opportunity to observe drum majors in your high school career. In your essay, discuss three actions that you found to be effective and why. Discuss actions that you found to be ineffective and describe how you may have approached the situation differently. This is not an easy task, so my suggestion is to take it very seriously. This will demonstrate your thought process and reflect your personality and the way you think about yourself. Due the first Friday in April. (Double- spaced and 12 font)-100pts
- 2. Conduct a piece of the show.** Scores and mp3 will be provided. The routine should include:
  - Proper posture, hand position, and technique
  - Correct beat patterns
  - Cueing of important sections
  - Dynamic Changes
  - Impact Points
  - Cut-Offs
  - Tempo Changes
  - Style Changes (legato, marcato, etc.)100pts.
- 3. Commands-Parade-Attention, Mark Time, Parade Rest, Step-Off, Halt, Roll-Off-100pts**
- 4. Interviews-** One with students and one with panel. These are the hardest and most important part of your audition. You will not receive questions in advance and you should be ready for anything. They will explore your leadership style, ethics, goals, etc...-200pts
- 5. Salute-** There are no specific aspects that should be included other than: The salute should end with an actual salute. :)100pts
- 6. Teaching a “new” member-** Building correct posture and basic maneuvering. 100pts
- 7. Service Project-** The scope and duration are at your discretion. You may choose something that you think needs done or that you deem appropriate and beneficial to others in the program, and don't be afraid to think “outside the box”. Please clear with Mr. Cuthrell before starting.100pts
- 8. Music Audition-** prepare an etude or a piece that can show your musicality. The drum major needs to be the most musical person on the field! - 100pts
- 9. 5 teacher evaluations-** From at least 3 current teachers. Send out this google form to your teachers <http://bit.ly/ScarletRegimentLeader> -100pts
- 10. Band Vote-**30pts The candidate receiving the most votes will receive 100pts, second most 90 pts, and so on.

**Note to all parents of drum major candidates:** In order to be fair and unbiased to all of the candidates involved in the audition process, I will not discuss the audition process or final outcome with any parent or student at any time. I ask that everyone please respect this policy and trust that I will do the very best for the program (even when not popular) at all times, as it would do us no good at all for me to play “favorites”. Parents will not be allowed to watch auditions. Good luck to all!!