



## DRUM MAJOR DISCLOSER SHEET

Please read the following points carefully before beginning the process. Serving as a Drum Major for the Scarlet Regiment is one of the most challenging student leadership opportunities at HHS. There is no other student leadership role in which the student has the expectation of being in front of 100+ students on a daily basis. Understand that dealing with the 100+ different personalities, learning styles, and opinions is difficult to deal with for one day, let alone an entire season.

**\*\*Read through these several times before continuing with the audition process\*\***

If you are considering applying for this role, you must be willing to face the following realities of being a Drum Major:

- You will prioritize the marching band around all other activities – marching band will always come first if you desire to be drum major (the largest leadership role on campus).
- You will commit to spending substantially more time preparing for the season during this spring and summer than any other student.
- You will always arrive and check-in with Mr. Cuthrell at least 30 minutes prior to any rehearsal to prepare.
- You will not always be popular or liked by your peers.
- You will be expected to solve problems with a smile, even when you want to scream!
- You will continue to conduct, even when your arms feel like they are going to fall off.
- You will commit to strength training and working on your cardiovascular health during the spring and summer. Good physical health always puts us into a better position when dealing with leadership. Lifting weights to make sure your body is strong and able to conduct and lead basics rehearsals for long periods of time is essential.
- You will understand the game of football and know when and what is appropriate to play to offer as much playing time as possible. Large, laminated cue cards will be made to curb all confusion about “what’s next.”
- You will spend time outside of class encouraging new and struggling students through personal interaction, phone, email, notes, etc.
- You will be energized when in the presence of the band, even when you are exhausted.
- You will be constantly active in rehearsal, even when another drum major is running an activity. Recognize that there are ALWAYS things to be done!
- You will carry out the instructions of Mr. Cuthrell and staff, even when you think we have “lost our marbles.”
- You will NEVER disagree with instructional staff in public or in private with other students. You will discuss with staff behind closed doors. I’m not saying that we are never wrong, just that there is a process to follow. The band needs to see an absolute unified front.
- You will be willing to take calculated risks.
- You will always look for what needs to be done without being asked. Know what Mr. Cuthrell wants before he even knows he wants it. Be forward-looking!
- You will maintain an “A” in band at all times.
- You will manage Color Guard, Percussion, Front Ensemble and all Section Leaders.
- You will serve as stage crew for all concert performances and manage the concert bands at all concert performances.
- You will coach/conduct various chamber ensembles during solo and ensemble season.
- You will not be afraid to laugh at yourself-often!