**LHS Drum Major Application (Due 3-31-17)**

Name: Grade (Next Year):

Date: Section:

Application may be submitted handwritten or typed.

DM Applications must be submitted with a completed Leadership Application.

1. Why are you in marching band?
2. How would you earn the respect of the marching band in the role of drum major?
3. You are tired, overworked, underappreciated, and you have a huge assignment due tomorrow that you are really behind on. School just got out and it is a Monday. Rehearsal starts at 5 pm. What do you do?
4. A group of your friends skips practice to go to a concert but they lie to me giving some other excuse, you know the truth. What do you do?
5. How will you handle instructing your friends as drum major?
6. How will you handle instructing those you don’t like as drum major?
7. You correct a senior or someone who has marched longer than you in some matter. The student responds to you: “I’m a senior / more experienced who has been marching for \_\_ years, you don’t know what you’re talking about and I’m not going to listen to you anyways. You can get out of my face.” How do you handle this?
8. Why should you be chosen as drum major above anyone else?
9. Are you comfortable knowing that taking the position as drum major will probably mean by the end of your senior year there will be members of the band who may not like you anymore? Why?
10. Why do you want to be drum major?
11. What do you think the role and responsibilities are of a drum major?
12. Are you willing to do more work than anyone else in the band, without them knowing it and not being thanked for it? If so, what are the extra things that you believe a drum major could do to benefit the band? If not, why?
13. What is your greatest weakness as a leader? Back it up.
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15. Do you believe that you have the availability to be an effective Drum Major? Do you see any potential conflicts that may prove a detriment to your role as Drum Major. (Class Load, Job etc…)
16. What have you done in the off-season to help our program grow, to grow as an individual and/or to help a friend grow? Have you participated in band events and fundraising?
17. Who have you looked up to within the marching band program and why?
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19. If you were selected as Drum Major for this upcoming season and your classmates could only use one word to describe you as Drum Major at the end of next season, what would you want that word to be? Why?

**What do Drum Majors have to do?**

1. **Participate in Drum Major Camp (Summer)**
2. **Participate in all leadership training sessions**
3. **Attend all spring rehearsals**
4. **Attend all rehearsals and performances including camps**
5. **Maintain eligibility at all times. (grades)**
6. **Be 100% dedicated to the ensemble**
7. **Be able to handle criticism**
8. **Be able to handle pressure**
9. **Be able to conduct yourself as a role model at all times**
10. **Be available and willing to manage extra responsibilities before and after rehearsals**
11. **Be a positive/supportive force within the organization**

**I have read the following statements and answered the questions within the application to the best of my ability.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent’s Signature (Witness) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Preparation for the interview:

Be prepared to conduct: 4/4, 3/4. 2/4, 6/8, 9,8, 5/8, 7/8

Be prepared to give these basic commands: Attention, Parade Rest

Be prepared to give approximate tempos including: Andante, Moderato, Allegro, Presto

**Depending on the candidates, there may be an additional round which will require applicants to conduct a piece of music in front of an ensemble at a later date to be decided.**