



DRUM MAJOR INFORMATION & SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Drum Major of the Corner High School Marching Band is the visible face of the band as well as its primary student leader. We expect our Drum Major to exemplify integrity, responsibility, work ethic, a willingness to serve, capable musicianship, confidence, and adaptability. The Drum Major is responsible for conducting the band in the stands and on the field, leading stretch block, assisting with instruction, representing the band as a student ambassador, and being available to assist the directors with various tasks outside of rehearsal. We feel that we have developed a fair method of selection.

The Drum Major will be selected via an audition process that includes the following:

1. Leadership Application
2. A conducting tryout by an outside judge.
 - i. Conducting clinics will be held in the days leading up to the tryout.
3. Two teacher recommendations. (see form)
4. An interview with the Band Staff.
5. Student's body of work as perceived by the Staff. (attitude, work ethic, leadership, etc.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will all of this take place?

- Clinics will be Mondays in April 1, 9, 16 & 22. The clinics will be taught by Mrs. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and former Drum Majors (when graduating). Tryouts will be Friday, April 26.
- Teacher recommendations will be due Tuesday, April 23. Interviews will be Thursday, April 25. All events will take place beginning after school at 3:15.

What will be taught at the clinic?

- Conducting technique, basic patterns, exercises for hand independence, dynamic cues, vocal cues, salute suggestions.

What will the conducting tryout consist of?

- Vocal commands, custom salute, conducting to a pre-recorded track.

Who can audition for Drum Major?

- Rising seniors, juniors, and sophomores are eligible. You must play an instrument in the band to be eligible to audition.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best of luck to all trying out!

- *Mr. Murphy*