



Imlay City School Spartan Marching Band Assistant Drum Major Application

Name: _____

All applicants must be current band members who will be sophomores next fall and have committed to participation in band throughout their high school career.

Procedures:

- 1) Submit this application to Mr. Pries no later than 4:00 PM by April 30.
- 2) It is **strongly** recommended that all candidates make arrangements with a current drum major, or Mr. Pries, for coaching. These times may not be done during class time.
- 3) On the scheduled audition date, each candidate will audition in front of the band. The audition will consist of 4 parts:
 1. Short Q & A
 2. Conducting (prepared piece)
 3. Marching
 4. Verbal Commands
- 4) All current band members present at the audition will vote for their drum major choice. The vote will determine the choice for drum major; however, the ultimate decision will be made by the Director. If for some reason the vote is tainted, or a truly incapable candidate is elected, the Director has the authority to either re-audition the candidates, or select a competent student to fill the position.

Short "Q & A" Questions:

The questions asked will be selected from the following list. You will not be expected to answer them all.

- 1) Why are you auditioning for drum major?
- 2) What are the qualities of a good leader?
- 3) What are your ambitions with the band?
- 4) As a leader, you will not make everyone happy 100% of the time. How will you reason with those who do not agree with your decisions?
- 5) A major part of being a leader is the ability to establish a means of conflict resolution. What do you think it takes to effectively settle a disagreement?
- 6) What are your plans to better yourself as a performer?
- 7) Define "dedication" and explain why it is important for this group.
- 8) How have you made plans to stay in band until graduation?

Drum Major Camp

As Drum Major you are responsible to attend drum major camp which will take place the week of July 12-18, 2015 at Central Michigan University. The IC Band Boosters generally cover at least \$100 of your tuition – you are responsible for the remaining portion of the fee. Please contact the Band Boosters in regards to reimbursement.

Information about the camp is available at:

https://www.cmich.edu/fas/ras/urec/university_events/Camps_and_Conferences/Pages/Drum-Major-Color-Guard-Clinic.aspx

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____