

COMEAX SPARTAN BAND

DRUM MAJOR AUDITION 2017-18

The Comeaux Band has three Drum Majors, one Senior, one Junior and one Sophomore. All Drum Majors are expected to fulfill their obligations as a leader, as a conductor and as a bandsman. Should a Drum Major not fulfill these obligations, he/she may be removed from their position.

The Lafayette Music Drum Major Camp dates are not available at this time, but all three DM's will be expected to attend. The band program will cover part of the cost of this camp. The student is responsible for \$100.00. It is also expected that the Drum Majors will meet for rehearsal at least 6 times throughout the summer to work as a group on conducting techniques so that they will look unified in performance.

A Band Officer's application must be completed and returned to the band office by Friday, April 28, 2017.

Auditions for Drum Major will be held on Saturday, May 6th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Below is a description of the audition materials and expectations.

Adjudicators will be musicians other than the Comeaux Band Directors.

CONDUCTING:

Prepared Selection: Spirit of the Falcon (score on website, CD from band office)

Personal Selection: The piece should be no less than 1:30 seconds and no more than 3:00 minutes in length.

This selection may be any type of music. No score is needed.

In your conducting presentation you should demonstrate your ability to keep time, cue entrances and show stylistic changes. A CD of your Personal Selection must be submitted at the beginning of your audition. It would be a good idea to see Mr. Smith or Mr. Geiger to check your CD on the band room sound system prior to the audition date.

VOCAL COMMANDS: The following vocal commands will be demonstrated: Band Attention, Dress Left and Dress Right. The commands Forward March and Band Halt will be done while marching 8 to 5. All candidates will be expected to demonstrate an 8-to-5 step size.

INTERVIEW: A brief interview (one question from each adjudicator) will be conducted after the visual and vocal demonstrations. All questions will be the same for each candidate.

AUDITION RESULTS: The selected Drum Majors will be announced at the Band Banquet on May 15^h.