RHS MARCHING BAND DRUM MAJOR APPLICATION

Name: _____

Grade (2021 - 2022):

- There will be 1-2 Drum Majors.
- Being a Drum Major here means that you will be the field commander for all sections. If a section leader has a question or an issue they cannot resolve, they will look to you first to see if we can resolve it at that level. If you are unable to resolve the issue, it will move up the chain to the director.
- Your #1 priority will be leading/directing the band through the show music, stands tunes, and musical and marching warm ups. There will be various vocal commands and hand signals to help you with this.
- You will also be in charge of helping to make sure the band is prepared with their music, drill, and other items. You will NOT be in charge of discipline; this is not a power trip.
- You will have the opportunity to run musical and marching sectionals in order to fix issues to make sure things are running smoothly and improve the overall quality of the RHS Marching Band
- This is a serious position; you are an extension of the Band Director and the program and this means you may not be "liked" all the time.
- 1. What is the number one reason that you want to be a Drum Major here at Reidsville High School?

- 2. What are your biggest strengths/qualities that you can bring to the RHS Marching Band (musical, marching, and other)? "I don't know" is not an answer.
- 3. What would you say is your biggest weakness (musical, marching, and other)? "I don't know" is not an answer.

4. What new ideas do you have for the marching band that you think we should try? How will these ideas improve the quality, reputation, and general effect of the RHS marching band? "I don't know" is not an answer.

- Thank you so much for your interest in becoming a Drum Major; After I receive your application form, we will set up after school Drum Major mini camp where we can learn about conducting patterns and commands. We will also hold interviews on these days between you and I. I will notify you in the near future if you are chosen.
- If you are not chosen for "Drum Major," this does not mean you cannot be a leader within your section. I expect everyone in the band to try and lead from within by setting the right example and always putting in 100%. I value you all and can't wait to get started with this season.

Drum Major Mini Camp & Auditions Spring 2021

- Commands (Calling and Marching)
 - Attention
 - Horns Up
 - Mark Time
 - Forward March
 - Halt
 - \circ Others
- Conducting
 - Clear Patterns
 - Style
 - \circ Cues
 - $\circ~$ Crescendos and Decrescendos
 - \circ Other
- Leadership Interview

Drum Major Information

- The Foundation of good conducting begins with good posture and positioning (We will discuss).
- When leading rehearsals, your ears must be listening for what is actually happening, not what "should be" or what you wish to hear.
- Two hands should not cross over each other when giving cues.
- Familiarize yourself with Score Order. (We will discuss).
- Use "We" and "Us" never "I" and "Me"
- Know the score inside and out (Tempo, style, dynamics, expressive elements, S.T.A.R.S.).
- Be confident and helpful, not cocky.
- If you don't know, ask.