

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
 - Others

- Conducting
 - Clear Patterns
 - Style
 - Cues
 - Crescendos and Decrescendos
 - 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.