FRASER HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR DRUM MAJOR

Auditions for Drum Major for the 2024-2025 marching season will be held on **Wednesday, May 8, at 2:30 p.m.** Each Candidate will have approximately 15 minutes for the audition. The Drum Major(s) will be announced at the Spring Band Concert on Wednesday, May 15!!

**As a candidate for drum major, you are expected to exhibit the finest qualities of leadership, musicianship, and character.** It is an awesome responsibility that requires much dedication and commitment. Essentially, you will be responsible for 175+ Marching Ramblers each time they take the field. Candidates need to have been in marching band for at least one year AND are typically a Junior or Senior next year. ***Drum majors will also be encouraged to attend summer Drum Major camp at Michigan State University or a similar camp.***

Here is the list of criteria in which you need to be proficient:

1. **Conducting:** *Patterns include: Cut-time, 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 6/8 (You will be asked to conduct the Star Spangled Banner, with holds and cut-offs, and the Fight Song).*

*While conducting: demonstrate crescendo, decrescendo, style (legato or staccato), holds, cut-offs, changing tempos, etc.*

1. **Marching:** **You must lead by example!!** *Attention, glide or roll step, 8 to 5, TTR (turn to the rear), parade rest, left-hace, right-hace, about-hace, mark time, etc.*
2. **Vocal Commands:** You must be articulate, loud, commanding, crisp, serious, rhythmic, and understandable.

*Calling to attention, parade rest, mark-time-mark, giving directions, etc.*

1. **Leadership**: *You must exhibit the ability to be self-motivated, self-directed, able to work well with others and command respect. You will be asked to answer questions regarding certain situations that may arise while you are leading the band.*

You will be rated on a 100-point scale, 25 points per category. The committee will consist of the previous Drum Majors as well as the Marching Band Directors.

Musically,

Jim Rodgers, Band Director

April Fiedler, Assistant Marching Director

Sheldon Santamaria, Marching Asst.

***This is not a popularity contest.***

***The criteria are established to choose the best person for the job!***

***Good Luck!***