

Triton HS Bands

October 5, 2017

Hello, Potential Drum Majors!

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for this very important position, thereby indicating your interest in becoming a leader in our program. The process of auditions is a demanding one. The clinical and interview portions will take place on **Thursday, November 2, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM**. Please be prepared to stay late if there are many students auditioning.

Eligibility: Our Drum Major must have been in our marching program for at least one year, be part of concert band, and must attend school on our Triton campus. The successful candidate is a serious enough instrumentalist that playing is a priority.

If you would like to audition, please **submit an essay** on one of the following:

1. Talk about a time when someone told you a hard truth: what it taught you, how it changed you, and how it affects your perspective on others.
2. Do you perform better when you are competing or when you are collaborating? Explain your answer.
3. Talk about a time when you had to make an unpopular choice: how did you decide, what did you learn, and how it affects your perspective on others.

Only those who submit properly formatted essays on time are allowed to participate in the clinical audition. The essay will be typed double spaced on white paper with black ink, with a font size of 12 or 14, and one inch margins. The essay must be *in my hands – or in my mailbox* - by **Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 2:30 PM**. Late essays will NOT be accepted.

Second, I must have a list of the teachers you have had since you started at Triton High School. This must also be in my hands by **October 24, 2017 at 2:30 PM**.

The **clinical audition** will be held on the evening of **November 2, 2017, beginning at 6:00 PM**. DM candidates will command a block, be in a block, and conduct the beginning of our show. I am sure our current student leaders would be willing to help out anyone in need of assistance. In order to preserve our impartiality, staff will not be doing any private coaching.

Directly following the clinical audition is an **interview with the entire judging panel**. Answer questions thoroughly and truthfully, and be yourself. You need to *plan to be able to stay late that night – as in after 9:00 PM*. We have been known to run late if there are many candidates.

If you have questions about the process, please feel free to ask.

Good luck!!



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