

2008 Westlake HS

RSL, Section Leader & Drum Major

Auditions

Thursday, May 22, 2008
3:15 pm, WHS Band Room

Requirements:

- I. **Resume:**
- II. **Two letters of Recommendation:**
- III. **Interview Thursday, May 22nd:**
- IV. **Essay with supplemental questions:**
- V. **Completed form indicating what you are auditioning for:**
- VI. *** Conduct in 4/4, 3/4 & 2/4 time signatures at 80 and 170 b/m:**

Qualities we are looking for...

- Interest in teaching
- Attentive in rehearsal
- Punctual attendance at ALL rehearsals and performances
- MUST ASK QUESTIONS
- Be able to play all music & march material flawlessly
- Outgoing personality
- Eagerness to learn how to become a better & more effective leader
- Ability to distinguish on and off the field relationships with peers
- Understanding that the position is a service position to the band program
 - Works well with a team
 - Not afraid to speak up when things go awry
- Communicates with the Director, staff, and members of their section
 - Willing to put in extra time and effort
- Has a good **reputation** with and **respect** of the directors, staff and students
 - Has leadership intuition
 - Passion for the WHS program
- Always sets a good example on and off of the field
 - Academic strength

I. Resume

- a. The resume must be one page and reflect skills required for the position
- b. Develop a professional look to the paper and use proper editing

II. Letters of recommendation

- a. One letter must be written by a peer and describe why you are qualified
- b. The second must be written by someone over 25 years old that is not related
- c. Each letter is not to exceed one page

III. Interview

- a. Participate in an interview conducted by Mr. Peter, Mr. Gangemi and “guests”
- b. Be prepared to field questions about anything pertaining to the position
- c. Look professional
- d. **NEW** turn in 10 sets of documents indicated on this page to Mr. Peter on Monday May, 19 by 5:00 pm. **Late materials will NOT be considered.**

IV. Essay

- a. Topic “**Leaders...**”
- b. Please write an essay of any length that adequately covers this topic
- c. Grammar and punctuation will be taken into consideration

V. Answer each of the following questions in 50 words or less.

1. Outline your scholastic goals.
2. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
3. Why do you want to be a section leader, drum major or member of the RSL?
4. How will you make a difference if selected for your desired position?
5. What are the most important responsibilities of the positions you are applying for?
6. What will be your weaknesses as S.L., D.M., or R.S.L. member; how will you work on this?
7. If chosen, what are you most excited about; what are you most nervous about?
8. If you were to recommend another person for these positions who are they and why?
9. What did you enjoy about your section, the Regiment, and the RSL this year?
10. What did you dislike about your section, the Regiment, and RSL this year and how would fix it?
11. What do you feel is more important to our program: skill or dedication? Why?
12. Define motivation.
13. What traditions would you like to see become apart of the music program including Regiment?
14. How would you motivate members of the program to participate in fundraisers?
15. What is your most memorable experience with music?
16. What was your biggest fear coming into HS and how did you overcome it?
17. How will you make the transition to HS easier for our incoming freshmen?