

# Marching Wildcats

## Drum Major Auditions

### 2017 Season

**Eligibility:** Students must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade for the 2017-2018 school year AND have been a member of the Marching Wildcats in good standing for at least one full marching season.

**Vocal Commands:**

Commands taken from the “Marching Wildcats Vocal Commands” sheet. Students will call the commands from memory in tempo/cadence in the order listed on the sheet. Points will be awarded for vocal projection, clarity, appropriate tempo/cadence and memory order.

**Conducting:**

1. Students will conduct the entire 3rd movement from Gustav Holst’s *Second Suite in F* titled “Song of the Blacksmith” with the recording from the band website. You should print out a copy of this portion of the full score from the website. Printed copies of the score are also available in the band room for you to pick up and study.
2. Students will conduct a selection of their choice. Length of the selection may not exceed two minutes. Recording must be provided by the auditioning student in CD format for the tryout.
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Each conducting demonstration will be awarded points for overall presence (posture, stance, and hand position), conducting (accuracy of tempo, accuracy/clarity of pattern, appropriate cueing and left hand independence) and musical expression.

**Interview:**

Each student will be interviewed by the judging panel following the skill demonstration portions of the audition. Each judge will ask a minimum of one question pertaining to leadership, decision making, the role of the Drum Major, or any related topic. Points will be awarded for the thoroughness of the response; the ability to express ideas clearly, concisely and logically; and demonstration of poise and self-confidence.