

Famous Maroon Band
2008 Drum Major Auditions

Drum Major auditions will consist of two rounds this year. The first round will be Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the band hall. After the first round, a cut will be made, and those who are remaining will participate in individual tryouts during the week of April 21-25. The new drum major(s) will be announced before school is out.

Round 1

Basic patterns and styles

- 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4 (both ways)
- legato, marcato, staccato

Tempo realization

- Students will be given a tempo and asked to maintain that tempo for a prescribed number of counts.
- Students will be given a numerical tempo and asked to begin conducting at that tempo without any help from a metronome.

Marching basics

- Students will be asked to demonstrate any or all of the following: forward march, backward march, left flank, right flank, to the rear, 4 count turn.

Cutoffs

- Students will be asked to give releases on counts 1, 2, 3 and 4 with continuation of the pattern following the release.

Recorded selection

- Students will be asked to demonstrate a “routine” set to marching band music not to exceed one minute in length. At the end of one minute, the music will be turned off.

Round 2

Score sight reading

- Students will be asked to conduct a previously unseen score for a member of the band staff who will sing as the student conducts.

Teaching demonstration

- Students will be asked to teach a basic marching fundamental to a student or staff member.

Optional mace routine

- Though not required, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate a one minute mace routine if they desire to do so.

Interview

- Students will participate in an interview with the band staff.

Student input

- Student input on the selection of drum major will be taken.