### Drum Major Application Form and Procedures

For the 2021 Marching Band season, we will be selecting two student to serve as Drum Majors. The Drum Major’s resonsibilities are to conduct and lead the ensemble. These students must exhibit strong leadership, emotional maturity and stability, and a superior work ethic at all times. This position will be a tremendous and rewarding responsibility. Before starting this process, please be sure you are ready and willing to take on the demands and time commitment of the position.

As part of the application process, please complete the following:

* Secure two recommendations using the attached form: one from a teacher or administrator at Marriotts Ridge and one from an adult outside the school system. **Do not use family members or friends of the family as references.**
* Complete an essay clearly addressing the questions and statements below. Please use your best writing skills. These are difficult questions to answer so please put some careful thought into them and answer honestly.
  + Why do you want to be Drum Major?
  + What leadership qualities make you a good candidate for the Drum Major position?
  + What are your weaknesses? How will being Drum Major help address these?
  + Decribe a common attitude/behavior issue in that band and how you would handle it.
  + If you could pick a Co-Drum Major, who would it be? Why?
  + If you are not selected as a Drum Major this year, how will you react?

You will also be asked to perform a short conducting and verbal command audition. Please use the materials provided in the packet to help you prepare. As part of your training you must attend a leadership and drum major academy. The best and closest one to this area is offered by Vivace Productions at Westchester University in PA July 24-29. <http://vivaceproductions.com/>

Applications, essays, and recommendations are due to Mr. Ellis by **Friday, May 14th**. In order to be considered you must turn in all materials by the due date.

#### Applicant’s Name

## Please list the people giving you recommendations below

#### Name       Email       Phone

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Type name below for signature which indicates that we have read and understand the Drum Major forms and procedures.

Applicant’s Signature       Date

Parent/Guardian Signature       Date