

## **Southmoreland Marching Band Leadership 2020-2021**

Once again, it is that time of year to begin the process of selecting our next group of leaders for the Southmoreland Marching Band. I am glad you have shown an interest in auditioning for a leadership position. Being a leader is an important role and a rewarding experience, but not without challenges and difficulties. It is only through working together that these challenges can be met head on and overcome. Plans are well underway for the 2020-2021 marching band season and I cannot wait to get started.

Having been through this before, you all know the high degree of commitment, drive and perseverance needed for a successful season. And that expectation is even higher as a leader. A leader should never demand more of his/her "followers" than they would of himself/herself. I expect each of you to aspire to be the best you can be, not only for yourself but also for the good of the organization. If your heart is not in it fully, or if you have any reservations, please do not waste your time or the bands. Our leaders must set the example for the rest of the band. They must never settle; they pick up the pieces and push harder when they are tired, hot, and upset.

The audition process will be different than it has in the past. For those auditioning for drum major and/or commanding officer, the audition will take place Saturday, May 16, 2020. If you plan on auditioning for a section leader/captain position only, there will be interviews after school Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

### **LEADERSHIP AUDITIONS:**

Your judging has already begun. Your positive interaction with the marching band staff and fellow students is very important for the success of this program. You will have opportunities at mini camps, during class and throughout the year to represent yourself as a student leader. A leader does not only act the part when they are on the field or in uniform, but also in daily activities. You are always leaving an impression, and we are always forming evaluations on your actions and interaction with fellow band members and classmates. Please review the attached material for all positions in which you are interested in auditioning. You only need to complete the audition for the highest position you are interested (for example- a drum major candidate does not need to audition for commanding officer and section leader. You will just mark these on your audition materials if you are interested.)