

## **DRUM MAJOR 2008**

### **YOU NEED TO KNOW THESE THINGS:**

- + Workshop Dates: April 23, April 25, April 29, May 1, From 2:45 - 4:15
- + Tryouts are Tuesday, May 6 at 3:00pm
- + Drum Majors will conduct the Honors Band through one or more of the following:
  - Alma Mater
  - Fight Song
- + Drum Major will march a routine that involves vocal commands, whistles and conducting.  
( you need to get your own whistle, a Fox 40 **Classic**, at a sporting goods store)
- + **You will agree to attend the UTA Music camp during the summer. Drum Major dates are June 22-26.**  
Your cost is \$162.50 (the band will provide a 50% scholarship for the \$325.00 tuition to camp)

### **YOU MUST BE WILLING TO DO THESE THINGS:**

- + Spend approximately 1.5 times the amount of time as the regular band members.
- + Spend a portion of your summer at NGHS preparing for marching season.
- + Deal with demanding directors and cranky band members.
- + Put all, (that's ALL!) personal problems and conflicts behind you when working with the band.
- + Follow directions completely, even if you disagree.
- + Be a positive leader to all of the band.
- + Take your job, but not yourself very seriously.

### **BEING A LEADER REQUIRES LOTS OF SACRIFICE.**

Be honest with yourself. If you have the least reservation about being able to fulfill the requirements or if there is a responsibility that you do not want, then don't audition. Being a Drum Major is an honor, but it is less a position of power than of service. Our respect for you as a person does not diminish if you choose not to do this. If you want to serve the band in this capacity, really commit and then go for it !!

Good luck to you all !!!!

## *Drum Major Letter of Intent*

*I* \_\_\_\_\_

*Declare my intention to audition for the position of  
Drum Major for the North Garland High School Raider Band.*

*I understand the workshop dates as stated on the information page  
(April 23, April 25, April 29, May 1) and agree to attend the  
workshops in their entirety.*

*I also understand the audition date is May 6 at 3:00pm.*

*I also understand that I may drop from the process at any time  
with no penalty by simply informing a director either in writing  
or verbally.*

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*(student signature)*