

R.W. Johnson High School Bands

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D.I. Brunson, Director of Bands

BAND LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

The character and motivation of the band leadership team will drive the success of the 2018-2019 Johnson High School Band.

As you consider applying for a position, please remember that this is not required of you – only apply if you are serious about working hard every day with little recognition and appreciation from your peers.

Only those with a focus on a greater goal – superiority in all areas of our operations – should apply.

Please select the positions in which you are interested. Realize that above and beyond these responsibilities, every officer is expected to assist with the daily functions of running the band all year long. As an officer, you will be making a commitment to assist Mr. Brunson during post-planning and pre-planning days with things like music folders, inventory, instrument maintenance, and general preparation for the upcoming year. The schedule will be as follows:

- May 29 10 A.M. – 8 P.M.
- June 4 – 5 Georgia State University Leadership Training Institute
(*Want to be a great leader? Go to this. Seriously. No, really. Go!*)
- July 13 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
- July 14 10 A.M. – 10 P.M. (bring \$20)
- July 16 –18 7 A.M. – 12 P.M.

As a leader, you play a crucial role in the success of our band program. You are in an ideal position to contribute significantly to the success of your peers and, consequently, to the quality of their participation and involvement. Please consider your time and your true desire to lead - your actions will speak louder than your words. Getting new members involved and showing them the best ways to contribute to the band and how to act are very important for the integrity of JHS Bands. As an officer, you direct the future success of JHS Bands. We ask that you plan at least one summer get-together for your section. It could be a pool party at your subdivision pool, a game party with snacks, or a cookout with ultimate frisbee. You have great ideas – use them! We want to draw on your talents and resources this year. Unable to host an event yourself? Work with another band member to make it happen. A section event in the summer will really help make everyone feel like they are a part of the band. We would like for these events to happen in June. We also expect all section leaders to invite the drum major and band captain to their section party. This will allow these individuals a chance to meet additional leadership before the first rehearsal.

Please complete application on next page.

Officer Application

If you desire to be considered for a band officer position, please complete this form and return to Mr. Brunson by Friday, April 20th.

NAME _____

INSTRUMENT _____

2018 – 2019 GRADE _____

* Include your anticipated 2018-2019 class schedule with your application *

Select all positions in which you are interested:

Drum Major _____ Section Tech _____ Music Librarian _____

Band Captain _____ Facility Manager _____ Support Manager _____

Section Captain _____ Equipment Manager _____

Section Leader _____ Uniform Manager _____

1. Discuss the following quotes and explain how it would apply to you as a band officer:

- “He who has learned how to obey will know how to command” – **Solon**
- “A good manager is a man who isn't worried about his own career but rather the careers of those who work for him” – **Henry S. Burns**
- “Mere change is not growth. Growth is the synthesis of change and continuity, and where there is no continuity there is no growth.” – **C.S. Lewis**

2. As an officer, what one goal would you set for JHS Bands in 2018-2019?

3. Change ANY decision Mr. Brunson has made. What is the change, why are you making the change, and how does this change benefit our program?

4. What is your greatest weakness as a leader?

5. As an officer, what one thing would you change about JHS Bands as a whole in 2018 -2019?

6. How will you promote a family atmosphere within all (not just your own) sections?

7. Music is the foundation of our program. Our leaders must be musical examples to their peers. This requires regular practice. If chosen as a student leader, how will you improve your individual practice routine and remain disciplined throughout the school year?

8. Who is your vote for Band Captain and your section leader? Why are they your leader of choice?

9. Hand-write a one page essay: Why be a leader? How will you lead? How will you help others? How will being a leader help you grow?