

## **2016-2017 Student Leadership Packet/Questionnaire**

Congratulations on your choice to pursue membership with the leadership team of the Sarcoxie Bands! There are two parts to the audition process. First, complete the attached questions on a separate piece of paper, typed. Second, there will be an interview that you will be asked to prepare for that will take place on August 3rd. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the band room for interview slots.

The student leadership is the glue that holds a band program together. As the Band Director, I am not able to oversee every aspect of each and every performer. Therefore, the Band will employ the help of student leaders. A qualified student should show dedication, hard work, and strong character traits in order to be an effective leader. A student leader should also be a very strong musician and respond well to the direction and requests of the Band Director and Band Staff.

Please note that if you are selected, there will be some extra time commitments throughout the season and meetings with the director. I will make arrangements with you based on when you are available and come up with a solution that will fulfill the needs of the program.

I look forward to working through this process with all of you, and again congratulations on taking your first step towards becoming a student leader in the Sarcoxie Bears Band!

Sincerely,

Mr. Woods

## Leadership Team Questionnaire

1. Why do you want to be a section leader?
2. How do you define leadership and why do you think your peers will respect you as a student leader?
3. Define your own strengths and weaknesses. How will you address the weaknesses?
4. Why do you like being in band? Is there anything you dislike about being in band?
5. What do you think you can improve about the band and why?
6. Talk to me about communication. Do you have any good strategies to get your ideas across to other students in the band or me as your director?
7. Scenario: You hear members of the band gossiping about another band member's poor marching. How do you handle it?

## **Leadership Descriptions**

The band director and staff appoint the student leaders of the Sarcoxie High School Band after interviews and essays have been received. All students are looked upon as potential future leaders from the time they enter the band program. These positions are all full year appointments, even though many duties may be specific to the marching season.

All students appointed as leaders shall strive to uphold the image and spirit of the band at all times. These appointments are to be considered an honor and a responsibility, **not a privilege**. Leaders should aid the band director and staff in every way possible. Please be aware that all leaders are to be available to teach or help teach at all rehearsals for Marching and Symphonic/Concert Band. You are expected to keep the lines of communication open between each other and between students and the director and staff at all times.