

Welcome to the 2021-22 MHS Percussion Section!!!

This letter contains the information you will need to have a successful audition for the 2021-2022 Mansfield High School Percussion Section. Your audition serves two (2) purposes:

1. Place you on an instrument for marching band
2. Place you in a concert ensemble for the fall and spring semesters.

This packet contains ALL of the exercises for auditions (both battery and front ensemble). Here are the important details about this packet and your audition:

- **REMEMBER, EVERY SPOT IS VITAL AND IMPORTANT!!!**
 1. Every player, regardless of assigned marching instrument, will be taught and expected to learn/play mallets and drums (e.g. snare, timpani, marimba, etc.) throughout the year.
- Learn EVERY exercise for the instrument(s) you want to audition on.
 1. EVERYONE must learn **both** the Battery and Front Ensemble exercises. This segment is 60% of your audition score.
 - Every person auditioning will be playing with both sections.
 - There are no individual exercises for Tenor and Bass Drum.
- You must learn the attached show segment for the section you would like to audition on. This segment is 40% of your audition score.
 1. If you are auditioning for Battery, you must learn the show segment for the instrument you would like to audition on.
 2. To be considered for a marimba spot, you must learn the marimba excerpt. If you would like to audition for vibes, rack, or electronics, you will learn the vibe excerpt.
 3. You MUST be able to play it within the specified tempo range given.
- If you're auditioning for the Battery, you will need to have a pair of MARCHING SNARE STICKS. You will need to provide your own mallets for the front ensemble audition.
 1. Sticks can be purchased at Lonestar Percussion or any local music store.
 2. We will be using Innovative Percussion FS-PR2.
 3. If you make the tenor or bass section, you will be asked to purchase a different pair of sticks/mallets once you have been assigned your spot.
- **EVERY SPOT IS IMPORTANT and everyone contributes equally to the drumline!** Just because you want to play snare drum does not mean you will be a part of the snare line, this year. You will be placed in your section based on two criteria:
 1. Your overall audition score
 2. Where the staff feels you and the team will benefit the most. (*Factors may include: the needs of the band, current physical limitations, and current rhythmic abilities/dexterity*)

If you have any questions, please contact me at kevinfeldser@misdmail.org. I look forward to you becoming a part of our team!!!

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