TCHS Percussion!

I am very excited to begin our audition process for the 2020 Fall Marching Band. I know this is not an ideal way for us to audition for instrument placements. However, I am very confident in all of you and our ability to overcome this adversity for the success of your band organization. Below you will find the information you will need to submit your audition. Remember to read all instructions carefully so that you understand how to submit your assignment correctly.

What you will need:
Those auditioning for Snare/Tenors -
The snare/tenor packet on the website, a pair of sticks, a practice pad (or the drum you took home), a metronome (can be found online or on any phone app store), and the FlipGrid app.

Those auditioning for Bass -
The bass packet on the website, a pair of sticks, a practice pad (or the drum you took home), the bass drum audio files on the band website, and the FlipGrid app.

Those auditioning for Front Ensemble -
The snare packet and front ensemble packet on the website, a pair of sticks, a practice pad, a piano/keyboard (if you have one), a metronome (can be found online or on any phone app store), and the FlipGrid app.

How to submit your placement video:

Each individual should submit ONE video per instrument they are auditioning for. You may have to try mock playing through the audition a few times in order to meet the 10 minute mark that FlipGrid has set as their maximum recording time. If anyone posts more than ONE video per instrument audition, the most recent video submitted will be viewed and evaluated for placement unless contacted by the student.
Each person should have from their hips up, visible in their video. This is because we will need to see your body posture and hand technique as you play. If you have questions, feel free to contact Ms. Gray (ecgray@tcss.net).

Videos will be submitted using the FlipGrid app as discussed in the email sent out to students on Tuesday, March 31. If for any reason you did not receive that email, the following are the instructions for FlipGrid:

“We will be using FlipGrid for placements. FlipGrid is a user friendly app that is best utilized on a phone. With the app you will video your audition, you can replay your audition (if you would like to view it before submitting to decide if you need to re-record), and submit. Once you download the FlipGrid app from your app store, the FlipGrid code for our class is ‘tchspcr’.”

**Placement Requirements:**

All Members -
Perform the snare drum part to 8’s at the following tempos: 80 bpm, 90 bpm, 100 bpm, 110 bpm, and 120 bpm. All tempos should be performed twice. Once at piano and once at forte.

Snare Drum/Tenor Drums -
1) Perform 8’s at the following tempos: 130 bpm, 140 bpm, 150 bpm, and 160 bpm. All tempos should be performed twice. Once at piano and once at Forte.
2) Perform Double Beat at the following tempos: 80 bpm and 100 bpm at mezzo forte.
3) Perform 16th Rolls at the following tempos: 80 bpm and 100 bpm at mezzo forte.
4) Perform Triplet Rolls at the following tempos: 80 bpm 100 bpm at mezzo forte.

Bass Drums -
1) Perform all of 8’s playing the Drum 2 part with ONE of the audio files on the website. Perform twice at mezzo forte.
2) Perform Double Beat (measures 1-10) playing the Drum 2 part with ONE of the audio files on the website. Perform twice at mezzo forte.
3) Perform all of 16th Rolls playing both the Drum 1 and 5 part (at the sametime) with ONE of the audio files on the website. Perform twice at mezzo forte.
4) Perform Triplet Rolls (measure 1-8) playing the Drum 2 part with ONE of the audio files on the website. Perform twice at mezzo forte.

Front Ensemble

1) If you have a piano or keyboard at home, perform the front ensemble part to Accent Tap at the following tempos: 80 bpm and 100 bpm at mezzo forte.
2) If you have a piano or keyboard at home, perform the front ensemble part to 16th Rolls at the following tempos: 60 bpm and 80 bpm at mezzo forte.

Remember that this is only a placement for our percussion members, not a true audition. We will find a home for you in the band program no matter your ability level! However, please try your best to give yourself the highest possibility of making the instrument that you want.

All Videos should be submitted by Friday 05/15/2020 by 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please ask them on the FlipGrid app so we can all learn together. We are all here to help each other out and make each other better. I can’t wait to see you all soon.

Happy Practicing,

Ms. Gray

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