

# NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING IRONMEN

## 2009 Section Leader Application/Selection Process

The 2009 season will be an AWESOME year for the Marching Ironmen. Mr. Meadows and I are excited and full of ideas to help take our band to the next level this year. We've scheduled the band to perform at the biggest shows in the state of Illinois. We are going to go head-to-head with the BEST...because we believe we BELONG there! However, in order for us to meet our goals, we're going to need STRONG STUDENT LEADERSHIP. We're looking for energetic students who LOVE marching season and share our desire to take the Marching Ironmen to the next level to become our 2009 section leaders.

Students who are interested in becoming a section leader should read the expectations and responsibilities outlined on the back of this sheet and fill out the attached application. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY MAY 11.** Interviews will take place before school May 12-15, and section leaders will be announced the week of May 18-20.

There will be a mandatory Student Leadership Workshop for all drum majors and section leaders on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Here we'll establish rehearsal expectations and performance goals for the season and have a teaching seminar. Student leaders will learn how to conduct music sectionals and teach marching concepts effectively. The concert arc warm-up packet will be introduced and we'll discuss how it will be used to improve our band's musical performance.

Questions? See Mr. Masterman or email him at [mastermj@unit5.org](mailto:mastermj@unit5.org).

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## Section Leader Responsibilities

- Expectations:
  - Section leaders will promote the vision and goals set forth by the band directors.
  - Section Leaders will help develop goals and expectations for other band members and promote them throughout the season.
  - Section leaders will abide by all policies enumerated in the NCHS Band Handbook.
  - Section leaders will attend all scheduled camps, rehearsals, and performances.
  - Section leaders will be committed to becoming the best musicians, performers, and leaders they can be.
  - Section leaders will demonstrate a positive attitude at all times and serve as an example for others. They will avoid complaining, gossiping, and any other behavior that destroys morale in the band.
  - Section leaders will memorize the warm-up packet and show music and be able to perform at a high level of proficiency.
  - Section leaders will be at rehearsals at least fifteen minutes early to help with anything that needs done and to receive instructions from the directors. They should also be prepared to remain after the rehearsal for a few minutes in case anything needs to be discussed with the director.
  - Section leaders will assist the drum majors whenever they need help.
  
- Communication:
  - Schedule / plan summer activities and sectionals to get to know your section, reinforce basics, and get the music memorized before the August camp
  - Schedule / plan music and marching sectionals on several Tuesday evenings during the fall.
  - Check each member of the section to ensure that music is memorized according to the timeline given by the directors
  - Communicate ideas, problems, solutions, and personnel issues to the drum majors
  - Communicate to your section and remind them about the details of upcoming events (where to go, what time to be there, etc.)
  
- Teaching and directing:
  - Direct sectional rehearsals, which can include music, drill, or both
  - Assist and offer encouragement to individuals who are struggling with marching technique, learning their drill, or performing their part. Schedule one-on-one time to help if necessary.
  
- Inspections:
  - Rehearsal inspections: Ensure that each member has his or her instrument, extra accessories (reeds, valve oil, sticks, etc.) all music and drill, a pencil, and appropriate attire (athletic shoes, etc.)
  - Pre-Show Inspections: Make sure each member's uniform is complete and worn properly at all times, inspect instruments and make sure they are polished

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## 2009 Section Leader Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year (Jr/Sr) \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Years of marching experience \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Response: On a separate paper (typed), briefly (two pages or less) tell us what qualities make you a good candidate for section leader. You may also discuss why you wish to be a section leader, your philosophy of leadership, and goals you have for the band and your section this season.

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Student Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

**APPLICATON DUE MONDAY MAY, 11.**