

2012-2013 Marching Pride Officer Position Descriptions and Application

Dear PRHS Band Student and Parent:

As a Director of Bands, I enjoy working with the best and brightest students on campus every day. The band students at Palmetto Ridge consistently exemplify great maturity when it comes to their daily activities, their grades and most noticeably, their musicianship. Each band student is held to a very high standard at Palmetto Ridge High School.

Due to the size and demand placed on the organization, it is essential the program appoint and maintain student leadership positions to ensure the smooth operation and high aspirations of the band. From the Equipment Manager to the Drum Major to the Director of Bands, each unit and section must function well independently, so the group can benefit from the powers of music and music performance.

The appointment of student leadership positions also gives students an opportunity to lead peers in a productive way; a skill that undoubtedly transfers to life outside of school. Through the art of music and teamwork, the band students are very prepared to tackle challenges posed to them when they leave the halls of PRHS.

Students, please read all aspects of this application and internalize it. Parents, before the student turns in this application, please review all facets of the positions for which your student is applying.

I wish you the best of luck in your application process.

Musically,

Mr. Pardee

Director of Bands
Palmetto Ridge High School

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All Officer Positions REQUIRE the student to Volunteer at one of our FBA District Band Hosting Events:

2/14/12 - Middle School Pre-Fest

2/16/12 - High School Pre-Fest

3/1/12 - Middle School Districts

3/3/12 - High School Districts

These positions are YEAR LONG - Marching and Concert Seasons and Indoor Auxiliary Seasons.

DRUM MAJOR: The most elite position in the Marching Pride. This person represents the entire band and is the “voice” of the Band to the Director. This person will work closely with the Director of Bands to promote Punctuality, Respect, Honor and Self-Control in the Marching Pride. This person must audition in class (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble or Percussion Class) on May 8th 2012. This person must be a rising Junior or Senior in good academic and musical standing. An interview with the Director of Bands and the members of the Marching Pride is conducted. This individual must take private lessons, audition for All-State and All-County, and participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival as a soloist at a Grade 4 level or higher. Marching Pride members will vote, though Mr. Pardee makes the final determination of who is best fit for Drum Major of the Pride of Palmetto Ridge.

BAND CAPTAIN: This person must be a current member of the Marching Pride as a Wind player (2), percussionist (1), Color Guard member (2) or Dancer (2). This person must be a rising Junior or Senior in good academic and musical standing. An interview with the Director of Bands is required. This person must have a proven track record of great attendance, discipline and attitude throughout the Marching and Concert seasons. This person must audition for All-State and All-County Band (just instrumentalists), and participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival as a Soloist (Guard and Dance included). This person must have intricate and complete knowledge of all music/choreography presented to them thus far and you must be willing and able to communicate to your peers with respect. You must be the pinnacle of our school's four virtues: Punctuality, Respect, Honor and Self-Control. Discussions in class will be conducted, though Mr. Pardee makes the final determination of who is best fit for Captain position for the Marching Pride.

1st LIEUTENANT SECTION LEADER: This person must be a current member of the Marching Pride and hold an “A” in Band - Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion, Color Guard or Dance. This person must have a proven track record of great attendance, discipline and attitude throughout the Marching and Concert seasons. If an instrumentalist, this person must audition for All-County Band. This

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person must have intricate and complete knowledge of all music/choreography presented to you thus far and you must be willing and able to communicate to your peers with respect. This person must be the pinnacle of our school's four virtues: Punctuality, Respect, Honor and Self-Control. Discussions in class will be conducted, though Mr. Pardee makes the final determination. Section leader positions will be awarded in the following sections

- Flutes/Piccolo
- Clarinets
- Saxophones
- Trumpets
- Mellos/Horns
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Guard
- Dance
- Snare
- Tenors
- Bass
- Cymbals
- Front Ensemble

1ST LIEUTENANT - SERVICE POSITIONS: This person must be a current member of the Marching Pride and hold an "A" in Band classes - Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion, Color Guard or Dance. This person must have a proven track record of great attendance, discipline and attitude throughout the Marching and Concert seasons. You must have intricate and complete knowledge of all music/choreography presented to you thus far and you must be willing and able to communicate to your peers with respect. You must be willing to work hard and dedicate passion to your assigned job. Positions such as these will be observed by the Band Captains and Drum Major(s), who will report to the Director of Bands. Taking Pride in an ensemble starts with positions such as these:

- Equipment Manager
- Librarian (2)
- Uniform Manager
- Band Secretary

2nd LIEUTENANT - SERVICE POSITIONS: This person must be a current member of the Marching Pride and hold an "A" in Band classes - Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion, Color Guard or Dance. You may be a RISING SOPHOMORE, Junior or Senior to hold one of these positions. You must have a proven track record of great attendance, discipline and attitude throughout the Marching and Concert seasons. You must have intricate and complete knowledge of all music/choreography presented to you thus far and you must be willing and able to communicate to your peers with respect. You must be willing to work hard and dedicate passion to your assigned job. Positions such as these will be observed by the 1st Lieutenants, Band Captains and Drum Major(s), who will report to the Director of Bands. Taking Pride in an ensemble starts with positions such as these:

- Band Equipment Manager (to assume Equipment Manager position 2013-2014)
- Guard Equipment Manager
- Dance Equipment Manager
- Band Librarian (to assume Librarian Position 2013-2014)
- Uniform Manager (to assume Uniform Manager Position 2013-2014)
- Band Secretary (to assume Band Secretary Position 2013-2014)

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2012-2013 GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICER POSITION

- Student fails to 100% meet the above criteria listed for their awarded position
- Student is assigned a referral in any class during the 2012-2013 school year
- Student's GPA drops below 2.0
- Student is "coded" in Attendance and Discipline, Activities Office or both for any violation of School Board Policy
- Any Out of School School Suspension for violation of PRHS/CCPS Policy
- Any In-School Suspension for violation of PRHS/CCPS Policy

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Please fill out this application in its entirety. Your responses will be reviewed by Mr. Pardee, his staff and the Administration of Palmetto Ridge High School (if requested). Your answers to these questions will help us understand your commitment to the band program and determine which position, if any, you may be a good fit for.

NAME _____

INSTRUMENT _____

ADDRESS _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____
PARENT EMAIL _____

PARENT PHONE _____

PARENT PHONE 2 _____

What is your current GPA? _____

Have you held an Officer Position in the PRHS Band Program before? Y N

Have you ever participated in Solo and Ensemble as a Soloist? Y N

Have you ever received disciplinary action from Activities/Attendance/Discipline? Y N

*** Students with minor infractions will not be excluded from consideration. Disciplinary outcomes and their applications will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

In a well-written paragraph, please react to the following statement:

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an ACT but a HABIT.”

If you could describe the band program in one word, what would it be? _____

Briefly describe how you might promote positive attitudes, strong work ethic and musicianship in the band program at Palmetto Ridge High School?

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How might you be able to exemplify Perseverance, Respect, Integrity and a Dedication to Excellence in the band program?

What do you believe is your strongest trait you can use to the benefit of the band?

What would you say is one of your personal goals this upcoming year in band?

What would you say could be a goal for the entire program for this upcoming year in band?

In a well-written paragraph, please briefly respond to the following statement:

“A great marching band positively impacts the concert band. A great concert band **MAKES** a great marching band.”

Briefly explain Mr. Pardee’s common phrase: “Practice doesn’t make perfect. *Perfect* practice makes perfect.”

Please indicate, in preference order, the officer positions for which you would like to be considered. If you would only like to be considered for one position, please do not indicate another position arbitrarily.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Parent and Student Agreement

Parents and Students:

Please read and sign the bottom of the page.

I (Student name) _____, and my parent (Parent Name) _____ have read the requirements of the positions indicated on this Description/Application Packet. I know that if granted one of the positions I am expected to fulfill the obligations of that position for the entire school year, not just marching season. I have read and understand the "Grounds for Removal" portion of this application packet. I knowingly accept that Mr. Pardee and his staff will take student input into consideration for student positions within the band program but the final decisions for all positions will fall under Mr. Pardee's leadership. No matter the outcome of the assigned officer positions for 2012-2013, I will continue to perform in band as a dedicated member.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____

A Note from Mr. Pardee:

Thank you for applying to be an officer in the band program. It's students like you that make a positive impact on your peers, your teachers and most importantly your school.