

Middle School Majorette Auditions

Dear Parents,

This is a great opportunity for 7th and 8th grade female students to become part of the Thomson Middle School Majorettes. This auxiliary unit serves as a special element of the TMS band and fulfills the same obligations as the TMS Pep band. Being a part of the “TMS twirlers” is also a great way to prepare your child for membership in the Award Winning – Nationally Acclaimed “Bulldog Brigade” Marching Band. The Thomson High School “Bulldog Brigade” has an outstanding reputation and tradition of being the best. By participating in the “TMS Majorettes”, your child will be taking the first steps in becoming part of an elite Auxiliary Unit.

- The twirling clinic will be held April 20th, April 23rd, and April 24th from 3:30 until 4:30.
- The audition will be on Wednesday, April 25th beginning at 4:15 and going until everyone has completed the process.
- Audition attire will consist of a white T-shirt (no writing permitted), plain black shorts (no writing permitted), tennis shoes, and white socks.

You and your child must agree to the following criteria and rules in order to be part of the group.

Every TMS Majorette:

1. Must be an active member of the TMS 7th or 8th grade band.
2. Must be passing all classes and maintain passing status.
3. Must buy own uniform, baton, and other accessories. All items **MUST** be paid for before the orders are placed. All items that are purchased through the instructors are non-refundable items.
Estimated cost of items:
 - Baton - \$27
 - Uniform – (This is the same uniform as last year.) \$82
 - Twirling Shoes – \$34
 - The uniforms will need to be ordered over the summer in order for us to have them in plenty of time for the games. You will need to be prepared to pay for this on or before May 29th.
4. Must be at every practice. There is one after school practice per week. The practices will be on Wednesdays from 4:15 – 5:00.
5. Must perform at all TMS home games where the TMS Pep band is performing.
6. Will also be required to perform at TMS pep rallies and other functions as chosen by instructor. These event dates will be given in advance, so the prior planning can be made to ensure prompt attendance at the function.
7. Must have a positive attitude and work well with Instructors and other team members.
8. Must attend all clinic days to learn tryout routine.
9. Must have a ride to pick students up **IMMEDIATELY** after practice. This was a problem with a few girls last year. I have a family of my own and can not stay past the pick up time because of my own family responsibilities. **Pick up time is 5:00 sharp.** If a girl is not picked up on time, she will have to be removed from the team.

These rules and criteria must be followed at all times to maintain a membership in the TMS Majorettes. If the criteria and rules are not adhered to, then membership in the auxiliary unit will cease to continue without refund of any purchased item through the instructor.

The girls who make the TMS Majorettes will be responsible for being at the following practices and performances for this year:

Relay for Life group practice – Thursday, May 17th – THS band room 4:30-5:30

Relay for Life performance – Friday, May 18th – THS Track – Time TBA

Recital Group Practice – Tuesday, May 29th – THS Auditorium 4:30-5:30

Recital – Thursday, May 31st – THS Auditorium – 7pm (You will need to be there ready and dressed at 6:15.)

If all rules are understood and you would like to audition for the TMS Majorettes, fill out the attached form and return it to a band director by April 18th.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Becky Morlan – TMS Majorette Director

Responsibility Band Handbook Form:

I have read the policies and rules of the TMS Majorettes. I / WE understand the commitment necessary to be part of this team.

Please sign and return.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Student Signature)

Contact Information:

Student Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Emergency Numbers: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Student's Email: _____