

## Sycamore Jr. High School 2012 Indoor Drumline

### Information, Schedule and Parent / Student Contract

#### **Dear Parent / Guardian,**

Congratulations! Your student has been accepted to participate in our 2012 indoor drumline season. Our try-outs are done, and your student was chosen from a very large group of students who auditioned for a spot in the drumline. As soon as this form is signed and returned, your student will officially become a part of the group. If you do not wish to participate, please let Mr. Gordon know immediately because there are many students now on the waiting list who would love the opportunity to join.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the rehearsals and performances that the members of the drumline will be required to attend. These days are mandatory and necessary for our success, and absences will not be accepted except in cases of emergencies (conflicts such as work, sports and family vacations are **not** excusable). Any absence must be explained in a note from a parent or doctor. All drumline students are expected to attend every rehearsal and performance, and they must arrange their other activities accordingly. This program is a competitive extra curricular activity, much like a school sports team. Participation in indoor drumline is not mandatory for music students, however those who choose to participate will be expected to show a very high level of commitment to the program.

In addition to the time commitment, there will be a second semester indoor drumline donation of **\$50** that we will be collecting anytime before **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Any successful music program requires funding, and the money collected for the indoor drumline program will be used to pay for music, instruments, props, costumes, t-shirts, and equipment for the students. Please submit all donations in cash. We are no longer allowed to accept checks. Thank you.

**(Please check the Sycamore band and drumline calendar regularly for updates and schedule changes)**

#### **Our normal rehearsal schedule will be:**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> 2:45 – 4:45pm**

**Check the calendar for any changes or non-rehearsal days.**

**There are also a few Saturday rehearsals (check the calendars)**

**Saturday rehearsals are VERY important. Attendance is mandatory.**

Unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the drumline program.
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**Competition Dates and locations will be announced in December / January. All competitions are on Saturdays in the months of February, March, & April. We will attend approx. 4 – 5 competitions and busses will be provided. For more information, check out [www.americandrumline.org](http://www.americandrumline.org)**

The Sycamore J.H.S. drumline is one of the best jr. high school drumline programs in Southern California. In the past 7 years, we have won the American Drum Line Association Championship 3 times and have never placed below 3<sup>rd</sup> place at any competition (out of all Southern California schools). No school in Orange County has ever scored higher than Sycamore at any drumline competition, ever. We are a very competitive program and we have a tradition and a reputation to maintain. By signing up, you are stating that you are ready to work hard to represent your school, and that you will attend ALL rehearsals and ALL performances.

**visit our website at [www.sycamoredrumline.com](http://www.sycamoredrumline.com)**

I understand that my student will be required to attend all of the scheduled rehearsals and performances.

I also understand that there is an indoor drumline donation of **\$50** that will be collected before October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to participate in the 2011 indoor drumline season. I agree to arrange my personal schedule in order to attend the rehearsals and performances listed above, and I will do my homework and maintain good grades in my other classes so I can attend drumline events. I understand the importance of my attendance as well as the consequences for absences.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_