SHS 2016-17 Front Ensemble

Thank you for your interest in the Seminole High School Front Ensemble! I am incredibly excited to begin working with you in preparation for the 2016-17 school year, and hope that the audition process will help ensure everyone is ready for a successful marching season.

Each student will be expected to bring the following items to each audition date:

- 1. ***This packet in sheet protectors, inside a black 3 ring binder***
- 2. A pencil
- 3. A focused attitude and a willingness to learn

All mallets and instruments will be supplied by the school. Please do not bring any personal mallets, especially if they are not marked as yours.

It is imperative that you come to each camp not only with these exercises prepared, but with a willingness to learn and improve. Auditions are a time to evaluate the skill level of each student, and that is impossible to do if you show up unable to play the music. However, this is an educational setting, and growth and attitude are valued more than raw talent. I understand not everything will be perfect from day one, and that some of you have little to no experience with mallet percussion, but the growth of the ensemble is entirely dependent on how prepared each individual is. Minimum expectations for each exercise are listed below, but knowing your major scales will give you a huge advantage. Be sure to practice with a metronome!

- Lockjaw
 - Prepare in C and D major at 90 bpm
- Greens
 - Prepare in C major at 90 bpm
- Chromatic Blues
 - Prepare as written at 110 bpm
- Scouts
 - prepare all 2 mallet variations
 - Be prepared to learn the Stevens 4 mallet grip during the audition process

Lockjaw

Play in all Major keys





Greens

Play in all Major keys





Leafy Greens

Play in all Major keys



Chromatic Blues



Major Major







Scouts

2 Mallets









Scouts

4 Mallets







