

Based on unit-wide discussion/feedback after section sharing opportunity

Updated as relevant

Pertains only to **FALL 2024**

### **GLOWS** (positives)

- Sense of community
  - Many new friends
  - wind/perc/guard connections improved
- Improvements week to week
  - Marching
  - Music
    - Playing out
    - Memorization
    - Confidence
- Fun through the work
- 8th grade inclusion will pay off for health of organization
- Itinerary for marching rehearsal helpful
- Medallion circle on practice field

### **GROWS** (delta/opportunity for change)

- Fundamental techniques
  - Music
  - Marching
    - Personal responsibility
    - Insufficient marching sectional time
- Practice field orientation not ideal
  - Prefer switch back to facing North
- Leadership challenges for underclass leaders
  - Not immediately seen as the authority

### **SUGGESTIONS** for Improvement

- Fundamentals
  - Dedicated/expanded marching sectionals to address
  - Consistent physical warm-up
    - Hindu
    - Additional strength/stretching
      - Plank, etc.
      - See Marching Health resources
    - Tendu routine for visuals
- Field orientation
  - Requires better plotting/painting
  - Plot earlier before band camp
    - Time for revision as necessary
    - Additional practice space for sectional time
  - Establish field crew
- Leadership challenges
  - Requires continued culture shift in recognizing seniority does not equate to excellence/leadership
  - Small senior class, leaders (by default) had to come from a younger pool
    - Likely moving out of that phase
- CAPS 2.0
  - Returning leaders prep to guide presentation of some material

- Revise section roles
  - Winds/Perc
    - Visuals Captain
    - Music Captain
  - Guard
    - Overall Section Captain
    - Flag Captain
    - Weapons Captain
- All leaders selected through application/audition process
- Expanded AND defined roles prepared by end of SY 2024-2025
- Keep rehearsal outline in weekly email
- Utilize WM and CAPS websites more often as leadership reference
- Dedicated videographer for all performances
  - Student?
- *Thriller* parade prep short changed
- Accommodating WAMS
  - 8th grade at home games
  - 7th added on 1 night (preferably NOT homecoming/senior night)
  - More low parts available for stands music flip folders
  - Incorporate to 1 day of band camp
  - MS guard for 1 day of band camp
    - Further discussion needed with staff

#### **PURCHASE** Suggestions

- Lyres
  - Spares for all instruments
  - Full school set for battery percussion IF VIABLE
- Power Poles
  - 1 per section for all visual captains
- Additional met?
- Wireless mic packs for staff/drum major?