

2020-21 West Rusk Twirler Try-outs

Parents and Students,

Our date for try-outs for the 2020-21 majorette line was **originally scheduled for Monday, April 27th**. With school closures and concerns over the Covid-19/Coronavirus, **it is highly possible this date could change. The process of try-outs could also change.** The band directors, twirling sponsor and school administrators will make a decision on how and when we will conduct the try-outs. Safety of our students, faculty and community are our utmost concerns.

For now, this is what you need to do to prepare for try-outs since we do not know exactly when they will take place....

- **You must be a member of the West Rusk Band to be a twirler.**
- All candidates need their own set of batons. These can be purchased online or at these local music stores: *Tatum Music, American Band Instruments or Mundt Music*. To determine the length of batons you need to purchase, hold your arm out straight and measure from your armpit to the tip of your fingers.
- **If a candidate makes the 2020-21 high school or junior high line, they need to be financially prepared to pay \$200 on the day of try-outs towards summer camps and uniform costs.**
- All candidates need to learn the following fundamentals. There are YouTube video links on the “Raider Band” tab of our school website which will teach you step-by-step instructions to perform these fundamentals.
 - Right & left hand Wrist Twirls
 - Right & left hand Forward Figure 8’s
 - Right & left hand Reverse Figure 8’s
 - Right & left hand Flat Spins
 - Single Elbow Rolls
 - Two-Hand-Spins (Pass around back)
 - Thumb Flips (Right Hand Only)
 - Right and left hand Four-Finger Twirls
 - Flat Toss
 - Vertical One-Turn (Bonus points)
- **Junior High Candidates ONLY:** This year, with the special circumstances, candidates trying out for the junior high twirling line WILL NOT be required to do a group routine and will only be required to do the above fundamentals.
- **High School Candidates ONLY:** This year, with the special circumstances, candidates trying out for the high school twirling line WILL NOT be required to do a group routine and will only be required to do a solo routine, the above fundamentals and the additional following fundamentals...
 - Right and left hand Forward Vertical Split Fingers
 - Right and left hand Horizontal Split-Fingers
 - Right and left hand Eight-Finger “Grapevine” Twirls
 - Little Joe Flips (from reverse figure 8’s)
 - Right and left hand Time Toss/Backhand
 - Vertical Two-Turn



All Candidates need to fill out and submit the “West Rusk Majorette Try-out Application” on the Raider Band page of the school website by April 20th.

