

Congratulations!!!!

Here are some things that you need to know. First of all there is a MANDATORY parent meeting next Wednesday April, 23rd at 6:30pm in the band room. If for some UNFORSEEN reason one of your parents or guardians can not be at the meeting, you are still required to be there. You will be held accountable for all information given at this meeting. Please pass on your calendar to your parents as I will have a limited supply that night. This meeting will **start** at 6:30pm and will last no longer than an hour. We will briefly discuss the season as well as some specifics about the FJM camp the guard will be attending this June. Once again, it is MANDATORY that at least one of your parents accompany you to this meeting.

We have not finalized the primary vs. secondary positions yet. There are several cast members that we are still trying to place where their talents will shine the brightest. I will be discussing this with that select group of individuals during our first full guard rehearsal and let them know what has been decided. Once again, this can change and the harder you work the more you will improve, thus increasing your chances to be in more of the show. The year, **EVERY CAST MEMBER WILL BE A PERFORMING MEMBER IN THE COMPETITION SHOW**. The difference from this to last year is that alternates were not in the show unless there was another member who could not fulfill their performing obligation. This year, all members will perform a portion of the show, which will be determined as we see the growth of each alternate.

If you are interested in spinning weapon the first sectional will take place on **April 29th**. This practice will be from 4-6 at West. You will all meet Alison and Eric in the band room and go from there. If you are interested in private lessons with Alison, **which I encourage every member to take advantage of**, then please contact her. Remember, you can take private lessons on flag, rifle, sabre and dance. Please contact Alison at alimhun@aol.com or her cell phone (937) 902-1678. If you schedule a lesson and fail to show up for it, you are still responsible to pay for that time. We will do our best to get the weapon situation taken care of. Realize that if you audition for weapon and are selected you will be responsible for purchasing your own rifle. All sabres are owned by Lakota West.

For **EVERYONE**, our first **FULL** guard rehearsal is on **May 1st**. This rehearsal will be from 4-6. We will meet in the band room. Please come ready to dance and spin flag. We **ALWAYS** dance with bare feet and please make sure I can see your ankles. You will get your practice flag on this night to take home and **PRACTICE!!!** Please always wear socks and tennis shoes to all rehearsals as well as bring some water.

See you all next week!!