

# CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT 2019

## Parental Involvement Request

Letter #1

Friday, April 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

This year, on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the secondary staff are again organizing a one day reenactment of a battle from the War Between the States. The previous reenactments have been great successes, and we are confident that the students will enjoy themselves again this year. The event will include the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, ranking them by grade and giving them various responsibilities. We hope that this will deepen the students' appreciation for and understanding of this pivotal war.

**The chief factor in making these events successful in previous years has been the parental involvement.** And so we are soliciting your help. The planning and coordination of the many dimensions of the day will be quite a task – made easier if we can delegate some responsibilities to others. We are requesting volunteers to work on the following committees/projects:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Costume Development</b></p> <p>This begins 4-5 weeks before the Reenactment. <i>The more hands, the lighter the load!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Count costumes, identifying needed items (coats, sashes, hats, insignia, ammo bags, etc.).</li> <li>Procure items and/or <b>sew</b> items.</li> <li>Shop for additional costume-related items.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Costume Coordination</b></p> <p>This is done the day before, and the day of the Reenactment, and some days after. 3-5 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute costumes to students (the day before).</li> <li>Collect costume items from students (the day of).</li> <li>Clean all costume items. Put in storage.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ammunition &amp; Artillery</b></p> <p>This is done various days during the 1-2 weeks before the Reenactment. 8 people (or more).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shop for items needed.</li> <li>Fill ammo (flour stockings, water balloons).</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Food &amp; Beverages</b></p> <p>This is done various days during the 2-3 weeks before the Reenactment <u>and the day of the Reenactment</u>. 10 people (or more).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shop for menu items (enough for ~250 people).</li> <li>Provide coolers and transport of food to site.</li> <li>Prepare, serve, and clean up on the day.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medics</b></p> <p>This is done the day of the Reenactment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk around the battlefield (which can be <i>dangerous</i>) making sure that rules are followed.</li> <li>Perform surgeries (remove masking tape “lives”). <i>No medical degree or skills necessary!</i></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Photography</b></p> <p>This is done the day of the Reenactment. 6-8 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take photos (of each student and their division). This involves both <i>photographers</i> and <i>helpers</i>.</li> <li>Get photos printed.</li> <li>Distribute photos to each student by the following Tuesday.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music (Fife &amp; Drums)</b></p> <p>This is done the day of the Reenactment. 2-3 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play instruments.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Logistics (Set Up / Tear Down)</b></p> <p>This is done the day of the Reenactment. <i>Lots!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available to do what needs to get done on the day.</li> </ul>

If you are willing to participate, please detach the bottom of this page and **return it to Mr. Stepper** by Friday, April 12th. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Stepper.

Sincerely,  
The Secondary Staff

Name			
Please circle any of the committees in which you are willing to participate:			
<b>Costume Development</b>	<b>Costume Coordination</b>	<b>Ammunition &amp; Artillery</b>	<b>Food &amp; Beverages</b>
<b>Medics</b>	<b>Photography</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Logistics</b>