Dear Potential Praise / Tech Team Member,

We're glad you're considering being a part of the STS Praise / Tech Team!

It's our desire to pour into students who are passionate about developing their relationship with Christ and have a heart to serve. A key part of STS is servant-leadership. Matthew 20:28 reminds us that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. His life was devoted to the Father, His focus was others, and His actions exemplified His devotion. When Jesus transforms our life He calls us to a life of service and obedience.

We believe that God gifts us in a variety of ways and want to continue to plug students into specific ministry areas, accordingly. As a band member you are responsible to display leadership qualities at home, at school, and at STS.

As a form of leadership, those with musical talents and a heart for worship have the opportunity to serve and be an active part of the band. Praise Team members have the opportunity to serve in various areas within STS, including:

- Sunday morning worship
- Wednesday evening worship
- Sunday morning greeting
- Sunday morning band set up and tear down
- Wednesday evening band set up and tear down
- Assisting with lyrics, etc. on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings
- STS Service projects
- STS Retreats

Please look over the following pages carefully, noting the expectations/commitment section. *Prayerfully consider this opportunity*. If you feel that you are currently over-committed or not ready for this type of involvement, there is still a place for you to serve! One of our Staff members would be happy to talk to you about other opportunities within STS.

The STS Team

Praise/Tech Team Expectations

Remember: This is a called position. If you believe that God has called you to be in the STS praise band, you need to be a part of STS. This is a leadership position, thus the praise band is not to be taken lightly.

Expectations:

- Personal relationship with Jesus
- Personally pursuing a deeper relationship with God:
    - Quiet time, prayer [Galatians 6:8]
- Character: Commitment to pursue and model a godly lifestyle [Ephesians 4:1]
    - Integrity on and off the stage
    - No gossip
    - If there is an issue/problem/drama with another band member, go to them privately and settle the matter. Never confront another member of the team in practice or a public setting as to not cause embarrassment for yourself or the other person involved.
- Personal Evangelism: [Acts 1:8]
    - Tell people about Jesus on and off the stage
    - Participate in missions/outreach opportunities with STS
- Attendance: [Hebrews 10:25]
    - Wednesday night, Sunday morning, Apostles worship services
    - Understanding that things come up, let staff know as soon as possible, that you will not be available
- Attend all scheduled practices: [1 Corinthians 9:27]
    - Understanding that things come up, let staff know as soon as possible, that you will not be available
    - Most all practices/worship services will be on Planning Center, so please check your email
- Clothing: [1 Timothy 4:15]
    - No questionable clothing worn on stage
    - No secular band t-shirts, immodest dress, etc.
    - No shorts (drummer excluded) unless told otherwise
- Sit with students after leading worship [Ephesians 4:4-6]
- Strive to live a holy life [1 Timothy 4:15, 1 Peter 1:16, Philippians 4:8]
- Weekly devotions: [Acts 2:42]
    - Every week one band member will be asked to lead the weekly devotion. How do you lead a devotion? Maybe it is something you read in your quiet time the previous week. Maybe it is a verse that stood out to you. Whatever it is, 3 things make a devotion: scripture, meaning, and application. Read the scripture, explain what it means to you, and how we can apply it to our lives. Everyone will be required to lead a devotion.
- Band Leader's role in this ministry:
    - To lead the worship ministry of STS. He/she is called to lead, encourage, and hold accountable the students who are in the praise band. Someone has to be the leader (bad guy at times). This responsibility is *not* taken lightly and God's call is understood.
    - Please be sure to respect and listen to the band leader as they encourages you.
    - If you have a problem with he/she, go to them and settle matters privately.
    - They love you, want the best for you, and want you to give your all to God. The band leaders is giving their all to God as well.
- Praise Team's Role:
    - Help lead the students of STS in worship on and off the stage.
    - To respect the STS leaders.
    - To heed the expectations.
    - Be who God called you to be on and off the stage
- Tech Team's Role:
    - The "unseen heroes" who make things work in our worship.
    - Even though you are behind the scenes, you are expected to adhere to the same expectations as band members.

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him. Praise the Lord with harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy."
–Psalm 33:3

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to god with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth… God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises, sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise."
–Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7

"I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies."
–Psalm 57:9-10

"But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, thought I know not its measure."
–Psalm 71:14-15

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God… better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God then dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless."
–Psalm 84:1-2, 10-11

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song… come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture; the flock under his care."
–Psalm 95;1-2,6-7

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."
–Psalm 100:1-2

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord."
–Psalm 104:33-34

"Let everything that has breathe praise the Lord."
–Psalm 150:6

STS Praise Team Application

Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Please answer the following questions thoroughly and honestly.

Calling Psalm 34:1, Psalm 59:16-17, Psalm 95:6

Describe briefly when/how you came into a personal relationship with God

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Are you currently being discipled?

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Do you have a desire to tell others about what Jesus has done in your life?

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In your own words, what does it mean to be a leader?

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Why do you want to be a part of the STS Praise Team?

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Gifts & Talents [Psalm 66:1, Psalm 40:3, Psalm 95:1-2]

What instruments do you play? Do you sing?

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Team Work & Commitment [1 Corinthians 12: 14-26]

Do you commit to grow closer to the Lord through reading His word and reflecting a lifestyle of worship?

Has the Praise Team been an important part of your spiritual growth? How so?

Service [Colossians 3:23]

Are you willing to be flexible and open to different service opportunities within STS and in the Praise Team?