



# Patriot High School Winter Guard

**What is Winter Guard?** (Additional questions please email Ms. Rapone: [guard.pbso@gmail.com](mailto:guard.pbso@gmail.com) )

- It is the visual representation of a soundtrack that conveys a theme through movement, flag, rifle, and other pieces of equipment. The standard “field “is a basketball court with a tarp draped over the entirety of the court that serves a backdrop to the show to enhance the concept. Performances take place at competitions at local high schools in the area.

## **Financial Obligation**

- \$375 per child
  - If 20+ students participate a discount may be considered for families with multiple children participating
  - Please come talk to Ms. Rapone or Julie Robinson if this amount is not feasible but your child still wants to participate
  - Due: December 1<sup>st</sup> (white box in band room)
    - Please make sure when turning in money to place it in an envelope with student name and stating that it is for winter guard
- Where does this money go?
  - Silks
  - Floor
  - Tape
  - Uniform and gloves (get to keep after season is done )
  - Competition and Championship fees
  - Instructor and Additional Staff
- What is not included?
  - Hair and make-up supplies
  - Bear paws, foot thongs, etc. (not required)
  - Knee pads (not required)
  - Colorguard Jacket / spirit wear
  - Show undergarments
  - Meals\*\* if a parent want to put together a food order additionally that would be awesome!
  - Transportation\*\* See parent volunteer opportunities
- **Due Date: December 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - **Nonrefundable even if student decides to withdraw for any reason or is dismissed due to behavioral and/or attendance issues**



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## Time Commitment and Rehearsal Schedule

- Rehearsal Schedule
  - Thursdays and Fridays—5:30p to 8:30p
  - Saturdays—11am to 5p
    - Students will get a 30-45min dinner/lunch break
    - Students are expected to wear all black and have their hair pulled back for Saturday rehearsals
  - Rehearsal begins November 29<sup>th</sup>
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> we will rehearse until 4pm
  - We will rehearse over winter break
    - December 22<sup>nd</sup> no rehearsal
  - January-March rehearsal schedule will be released by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Additional changes might be one or two Saturdays with extended time no weekday changes should be made
- Competition Schedule
  - Woodbridge HS – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
  - Forest Park HS –February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
  - Potomac HS—March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019\*\*\*
    - Week of the Spring Trip if you plan to attend let Ms. Rapone know immediately
  - TJ @ South County—March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
  - AIA Championships @ Mt. Vernon HS—March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Friends and Family Show—April TBA

## Attendance and Behavior Policies

- Three strikes
  - Three unexcused absences results in dismissal from the team
  - Four absences regardless if it is excused or not will result in possible dismissal
    - If you have a planned vacation or event please let Ms. Rapone know on registration forms
    - If missing due to a medical reason please provide a doctor's note if possible
- Why is attendance so important?
  - Under the assumption you will be able to be at all rehearsals
  - If at any point you need to miss a rehearsal or arrive late a parent must send an email to Ms. Rapone two weeks ahead of time for a valid and legitimate excuse
  - In the case of an emergency, parents please communicate
  - If conditions are not met, show placement will be altered accordingly and possible performance opportunities will be revoked
- Video Assignments
  - These will be given if there are struggling with certain parts of the show or certain exercises students are struggling with
  - These will be assigned if rehearsal has to be cancelled



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- Will be assigned if student is missing too much rehearsal
- They are not a punishment they are a reinforcement
- Failure to turn in video assignments will result in the benching of rehearsal and/or performance
- Zero Tolerance Policy
  - No bullying or harassing other students inside or outside of this activity
  - No delinquent or illegal behavior
  - No disrespectful behavior towards staff members, guest staff, other students, or students from other groups
  - School rules apply
  - Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in possible benching of performance or dismissal from team

### **Auditions—What You Need to Know! ( Nov 14-16 5:30-8:30pm)**

- You are auditioning with your attitude!
  - Not being judged solely on skill
  - We are building a community and family
- Criteria:
  - How do you interact with and support others?
  - How do you rise to a challenge?
  - How do you take critique?
  - Are you willing to work hard?
  - Are you giving me your maximum effort and absolute BEST
- Expectations:
  - Dance and flag combo
  - Dance and flag exercises \* (Rifle auditions will take place once rehearsals begin )
- What to bring:
  - Water
  - Wear athletic clothing
  - A positive attitude!

### **Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

- Uniform Measurement
  - This will happen the first week of rehearsal
  - Uniform care is the responsibility of student (unless a parent wants to step up )
- Pit Crew
  - responsible for loading, unloading, and transportation of floor, equipment, and props
- Drivers
  - responsible for transporting students to and from shows
- Performance Crew
  - responsible for helping move equipment, floor, and props through school to set up/break down the floor, props, and equipment for performances