



2022 Westfield Winter Guard

Membership Contract

Rehearsals

A tentative calendar of rehearsal dates and times are being provided with this contract. All times are subject to change based on gym availability.

Mandatory Performance Dates

Bold dates are for BOTH Varsity and JV Guards. Non-bold dates are Varsity only.

February 5th: MAIN Saddle Brook High School, Time TBA

March 5th: MAIN South Brunswick High School, Time TBA

March 19th: MAIN Monroe Township High School, Time TBA

March 26-27th: WGI Regional in Philadelphia, PA (2 days, not an overnight)

April 2nd: MAIN Hillsborough High School, Time TBA

April TBD: Westfield Friends & Family Performance at WHS (likely week of 4/19 – will hinge on varsity gym availability)

April 23rd: MAIN Championships, Time/Site TBA

All rehearsal and performance dates are tentative and subject to change. Additional performance and/or rehearsal dates may be added. Advance notice will be given of any changes to the published calendar on the band website.

Participation Fees

Varsity Guard

\$650 due by payment schedule below: (checks made out to “WHS Music”)

Payment 1: \$150 due December 17, 2021

Payment 2: \$250 due by January 28, 2022

Payment 3: \$250 due by February 25, 2022

JV Guard

\$275 due by payment schedule below: (checks made out to “WHS Music”)

Payment 1: \$100 due December 17, 2021

Payment 2: \$175 due by January 28, 2022

Winter Guard is a self-funded activity. As a result, fees must cover costs for transportation, equipment, instructors, entrance fees/circuit membership, and other program-associated costs. All payments should be brought directly to the band mailbox located in the WHS Band Room or placed in Mr. Vitale’s mailbox in the main office. Please place payment in an envelope with your name clearly written on the front. Checks should be made out to WHS MUSIC. If students have fundraising balances in their account they may be used towards winter guard fees.

Contacts/Instructors

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

EXPECTATIONS: You have made a **commitment** to be in the WHS Winter Guard for the season. In order to have successful rehearsals and performances, it is essential that we have good attendance at both rehearsals and performances. **The absence of one person not only affects that person, but also the entire group. Students must communicate to Mr. Vitale and Mr. Matos via email in advance of any absences.**

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Unexcused absence from a performance will result in automatic dismissal from the ensemble. Unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in removal from the next performance on the first offense. A second unexcused absence from rehearsal will result in automatic dismissal from the ensemble. Absences, tardiness or leaving early because of work or homework are **not considered excused**. You are responsible for managing your other obligations in order to attend rehearsals and performances.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Acceptable excuses for rehearsal absences are *illness, accident/emergency, or death in the family*. Please contact Mr. Vitale and Mr. Matos prior to an absence from a rehearsal or performance. A **request** to be excused from a performance must be submitted at least *four weeks prior* to the date in writing.

ASK: If you are not sure or have a request, problem, or question, **ask!** We can work together to make most situations work, but if directors are made aware of conflicts last minute there is little we can do to help.

AUDITIONS: Due to increased interest in our winter guard we will be having two ensembles this year. To be eligible for the Varsity Guard students must have participated in at least one prior full FALL or WINTER guard season. Open Gym time will be provided for all interested members on Monday 11/22 and 11/29 from 6-9 pm at Westfield High School. This is an opportunity for students to come meet the instructors and get an idea of what winter guard is all about. Auditions will be held on December 2nd and December 6th from 6:15-9 pm in the Tamaques School Gym.

Complete this form and return with initial payment to Mr. Vitale in the High School Band Room by Friday December 17th with your 1st payment

I, _____, confirm that I have read and understand the expectations required for membership in the WHS Winter Guard. I will be on time and prepared for all rehearsals and performances. I will communicate any conflicts to Mr. Vitale and Mr. Matos in advance and accept the consequences of not doing so as outlined in the Winter Guard contract. I understand the importance of attendance as it relates to my role within this selective ensemble.

Member Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date