



**WESTFIELD**  
BLUE DEVIL BANDS

# 2024 Westfield High School

## Indoor Color Guards

### Rehearsals

A tentative calendar of rehearsal dates and times can be found on the band google calendar located at [www.westfieldhsbands.org](http://www.westfieldhsbands.org). All times are subject to change based on gym availability.

### Mandatory Performance Dates

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

***January 27<sup>th</sup> - West Orange HS***

***February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hillsborough HS***

February 24<sup>th</sup> – WGI Philadelphia Regional

*\*Varsity performing/JV attending to watch*

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Bridgewater-Raritan HS

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monroe Twp HS

**April 20 or 21 - MAIN Championships @ TBD**

TBD (sometime in April) - Friends and Family Performance Event

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

### Participation Fees

#### **Varsity Guard**

\$750 due by payment schedule below: (checks made out to “WHS Music”)

*Payment 1: \$200 due December 15, 2023*

*Payment 2: \$225 due by January 19, 2024*

*Payment 3: \$325 due by February 16, 2024*

#### **JV Guard**

\$350 due by payment schedule below: (checks made out to “WHS Music”)

*Payment 1: \$100 due December 15, 2023*

*Payment 2: \$250 due by February 16, 2024*

*Winter Guard is a self-funded activity. As a result, fees must cover costs for 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

Chris Vitale – Director of Bands/Winter Guard Administrator: [cvitale@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:cvitale@westfieldnj12.org)

Daniel Matos – Winter Guard Director: [matosd84@gmail.com](mailto:matosd84@gmail.com)

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

**EXPECTATIONS:** You have made a **commitment** to be in a WHS Indoor 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. An unexcused absence from a rehearsal can result in removal from the next performance. Multiple unexcused absences from rehearsals can result in automatic dismissal from the ensemble at the directors discretion based on the circumstances. 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:** Include illness (with doctor's note), death in the family, an important religious observance, and, at times, a serious circumstance discussed with the directors that is deemed excused. Personal conflicts such as jobs, homework, babysitting, birthdays, non-academic school activities, etc. are NOT excused. If a student wishes to receive an excused absence, the student must email Mr. Vitale & Mr. Matos ahead of the absence. 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.

***Complete the form on page 3 and bring it to Mr. Vitale in the Westfield Band Room.***

*DO NOT, under any circumstances, turn in payments at practice. Those must be brought directly to Mr. Vitale in the band room or placed in his mailbox in the WHS main office. They can also be mailed to:*

*Westfield High School Bands  
ATTN: Chris Vitale  
550 Dorian Rd  
Westfield, NJ 07090*



# 2024 Westfield High School

## Indoor Color Guard

## Membership Contract

***Complete the form below and bring it to Mr. Vitale in the Westfield Band Room  
with your first payment, due 12/15/23.***

*Varsity Guard 1<sup>st</sup> Payment - \$200*

*JV Guard 1<sup>st</sup> Payment - \$100*

Full Name of Guard Member: \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME*

I confirm that I have read and understand the expectations required for membership in a Westfield Indoor Color 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 Indoor Color 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*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Emergency Contact Phone Number*