

HMS Color Guard Information

Staff:

Elizabeth Zwissler – HMS Guard Instructor

Jeremy Driver – Hernando Guard Director

Joseph Quinnelly – HMS Band Director

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Rehearsal Attire:

Members will wear athletic attire to class. This includes a comfortable t-shirt, athletic shorts or leggings, and tennis shoes with socks. Students will be given time to change before class and change back after class.

Attitude and Behavior:

Students must adhere to all HMS and Hernando Band behavior policies. Color Guard members must always maintain positive relationships with each other and staff members. Bullying of any kind WILL NOT be tolerated. Members who break these policies are subject to dismissal from the guard class.

Financial Information:

There is a small fee for this class. We collect this in order to ensure that each student has quality color guard equipment (flag, pole, and weights) and to bring in quality instructors. Each student will be required to pay \$250 to be in this class. Fees can either be paid all at once or in installments. The recommended payment schedule can be found below. We can accept cash, checks, or money orders made out to Hernando Middle School.

August 12th- \$50

September 10th- \$50

October 13th- \$50

November 12th- \$50

December 10th- \$50

Performance Information

Members of the color guard class will perform twice during the school year, once in each semester. We will give more details about attire, hairstyle, etc. as we approach these events on the calendar. These are REQUIRED PERFORMANCES for all members of the guard class. The Hernando Band attendance policy applies for these events. The HMS Color Guard will perform at the following events:

December 3rd, 2026 - HMS Winter Concert @ the HPAC

April 22nd, 2027 – Hernando Band Small Ensemble Dinner @ HHS

Communication

Please make sure that you stay informed by joining the HMS Band App. You can also join the BoosterHub, Facebook group, and weekly email blast. Please see the HMS Band communication handout to find more details. If you have any questions regarding this class, please email Mr. Quinnelly.