

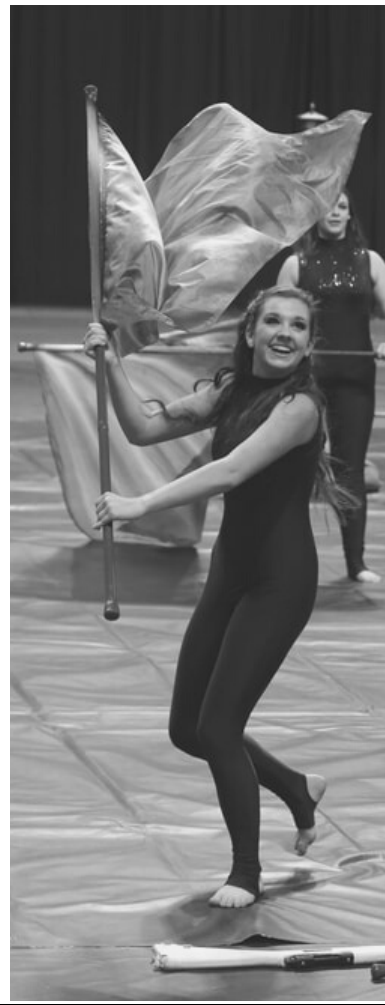
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HERNANDO BAND

Winter Guard

Handbook

2023



2023 Member Informational Handbook

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What is WGI?

WGI Sport of the Arts is the world's premier organization producing indoor color guard and percussion ensemble competitions. As a non-profit youth organization, WGI serves as the leading governing body of the winter guard, indoor percussion & wind activities. It is called the Sport of the Arts because it brings music to life through performance in a competitive format. There were more than 36,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 12,000 participants at the Sport of the Arts World Championships this past April.

Please take some time and go to WGI's website.

www.wgi.org

Where do we compete?

Our Indoor Units compete in a circuit, similar to a league in sports. While each circuit makes its own rules, and has its own judges, they usually conform to those rules set by Winter Guard International (WGI). The circuit in which we participate is the Mississippi Indoor Association. MIA holds many competitions or “events” across the state of Mississippi. At the end of each season, MIA holds a championship, which will be the conclusion of our competitive season.

For more information about the Mississippi Indoor Association

www.msindoor.com

Who can participate?

The Hernando Winter Guard is open to all Hernando band students in grade 8-12 that are in good standing. All students must consider their current school band functions a priority.

This includes attendance at band rehearsals in order to attend indoor practices.

All Band Fees Must Be Paid Up to Date!!!

Academically a minimum 2.0 GPA is Required to Compete!!!

Attendance

Attendance at **ALL rehearsals and performances is MANDATORY** and is very important to every member. Winter Guard is a co-curricular activity. Please understand that an absence from this activity **has a direct effect on the ENTIRE TEAM.**

Emergency Absences – These will be granted on a case-by-case basis (i.e. death in the family, etc.). In this case, please notify Mr. Driver **IMMEDIATELY** of the situation via phone. [901-338-6075](tel:901-338-6075)

Tardiness – Students are expected to be ready to rehearse at the assigned rehearsal time. Tardiness **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** *We would like for the students to prepare for the real world. Every job your student will have will request them to be 10-15 min. early before their shift begins.*

Due to the effect of a member missing a competition, this action could result in Dismissal from the ensemble!

ALL REHEARSALS and PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY - Any student who misses rehearsal, especially during the week of a performance, may or may not be allowed to perform on that upcoming weekend's performances. The student will still be **required to attend** the performance in full uniform. In the event of an EMERGENCY, if students need to miss rehearsal to accommodate a conflict, the instructors must be notified IMMEDIATELY.

Every member's role in the ensemble is crucial to our success. Unlike a sports team where substitutes are available, all of our players start all of the time. We cannot rehearse or perform successfully and the ensemble's full potential without every member in attendance. Should attendance become a problem, the staff reserves the right to remove you from the program.

Attitude Policy

All members are expected to maintain positive relationships with each other and staff members at all times. Bullying of any kind WILL NOT be tolerated. Members who break this policy will be kept out of performances and possibly dismissed from the color guard.

What about my hair and make-up?

During the winter guard season ALL members are expected to keep their hair a natural color. This means no unusual rainbow colors, i.e. Barney purple, fire engine red, shamrock green, etc.

Girls are also asked to keep their hair long. Please ask before doing anything to your hair. Every member will be responsible for purchasing a matching lipstick and eye shadow that they will wear for all performances.

Varsity Performance Schedule

February 4th MIA Center Hill High School
February 18th WGI Huntsville, AL
February 25th WGI Gulfport, MS
March 4th MIA Southaven High School
March 23rd Hernando Friends & Family
March 25th MIA Champs
April 11th WGI Send Off
April 13th -15th WGI World Championships

Junior Varsity Performance Schedule 2022-2023

February 4th MIA Center Hill High School
February 25th MIA Collierville High School
March 4th MIA Southaven High School
March 23rd Hernando Friends & Family
March 25th MIA Champs

Financial Obligation

Varsity- this year's cost is \$800. These funds go to pay for many things for your student, i.e. costumes, flags, competition fees, buses, and equipment. We strive to keep the fees as low as possible to allow as many students as possible to participate. Payment will be due all at once or on the payment schedule listed below.

1st payment - \$200 due Tues Dec 6, 2022

2nd payment - \$150 due Tues Jan 10, 2022

3rd payment - \$150 due Tues Feb 7, 2022

4th payment - \$150 due Tues Mar 7, 2022

5th payment - \$150 due Tues Apr 4, 2022

Junior Varsity- this year's cost is \$400. Payment will be due all at once or on the payment schedule listed below.

1st payment - \$100 due Tues Dec 6, 2022

2nd payment - \$100 due Tues Jan 10, 2022

3rd payment - \$100 due Tues Feb 7, 2022

4th payment - \$100 due Tues Mar 7, 2022

Any student who might have difficulty paying these fees on time should contact Mrs. Jones immediately.



HERNANDO WINTER GUARD CONTRACT 2023

I, _____(student print name), hereby certify that I have read and understand the contents of this handbook. I recognize and fully understand the rules and regulations by which I may participate, and I will abide by the rules set forth by this handbook to insure a safe and successful Winter Guard Season. I accept the condition that my commitment will create a position specifically designed for me in the **2023** show. I therefore enter into this contract in good faith that I will fulfill the entire duration of the competition season. I do not enter into this contract carelessly or superficially, but with sincere **commitment, dedication, and integrity.**

Student Signature

Date

I, _____(parent), hereby certify that I have read and understand the contents of this handbook. I recognize and understand the rules and regulations by which my child may participate, and I acknowledge that he/she will abide by the rules set forth by this handbook. I understand that if for some reason my student does not finish the season there will be **NO REFUND** of fees.

Parent Signature

Date