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 **July 2024 Newsletter**

**~~Car Wash Fundraiser This Saturday~~ CANCELED**

Due to the weather forecast the car wash is canceled. First Selectman Dan Carter will include an appeal to donate to BWG in his Friday newsletter; anyone wishing to donate can use this link: [Donate to Bethel Winter Guard](https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLV7JA7VH2RPW/checkout/L22KKOCKNOO3U5MHQQM2YIVN?src=sheet)

**Summer Spin**

Our Summer Spin program kicked off with beautiful weather this week; new and old members learned new skills and had a fun night together. If your child is interested in joining, please complete the Google [form](https://forms.gle/XUziYa5hF5qNDrXv6) so we have student/parent contact information. Summer Spin will take place on Wednesdays in July from 6 PM to 8 PM at Meckauer Park with no cost to attend, and no obligation to attend every session. If your child wants to bring home equipment, there is a $100 deposit ($105 if using a credit/debit card). This deposit will go towards your 2024-25 Winter Guard season dues and is refundable until October if your child decides not to join. If you know of anyone with a Bethel Public Schools child grades 3 and up who’d like to try out Guard, be sure to share the flier!

<https://forms.gle/XUziYa5hF5qNDrXv6>

**Upcoming Events/Fundraisers**

* **Dine Around Town:** We have two exciting Dine Around Town events coming up in July and August. Once the dates and details are confirmed, more information will be sent out.
* **Food Truck Fridays:** We will be participating in two more Food Truck Fridays on July 19 and August 2. It's a fun night with live music and a variety of food trucks while promoting Bethel Winter Guard. Adult and student volunteers are needed for sales and to spin and demo equipment.
* **Varsity Team Fundraisers:** This is a Dayton year, so we need to amp up fundraising efforts for our Varsity team! We are looking for any ideas for fundraising and Varsity parents to coordinate/chair these fundraising ideas. Please reach out if you have any suggestions or would like to help.
* **Potential Varsity Instructors**: Students interested in teaching Juniors and JV over the winter are expected to demonstrate their skills by participating in Summer Spin, Food Truck Fridays, the car wash, and other events. These demonstrations of skills and leadership will factor into the coaching staff’s instructor choices. Please sign up! <https://signup.com/group/862054976033>

**2025 Winter Guard Season**

While it may be 95 degrees out, the 2025 Winter Guard season is right around the corner!

* Registration on FamilyID will open in August
* We are currently looking at practice days/times that will be similar to last season as we work with the school for availability. JV/ Varsity Wednesday & Friday - Jrs Tuesday & Friday
* Jrs/JV practices will start on Fridays on 9/20, the second day will be added the first week of November, when the Marching Band season ends November1. Varsity members who are not doing Marching Band should practice with JV until Marching Band ends and Varsity begins in November.
* BPS requires a physical to be on file for all participants, they must be current and renewed annually. Please make sure your child has an updated physical before the start of practices. Students will not be allowed to practice or perform without a physical on file.
* Our first MAC competition will be 2/1, JV and Varsity travel to Salem 2/15, Varsity is at Bethlehem 3/22-23, MAC Championships 3/29, Varsity is at Dayton 4/3- 5 - travel dates TBD

**Communication:**

Facebook: [Bethel Winter Guard - Members Group | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/310051966171694) (for within the group) & [Bethel Winter Guard Public Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561671203364) (for public information)

Online calendar: <https://calendar.online/508044269e46668009a2> (fundraisers, practices, etc.)

Website: <https://bethelwinterguardct.com/> (general information, videos)

Email: bethelwinterguardct@gmail.com

BAND app: <https://band.us/n/afa606x0edX8k> (join to get timely reminders and information)