



Congratulations!

Welcome to the Oak Harbor High School Band Family! Please read through this Color/Winter Guard performer handbook. Student performers and their parents/guardians must agree to the terms in the handbook when signing their Color/Winter Guard Agreement.

Our Motto: Commitment, Community, Competition & Character

Mission Statement:

To provide the highest quality learning experiences through rehearsal and performance. To continue to grow as a community that strives for professionalism and excellence in everything we do. To foster leadership and maturity skills for a lifetime.

Vision:

- The power of performing arts to enrich human experience and society is recognized, celebrated, and respected.
- Building a professional community by contributing our time and talents to others.
- Valuing our diversity and committing ourselves to equity

All OHHS Guard performer rules, regulations, and information contained herein are subject to change and notice to the student performers will be given in a timely manner. All students, are expected to follow the rules and regulations stated in this handbook. If you have any questions about any of the information in this handbook, please ask!

OAK HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND & COLOR/WINTER GUARD ADMINISTRATION

Band Director: Ms. Katie O'Shea
Assistant Band Director & Fall Guard Assistant Instructor: Mrs. Melissa Gibson
Fall/Winter Guard Director & Instructor: Mrs. Renee Giugliano (Mrs. G.)
Fall/Winter Guard Instructors: Destiny DiSipio, Andrew Huggins & Makenzie Shipley

Have Questions? Your main point of contact for Guard is Renee Giugliano (Mrs. G.)
Additional info on contact is given within the handbook.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Captains, Co-Captains, Lieutenants, etc., are responsible for all aspects of rehearsal and performance within their section. Captains have oversight over the group and are responsible for ensuring an effective rehearsal and performance atmosphere for all members. All requested extra rehearsal time must be coordinated through the Captain(s), who will seek approval from the Guard instructor and/or Band Director.

All section leaders throughout the band work together to enhance the esprit de corps of the band and guard programs.



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What's Expected of our Guard Members

All OHHS Guard members must follow rules and expectations as established by Oak Harbor Public Schools, Oak Harbor High School & the OHHS Wildcat Show Band.

All OHHS Guard members must be an enrolled student in good standing (academically and behaviorally) with Oak Harbor High School or HomeConnection.

Color Guard and the Wildcat Show Band are **one** and are TEAM activities. We are unique in that everyone on the team has a role and responsibility at every rehearsal and every performance. We do not have “bench warmers” who never participate. Without all parts of the team present and prepared (both mentally and physically), we cannot be successful as a TEAM.

Winter Guard is a TEAM activity. Like the fall season we are unique in that everyone on the team has a role and responsibility at every rehearsal and every performance. We do not have “bench warmers” who never participate. Without all parts of the team present and prepared (both mentally and physically), we cannot be successful as a TEAM.

Physical and Mental Requirements

Believe it or not, Guard is an extremely physically and mentally demanding activity. Due to the physical and mental requirements for Guard, all performers must engage in physical and mental activities at rehearsal and practicing on their own.

Students will at times feel physically and mentally depleted and possibly stressed from participating in Guard, just as if they were participating in any other sport activity.

Performers will engage in physical activities such as dance training and fitness activities that will tone muscles, increase muscle strength and endurance, build cardiovascular endurance, etc. They will also engage in mental activities that increase mental sharpness and focus, ability to learn faster, retain information longer, test recall, recognize patterns, increase artistic expression, etc.

If a student has a mental or physical issue that could impede their ability to learn or limits their physical abilities in some way, please make sure it is on file with the school. If your student has an IEP, 504 or BIP in place at the school, please let the Guard instructor know. Staff will be informed on a need-to-know basis.

If your student regularly takes needs access to medicine (ex: inhaler, Epi-pen, medication) for physical or mental health issues, please understand that the staff cannot be responsible for holding or applying this medication. We will provide assistance when needed, but the student or parent/guardian will need to carry it with them in case of emergency need.

Attendance Requirements

Color Guard members are required to attend weekly rehearsals as scheduled unless ill or have another excused reason. These rehearsals will take place outside of school hours. Missing a rehearsal before a performance may result in being “benched” for a performance. Missing multiple rehearsals before a performance will result in being “benched” or removed from the team.

Rehearsals

Fall Training & Rehearsals: **Schedules may change and you will be notified ahead of time if it does.*

Required Training (summer):

- Color Guard Camp: August 7-12, 8am-3pm
- Band Camp: August 14-25 (excluding weekends), 8am-3pm



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Required Rehearsals (when school is in session):

- Color Guard meets Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday, 2:30-4:00pm, Wednesday 1:30-4:00pm.*
- Color Guard joins the band twice a week. Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm and Thursdays 3:00-6:00pm rehearsal. We meet at 2:30 to prep equipment needed. Thursday rehearsals are vital to our show. If a student misses a Thursday rehearsal prior to a game, they will not be allowed to perform on the field on Friday.

Optional Summer Rehearsals:

- We may put together a rehearsal once or twice a week during the summer. We offer these so that members can have a chance to continue to learn more or clean their techniques.
- These rehearsals will be a 2-5 hours long and are completely optional. We want to give all members the opportunity to learn and maybe get ahead if they would like.

Winter Rehearsals: *Schedules may change and you will be notified ahead of time if it does.

- Winter Guard meets Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 3pm-5:30pm at OHHS, Tuesday & Friday 6pm-8pm (Elks Lodge or First United Methodist Church).
- Schedule changes: This schedule WILL change pending on space availability. We will always notify you ahead of time.

To reduce risk of injury and to build endurance for long-term success as a guard participant, we need performers at rehearsals to train them for their safety and the safety of those around them as well as teaching choreography. We also need everyone at all scheduled performances as other team members rely on them.

All rehearsals are MANDATORY for all students. If a parent decides or student chooses to not attend rehearsal, they are hurting the team, as well as the individual. If your student is in school the day of a rehearsal or a performance, we expect them to attend and do whatever they can to maintain their spot. Members may lose their performance spot and possibly be removed from the team for excessively missing rehearsals. *Exceptions: After school tutoring and/or make ups for quizzes, tests, etc. "Grades before Guard."*

Pick up/Drop Off

Rehearsals will run the full time. If rehearsal is scheduled from 2:45-4:00pm or 3:00-6:00pm, we will start at and end at those times. You'll want to show up a little earlier so we start on time. Parents, expect your student within 5-10 minutes of ending time depending on how long they spend getting info and/or putting away equipment once rehearsal is over. If rehearsal is cancelled or ends early, you will be notified via the BAND app and/or text message. (Do not expect rehearsals to be cancelled or to end early often, it's a rare occurrence).

Visitors

Rehearsals are not open to the public. Please understand that sometimes parents, friends, and siblings are unintentional distractions to students and can also be a safety issue depending on the space we are in. We ask that parents drop off students and take advantage of the rehearsal time to run other errands or enjoy "me time." Feel free to return the last 15 minutes of rehearsal to catch our final review and show run-throughs! However, parents/guardians may stay at the full rehearsal if there to help with photos/videos or floor/prop set up and break down as requested from instructors. A volunteer badge through the Oak Harbor School District is required to be worn at all times when on campus.



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Equipment

All equipment is property of Oak Harbor High School. If it is lost or stolen while in possession of member, they will be responsible for replacing it. Members & a parent/guardian must fill out the Equipment Check Out form prior to taking any equipment home. Depending what is needed, equipment may be required to be returned back the next day for rehearsal. Equipment is NOT allowed on school buses.

Your name and/or a number representing you will be on your equipment, you are responsible for it. If someone takes your equipment, you are to replace it. "Losing" a piece of equipment is unacceptable. You will be responsible for replacing the equipment if it is lost. Do NOT leave equipment unattended. Do NOT let anyone, including friends, family or band members play with your equipment. Someone else breaks it, you are responsible for it.

Please refer to the Equipment Checkout Agreement for additional terms and conditions.

Practice at Home

Rehearsals are used to teach, modify, and "clean" choreography. Practice is what students do on their own time. Students should practice for a 10-20 minutes/day on non-rehearsal days to review key concepts. We encourage students to use this as a "study break" from standard academic activities. In fact, psychological studies show that engaging in physical activity for 10-20 minutes after every 90 minutes of studying increases retention of academic material, so students get an added academic bonus and a physical bonus!

What to bring to EVERY rehearsal, including Color Guard/Band Camp

- Water, water, water. Bring a large, opaque water bottle or cooler jug that can be refilled.
- Sunscreen (summer/fall mainly, sometimes in spring)
- Lunch and snacks (full lunch for Color Guard/Band Camp only - snacks for regular rehearsals)
- Hair ties to keep long hair back and off of face. We must see entire face at all times.
- Workout wear/gym shoes with socks (bring clothes to change into if needed)
- Guard gloves
- Knee pads (put them on around your ankles and keep them there until needed)

Rehearsal Rules

- Show up a few minutes early to help with any set up
- No gum/candy
- No long/loose jewelry such as dangling/hoop earrings and/or necklaces. Necklaces should either be taken off or be well tucked into shirt. If we see them come out from being tucked, we will ask you to take it off.
- No rings on fingers.
- Finger nails are highly suggested to be trimmed.
- Cell phones/tablets are to be in backpack/bag/put away at ALL times. You can check phones when given extended breaks.
- Let the instructor(s) know before rehearsal begins, in private, about possible emergencies that may cause you to check your phone more often than at breaks. PARENTS: If you need to get a hold of your student during rehearsals, you need to call Mrs. G.'s cell phone.
- Stay positive at all times.
- Actively participate at all times (no sitting unless on break or given permission by instructors).
- Be respectful to your section leaders and staff at all times.



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Performance Requirements

Color Guard & Winter Guard members must attend all performances. Performances include football games (fall), competitions, and parades as scheduled (or added to the performance schedule by the band director). We only have a few competitions each season and each member plays an important part of the show. Please let us know ahead of time if you will not make a performance.

While it is preferred that the students stay for the duration of any performance that they attend, sometimes it is necessary for a student to leave early from a performance. If this need should arise, the following steps need to be taken so the rest of the group is not waiting around for a student who has already left:

- The student can leave an event with their parent or guardian only.
- An email or message stating who will be picking up the student and when they will be leaving must be submitted to one of the instructors no later than 1 day before the scheduled performance.
- Under no circumstances may students leave the performance site without prior parental written request and subsequent director approval.
- Before leaving a performance, any student not returning with the rest of the group must confirm their departure with Mrs. Giugliano. Parents must present themselves in person or directly call Mrs. Giugliano before the student is allowed to leave a performance.
- Due to the safety and liability issues at hand, violation of any of these rules is considered serious and subject to school disciplinary measures.

Fall Performances:

- September through early November: All home football games
- September through early November: Possible pep rally/first day of school assembly performance/ team send-offs
- October: Two band competitions (off island) - Oct 7 & 28, 2023
- October: Possible Homecoming Parade
- November: Possible Veteran's Day Parade
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Winter Performances:

- December through April: assemblies, send offs, etc., where Ms. O'Shea requests our attendance
- March: 2 Competitions - March 23 & 30, 2024
- March/April: Possible performance night at Kamiak (Mukilteo)
- March/April: Possible school assembly performance
- Annual Winter Guard Showcase at OHHS - April 12, 2024 (Date not official yet)
- Holland Happening Parade: April 27, 2024



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Grades and Behavior Requirements

“Grades before Guard.”

All Guard members must maintain a minimum GPA as established by Oak Harbor School District, Oak Harbor High School and the OHHS Wildcat Show Band.

All students must be in good behavior standing with the school and Wildcat Show Band program to remain in the Guard. Students with excessive behavior write-ups, suspensions, etc. may be removed from the program.

Failure to attend rehearsals, maintain grades and behavior, and/or attend performances without legitimate and legal reason and/or advance notice from the performer or parent/guardian may result in suspension or removal from the team.

We will follow school and district policy in this matter regarding performance and rehearsal attendance.

General Expectations

OHHS Guard PRIDES itself on being a PROFESSIONAL, ALL-INCLUSIVE “family-team” organization. Family and team students sometimes disagree with each other and with non-members, but should always be respectful and work through their disagreements in a respectful manner.

Oak Harbor High School Band & Guard is building its reputation of excellence in both our local community and the Guard community.

Remember that anyone you meet in person, and people you communicate with online, could be future performers, fans, or financial sponsors of the Oak Harbor High School Band & Guard. All students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner always.

Relationships & Dating

Relationships and dating is a normal part of high school, but we ask that all relationships are kept out of the guard. In order to maintain a positive and professional environment, each member should:

- Not date another guard or band member. If the relationship already existed prior to joining, then the following rules will apply.
- Leave any relationship issues outside of the rehearsal space.
- Do not engage in public displays of affection when at rehearsals, performances or any other guard-related event.
- Bring attention to instructors when their own or another member’s relationship is affecting performance individually or as a team.



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EXPECTATIONS Students: It is the YOUR job to be an excellent representative of the organization <u>at all times</u>.			
SETTINGS	Respect for Self	Respect for Team/Others	Responsibilities
All Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dress appropriately ● Use appropriate language ● Use appropriate manners ● Be positive ● Disagreements are for private, not public, discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Try to understand others' perspectives ● Help to build up, not tear down ● Ask if you don't understand ● Please and Thank you ● Smile; be polite; be friendly ● Help if asked & able 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be early ● Be helpful ● Keep all areas clean ● Be where you should be when you should be there. ● Always be respectful of yourself, your team, and everyone around you
Rehearsals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Always do your personal best ● Keep all areas and equipment areas neat and ordered ● Dress appropriately (including knee/ankle braces, footwear, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be early ● Listen to instructions ● Respond appropriately ● Ask if you don't understand ● Try it before denying it ● Be prepared. Know your work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help each other with Equipment ● Co-operate with team and instructional staff ● Keep all areas clean ● Know what you need to do and how to do it
Show Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dress appropriately ● Focus on your job ● Know & follow schedule ● Use appropriate volume levels when talking ● Stay in uniform until told you can change ● No Gum, food, drinks in uniform. ● Breathe, Keep calm ● Always have a buddy ● Follow instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walk with purpose. No running ● Keep your stress to yourself ● Know your schedule ● Leave other groups alone until after they perform ● Smile; be polite; be friendly ● Always have a buddy (or "2") ● No mobile phones, tablets, or other electronics in the stands ● Smile; be polite; be friendly ● Help if asked & able 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be early ● Help with equipment, props, etc. ● Know where your stuff is at all times ● Keep your stuff with you unless you know of an approved designated area ● Tell friends/family the kind of behavior you expect BEFORE you get to show site. (shouting, signs, etc.) ● Sit with team in stands. ● Be supportive of other groups
Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use appropriate language ● Use appropriate manners ● Be positive ● Don't post illegal activities or behaviors. ● Your comments reflect on YOU AND the Organization. Always. Remember. That. ● If someone is harassing, bullying, or trying to intimidate you or make you feel uncomfortable online. TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No insults, put downs, or abusive/violent language ● Ask before posting videos or pictures from shows and rehearsals ● Is it hurtful? Are you unsure if you should post it? Don't post it. ● DO NOT POST VIDEOS/ SNAPS/PICS of other groups; performances! ● You can post videos/pics/snaps of other groups' performers with their and/or their director's permission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use appropriate language ● Always be respectful ● Ask permission before posting videos/pictures of staff or other/students ● If you question whether or not you should post something; DO NOT POST IT.
PARENTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent chaperones, family, friends, and volunteers are required to follow all expectations as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent chaperones, family, friends, and volunteers are required to follow all expectations as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent chaperones, family, friends, and volunteers are required to follow all expectations as well



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Zero Tolerance Policies

A ZERO TOLERANCE policy for alcohol use by minors; for illicit or illegal drug use; for harassment; intimidation, bullying or hazing activities; and/or for sexual harassment. These policies apply to staff and parent/guardians/family volunteers/chaperones as well.

There is a zero-tolerance policy for cyberbullying via any social media platforms. Reports of cyberbullying or harassment via social media and texts will be investigated, and any accused parties will be suspended from the group until a conclusion is reached.

Repercussions

- Accusations of violating the zero tolerance policies are taken very seriously. Accusations will be investigated by directors, administration, and/or staff members and dealt with in an appropriate manner. Accused will be suspended until completion of investigation.
- Students and staff found to be in violation of the zero tolerance policies will immediately be removed from the group and may also face the risk of further school-related repercussions, arrest, etc.
- Parents/Guardians/Family who violate the policies—especially with intent to intimidate or harass staff or performers—will not be allowed to attend rehearsals or shows as a representative of OHHS Color Guard, and may also face the risk of further school-related repercussions, arrest, etc.

Social Media Policy

Pictures or videos of rehearsals, meetings, performances, staff and/or parents/guardians may be posted/shared on social media and/or our website. When posting to your personal social media, please use hashtag or @ OHHSColorGuard or OHHSWinterGuard so we can see it and/or share it.

The instructors are in charge of and maintain our social media sites. We use the following social media platforms:

- Website <https://www.ohhscolorguard.com>
- Facebook/Instagram/TikTok: @ohhscolorguard
- <https://www.youtube.com/@ohhscolorguard>

Parents/Guardians and students are welcome to share any of the pages above with family and friends. Clickable links are available on our website.

Parents/Guardians and students are also welcome and highly encouraged to send the instructors your pictures and/or videos that you would be willing to let them share on our main social media pages. Please send those via the Band App or email.



Parent/Guardian Supplement

How does Color/Winter Guard Benefit my student?

- It sets a standard where growth can be measured.
- It gives students an opportunity to work with different personalities, age levels, and skill sets.
- It gives students a sense of control over their lives.
- It motivates the participants to strive for higher achievement.
- It teaches the importance of an individual's role within a team environment.
- It prepares the students for competitive challenges found in life.

Why does my student want to participate in the Guard activity?

Every student will have his or her own personal reasons for becoming involved in the Guard. Some are drawn to the strength and athleticism, some are attracted by the music, others adore the costumes and equipment. Some come to be with their friends. It's important that you understand this commitment from their perspective so that you are able to be involved and fully support their goals. Whether they wish to reach their highest performing potential or spend time with friends, their reasoning should be just as important to you as it is to them.

Why is participating in the Guard activity important?

Being part of an ensemble which competes at marching band and/or winter guard competitions offers students a unique opportunity to learn, perform, and compete in the constantly evolving and challenging world. While competition is a part of the process, personal growth for the participants is the ultimate goal. Each group offers a unique combination of education, life experience, and tradition, sure to leave a positive, life-long impression on your student.

Parents, please trust us...

The guard staff and instructors are in charge of the guard program. We have decades of experience in this activity. We select flags, costumes, write choreography, and make the ultimate decision about WHO performs, WHAT they perform, and WHEN they perform. That is our job. Although we appreciate feedback and input, please respect our roles and responsibilities within the organization, no matter our age or appearance.

We ask all students and parents to understand that we do what we feel is BEST FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM. This means a student may not get the position they want, or may not perform all parts of the show, or may not get the solo, but your student will be placed where we feel they will be most successful and helpful to the TEAM.

It is at the staff's discretion whether to allow a performer to participate in a performance. If a staff member or instructor feels that a performer cannot safely perform their portion of the show (due to excessive absences, failure to learn and retain choreography, insubordination, unsportsmanlike behavior of the student or a parent, or any other reason), that performer will be "benched" for the performance. This could be for a segment of the show or for the entire show.

At shows and competitions, the instructors and director are in charge. Parents are not permitted "backstage" unless acting as a scheduled chaperone and/or requested by an instructor/director to address any issues with their student. Non-chaperone parents should drop off their student and continue into the stands to show support. If you have a question, comment or concern, please bring it to us before or after rehearsal or a performance. During rehearsal our focus is on training and preparing the students to achieve a high degree of excellence.



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Meetings & Volunteering

From time to time, we will have in-person and BAND App LIVE meetings. We do these to make sure all parents/guardians are aware of changes as well as update everyone on progress, fundraisers, requests for help and so that parents/guardians and students may also ask questions. Meetings are scheduled to happen in the evenings.

We appreciate any help with organizing fundraisers, carpools, and assisting with making props, sewing costumes or flags, and painting or transporting these items for all the groups! You will see a list of opportunities to help with our needs in the Member Agreement. To volunteer at games and other performance events, we need you to fill out an Oak Harbor School District Volunteer Application. Feel free to speak with Mrs. G. about ways you can help. We don't ask for much, and every little bit helps!

Football Game & Competition Presence:

- **Parents:** We ask that one parent (per member) volunteer for at least one football game in the fall season to help the band and/or guard with set up and/or chaperoning during the game. This may include helping with transporting gear from the main building, on and off of the field as well as passing out water and other items while the band & guard are in the stands.
- We will also need volunteers for fall band competitions. The boosters help provide food, equipment transportation, set-up/breakdown of field show stage(s) and general chaperoning.
- Not only does your volunteering help us tremendously, but your presence boosts the pride and excellence of our Band and Guard members. Yes, you make a difference and your support gives your student additional confidence.
- Parents/Guardians who attend competitions to help with behind the scenes also get free entry.
- Parents/Guardians who attend performances or competitions as spectators or as chaperones are reminded that YOU ALSO represent the guard, the band, and the Oak Harbor community. We ask that you cheer on other teams, be respectful, stay positive with comments, watch your language/tone around the students, and remain professional at all times.

PS - The students always like treats (cupcakes, cookies, water, etc.) brought in to shows and rehearsals by parents! We do have members with food allergies, please contact us beforehand so we can give you that info.



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Uniforms - Program Issued

Through sponsors, donations and various fundraising, the OHHS Band Boosters is now providing uniforms to all fall color guard members. These uniforms are property of OHHS and are only checked out to students during the fall season. Each student must take care of the uniform when it's in their possession. Each student will be assigned a top and bottom piece. Each student and their parent/guardian will need to sign the Uniform Rental Agreement.

What Each Student Will Be Issued

FALL

- Top: Either a Tunic or Core Top, both long sleeved
- Bottom: Jazz/Dance Pant; all pants have a 32" inseam. If pant needs to be hemmed, we will provide that service for you.

WINTER

- A one piece unitard or 2 piece top and bottom (jazz/dance pant as fall uses or other)
- Gold Sequined Sleeveless top (parade)

Measurements

- Each student will be measured according to fitting requirements.
- Because of various available sizes, we will do our best to find and assign a uniform that best fits. Most likely, it may be a bit larger.

Storage and Check out/in

- Uniforms will be kept at OHHS at all times. Uniforms must be kept at the school unless otherwise communicated by band/guard staff.
- Uniforms will be distributed on day of or one day prior to a performance.
- Uniforms are to be worn during designated guard performances only. You must contact instructors for permission to use besides guard performances.
- Uniforms will be returned promptly after a performance. Warm up pants and team t-shirt is suggested to be changed it.
- DO NOT alter or try to repair any part of the uniform. Alterations must only be done by an instructor of the guard or band program.
- Uniforms will be turned in to the instructor or team Captain that is assigned to check them in and out.

Cleaning

- Uniform cleaning is the responsibility of the instructors/staff.
- Uniforms will be cleaned between each performance.

Maintenance

- You are responsible for any stains, tears, or other damages to the uniform while it is in your care.
- If at any time, a uniform top and/or bottom is in need of any kind of repair, student MUST notify an instructor immediately.
- Any damages and/or unapproved alterations are subject to a fine. Any uniform not returned by the due date or any damages done to the uniform will be subject to a replacement fee of up to \$200.



Required & Optional Personal Attire/Gear

The following items are **REQUIRED** for all Guard members and must be provided by each individual student. If we are able to obtain a discount by ordering as a group, we will let you know ASAP. Please note that all amounts shown are approximate, including tax & shipping. Also, vendor prices are subject to change without notice. We try to keep everything up to date, but sometimes changes happen without us knowing.

Color Guard Items

	Approximate Cost
• Guard Shoes:	\$50.00 +/-
• Guard Gloves:	\$20.00 +/-
• Team Shirt:	\$35.00 +/-
• Makeup Brushes:	\$15.00 +/-
• Warm up pant:	\$20.00 +/-

Winter Guard Items

	Approximate Cost
• Guard Turners:	\$15.00 +/-
• Guard Gloves:	\$20.00 +/-
• Team Shirt:	\$35.00 +/-
• Makeup Brushes:	\$15.00 +/-
• Long Sleeve Black Compression Top	\$20.00 +/-

The following items are **OPTIONAL** for all guard members and must be provided by each individual student. If we are able to obtain a discount by ordering as a group, we will let you know ASAP. Please note that all amounts shown are before any applicable tax and shipping.

OPTIONAL Items For Both Seasons (not required, but highly suggested):

• Warm up jacket:	\$65.00 +/-
• Long Sleeve Black Compression Top (optional for fall):	\$20.00 +/-
• Warm up pant (optional for winter):	\$20.00 +/-
• Guard shoes (optional for winter):	\$50.00 +/-
• Instant Cold Compress (set of 2):	\$4.00 +/-
• 1 roll black vinyl tape:	\$6.00 +/-
• 1 roll white vinyl tape:	\$6.00 +/-
• 1 roll white strapping tape:	\$5.00 +/-

Links for purchasing items are available will be on the website and/or in the BAND app.

Group/Bulk Orders

Group/bulk orders help keep our shipping costs down. In order to do this, we put together an order and provide you with a total for the items/amount you are ordering. You then make a donation in the amount owed to the OHHS Band Boosters. In turn, they will then place the order and pay for it under their account. When doing it this way, it ensure the lowest price, guarantees everything gets here on time and also provides parents/guardians with a tax deduction for their donation.



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OHHS Band Boosters

We are solely supported by the donations/fundraisers via OHHS Band Boosters, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. They work with us to understand our needs, build a budget and provide as much as they can so that students have to purchase a minimum amount of items on their own. We HIGHLY encourage each parent/guardian to become a Band Booster members.

Band Booster Membership Includes:

- Includes voting rights at all general Band Boosters meetings.
- Eligibility for board title/officer positions (president, treasurer, etc)
- BAND app invite with access to meeting minutes, event calendar and more.
- Email updates with upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and more.

More Info:

- Meetings are typically held every 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30pm in the OHHS band room. Join in-person or virtually.
- There are no other obligations. You choose to volunteer as little as or as much as you'd like.
- Membership NOT required to attend meetings. They are open to all parents/guardians of our students who are active in our programs, regardless of membership.

We would love for you to join as a member to help expand and create the best experience possible for the hard working students in our programs. If you have certain skills or experience that may help the band and guard programs to strengthen and grow, we would love to have you on board.

Fundraising and Donations

Fundraising plays the largest part for us. Our school has rules & restrictions for different types of fundraising and the Band Boosters are the ones who guide us on what we can and cannot do. The Band Boosters have several set fundraisers set for the year. We will update you with information as they are available.

Donations & corporate sponsorships are ALWAYS accepted and greatly appreciated by the OHHS Band Boosters. When donating specifically for guard, please include a note to state that the funds are to go towards guard. This ensures that the contribution will only be spent towards guard needs.

Here are a few options for yourself or friends/family wanting to donate directly to the Band Boosters:

- Via ACH, Apple Pay, Google Pay or Credit card online via Zeffy (no fees incurred for the boosters)
- Via Check/Money Order made out to OHHS Band Boosters

Visit: <http://bit.ly/GuardSupport> or the OHHS Band Boosters website at www.ohhsbandboosters.com for more fundraising opportunities and info.

The OHHS Band Boosters is a valid 501(c)3 tax exempt organization recognized by the IRS. Donations to the organization are generally tax deductible. Contact your tax advisor for final determination.



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Fundraisers

Along with the Band Boosters fundraisers, we have a few set fundraisers for Color Guard/Winter Guard and are adding more as we continue to grow.

Here's what we have on the calendar so far for 2023/24:

Band Boosters Patron & Sponsor Drive (June 14 - August 31, 2023):

This is the main annual support drive for the Band Boosters and is meant to get as many family, friends and community members involved to support the band & guard programs for the whole 23/24 school year. A variety of support levels and incentives available for individuals/families and business/corporate members both local and non-local.

Color Guard Online Merch Store (September 2023):

This store features the fall themed team design in a variety of attire and other items. Show off your guard pride at every performance and everyday.

Winter Sponsor & Biggest Fans Drive (November - December 31, 2023)

This is to gain individual and corporate sponsorships to help with season costs.

Winter Guard Calendar Fundraiser (December 2023/January 2024):

This is to help alleviate personal and seasonal costs for each new winter season.

Winter Guard Online Merch Store (December 2023/January 2024):

This store features the winter themed team design in a variety of attire and other items. Show off your guard pride at every performance and everyday.

Winter Guard Showcase (April 19, 2024)

We will be selling tickets to the show to help alleviate costs for the future team. We will also be having sales of small craft, stickers, souvenirs, etc. These items are handmade/donated by staff and parents.

Sponsor The Guard Season (spring/early summer 2024)

This is to help alleviate personal and seasonal costs for each new fall season.

Additional fundraisers are being looked into as we grow. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

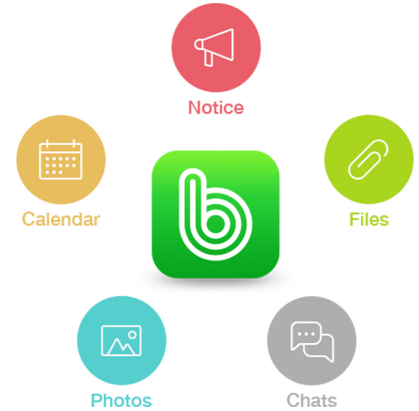


Communication and Contact Info

We require all of our members to use the BAND App for direct communication to and from the instructors and other members. Parents/Guardians are also welcome and highly encouraged to join as you may directly communicate with instructors through the app as well. And of course, it's FREE!

BAND App Includes:

- Calendar
- Reminders
- Group Chat
- Voice Chat
- Polls
- Sign-Up Sheets for Volunteering
- Video/Photo Sharing



To join, use this link: <https://band.us/n/a2af96a8a97c5>
Or scan QR code shown on right

No personal information is shared within the app. BAND App keeps everything confidential. The app can be used via desktop computer, smart phone and tablets.



Emails & Phone Numbers:

We ask that all questions be directed to Mrs. Giugliano (Mrs. G.) first. She is your main point of contact for all things Color Guard. If she cannot answer your question, she will always get the answer for you within a day or two. We highly suggest contacting her via the BAND App first.

Ms. Katie O'Shea (Band Director):

- email: koshea@ohsd.net
- phone: 360.279.5828

Mrs. Melissa Gibson (Assistant Show Band Director & Fall Guard Instructor)

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- phone: 360.279.5752

Mrs. Renee Giugliano (Color/Winter Guard Director/Instructor):

- email: guard@ohhsbandboosters.com
- phone: 360.632.3027

All other instructors can be messaged via the BAND App.

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Sources For Info

- OHHS Color Guard Website: <https://www.ohhscolorguard.com>
- Welcome Page on website for Fall: bit.ly/2023colorguard
- Welcome Page on website for Winter: <https://bit.ly/2024winterguard>