

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

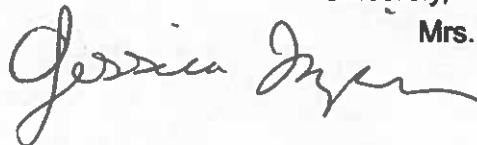
Congratulations on your child becoming a MEMBER of the Western Wayne Color Guard team for the 2025-2026 season!

We practice in the summer to ensure our show is ready for football season. **Note our practices will take place IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR. Enter through Middle School Main Entrance for all practices and meet in room 602. Once all are gathered then the majority of the practices will be OUTSIDE. Students should wear sneakers, socks, athletic wear, sunglasses, hat, sunblock, etc. In the event of poor weather, we will use an indoor space in the middle school.** I am sending home a practice schedule today. We, of course, understand your child will most likely miss some practices for a summer vacation trip. Please send in a written note with those dates, so your child can be excused, or you can email me at jmclau@wwsd.io

Note that we have a large number of students interested in color guard this year. **All students will be accepted as a TEAM MEMBER NO MATTER THE NUMBER OF YEARS THEY HAVE IN THE PROGRAM. Members are either performers, alternates, or runners.** Performers do the routines at each game and event. Alternates will fill in on the field when performers are absent from games. Runners will help to distribute equipment at games along with other tasks. Performers, alternates, and runners all may go on our spring trip and attend all games and other events for the band and color guard. **This year ALL STUDENTS with the exception of captains and five-year seniors WILL AUDITION for a performance spot on the team. No students will be cut. There will be a MAXIMUM OF 15 performers on the field; a MAXIMUM of three alternates, and UNLIMITED RUNNERS.** Runners who wish to be a performer in future years may learn and practice all routines. Alternates and possibly some runners may perform in our parades based on the discretion of the directors.

The AUDITION which will determine who is a performer, alternate, and runner will be at our WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, practice. Again, all students will be accepted as team members. Also, students can choose to be a runner at any point in the season before band camp in August. In addition, all students are **responsible for any flag equipment they take home. Flags must be returned** in good condition to the school by July 15 our first practice whether a student chooses to continue with the team or not. **Parents and/ or students can choose to receive Remind messages via text to keep you up to date on practices and other needed reminders. By signing these documents, you and/ or your student can choose to be part of Remind. You can also choose to share your contact information with our Band and Color Guard Parents Association.** You do not have to participate in any of these things. However, all color guard members must include for Mrs. McLaughlin a phone number they can be reached at in the summer in case of any unforeseen changes to our practice schedule or in the event of an emergency. Color Guard is an exciting opportunity for your child to make new friends and learn a new performance art at the same time. I look forward to working with both you and your child this season! **Any questions, email jmclau@wwsd.io**

Sincerely,



Mrs. McLaughlin, Color Guard Director

Color Guard 2025-2026 Contract
(Please return to Mrs. M. in room 602 by Wednesday, June 4)

Dear Parents/ Guardians, Students,

The following guidelines and rules apply to all students choosing to participate in Color Guard. When signing this contract, you agree to the following:

1. Color guard does have summer practices, that all guard equipment must be returned to the school, and that joining color guard does not guarantee a performance spot in our field show for any student. A list of fall dates was sent home today, May 28.
2. Students that know going into the season that they will miss multiple events due to personal reasons will not be considered for a performance spot on the team (you have to miss four of our games) and or performances for this to apply to you.
3. Students must also be in good academic standing to keep their spots on the team in any capacity. If you are failing two or more subjects three consecutive weeks you will be asked to be a runner for the season or to take time to get caught up with schoolwork and join us in the spring for our parades. Students failing two or more subjects will lose their third quarter break in accordance with band policy.
4. In addition, please know that the HEALTH and SAFETY of our students is a PRIORITY. Therefore, I also understand the following:
 - ***To be in color guard a student must be physically capable of marching and performing if they are chosen to be a performer, alternate, or runner.
 - ***To be in color guard and participate in events a student must be emotionally and physically able to participate in the rehearsals leading to performance events and on the day of the actual events. If a student is injured or unable to recover emotionally for any issue in a reasonable amount of time on the day of an event, that student whether performer, alternate, or runner, will be asked by a director to call for a ride home before the event.
 - *** If a student cannot rehearse the day of an event due to physical injury or because of emotional needs, that student will not participate in the performance and will instead either serve as a runner for that event or be asked to go home at the director's discretion.

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******** By signing below, you signify that you have read all rules and guidelines in this document and agree to abide by them for the entirety of the season.

Parent name (printed):

Parent signature:

Phone number for Remind if you are not already on it. (not required):

Phone number for emergency summer contact from Mrs. M. (required):

Dear Color Guard Student,

By signing below, I signify that I have read this letter and understand that color guard does have summer practices, that all guard equipment must be returned to the school, and that joining color guard does not guarantee a performance spot in our field show. I also understand all the rules listed on the previous page. In addition, I understand that I will only list my phone number here for Remind if I am approved to do so by my parent/guardian.

Student name (printed):

Student signature:

Phone number for Remind as a student (not required):

Color Guard Important Information Form for Directors and Band Parent Club

By signing this form, I signify that I understand both the directors of the program are getting the following information along with the officers of the Band Parent Club. The Band Parents are highly involved at many of our events and the parents of this organization are simply looking for a way to contact parents of our students. Your participation in the parent club is not required.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Color Guard Student/ Parent/ Guardian Information 2025-26 School Year

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade for the 2025-26 School Year: _____

Parent/ Guardian Name (s): _____

Parent/ Guardian (s) email: _____

Parent/ Guardian (s) phone number: _____

JUL 2025

Color Guard Practice Schedule

Students will enter Middle School main entrance for all practices and meet first in room 602; majority of practices will be outside. Email Mrs. McLaughlin jmclau@wwsd.io with questions.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon	16 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon with BAND	17 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon	18	19
20	21	22 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon	23 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon with BAND	24 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon	25	26
27	28	29 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon	30 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon with BAND	31 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon	1	2

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon with BAND	6 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon with BAND	7 Practice from 9 a.m. to noon with BAND	8	9
10	11	12 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND	13 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND	14 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND	15 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND	16
17	18 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND	19 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND	20	21	22 Practice from 8 a.m. to noon with BAND Game One	23
24	25	26	27 Stay after school GDS Performance	28	29 Practice from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with BAND Game Two	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6