

St. Charles High School Color Guard Informational Packet 2012

Please review the included guidelines, schedule, and expected costs for the 2012 fall season. Students auditioning for the fall season will be expected to follow guidelines, attend scheduled activities, and provide the costs which have yet to be determined.

The included signature page must be signed by the student and parent and returned by Wednesday, May 9th in order to participate in auditions. If there are any conflicts with the schedule please indicate them as well. All conflicts will be taken into consideration when selecting members for this season.

In order to audition for the St. Charles High School Color Guard, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Student must currently have a minimum GPA of a 2.5 (C Average)
2. Student must have a new physical on file for the 2012-2013 school year in the Activities Office by Friday, June 1, 2012
3. Student must return the included signature page by Wednesday, May 9th
4. Student must attend the following:

CLINIC – Tuesday, April 17 th	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
CLINIC – Tuesday, April 24 th	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
CLINIC – Tuesday, May 1 st	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
AUDITIONS – Wednesday, May 9 th	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

St. Charles High School Color Guard

2012 Guidelines

These guidelines are to be followed at all times, on and off school campus as well as during and outside of school activities. Instructors hold the right to change or add rules as needed to protect the Color Guard and High School. Members of the St. Charles High School Color Guard represent their school at all times and are expected to maintain upstanding behavior as a reflection of that. Failure to abide by the guidelines will result in consequences seen appropriate by the school and staff.

Attendance. All of the practices and competitions are mandatory. The calendar for the marching band is also the same for the Color Guard. All members must arrive on time to all rehearsals, competitions, and other events. Being late to rehearsal is not acceptable. If you are aware of any conflicts, please inform me ASAP. It is your responsibility to let me know where you are at and what is going on.

If you are sick or injured, you must provide me with a doctor's note with the reason you cannot participate in rehearsal. In addition, just because you cannot participate in rehearsal does not mean you should not attend rehearsal. You may sit out, but your attendance is still necessary.

Whether an absence/tardiness is excused or unexcused will be at my discretion, depending upon the individual circumstances. An unexcused absence at a practice means that the member will not perform in the next performance. An unexcused absence during a performance means that the team member will no longer be able to perform for the rest of the season.

Rules. We have a number of rules for participation. These include, but are not limited to:

- Respect your instructors and teammates
- Listen to and follow directions
- Bring all essential items to rehearsal
- Arrive on time
- No leaving in the middle of practice without permission
- No discipline problems at school or during practice

- No significant others or friends at practice
- No complaining
- Do not speak negatively about anyone on the team
- No eating during practice (except at lunch or during breaks)
- Wear appropriate clothes to practice (denim is not allowed)
- Clean up after practice
- Follow uniform guidelines at performances
- No talking during rehearsal or teaching time
- Only team members and chaperones can ride the bus to competitions
- Set a good example
- Dress up on Fridays before competitions
- Practice like it's a performance
- No eating or drinking in uniform (except water)
- No gum
- The guard closet is the students responsibility and should be kept clean and organized at all times
- Equipment belongs to the school and will not be allowed to be taken home without permission
- No cell phones at practice

Discipline. Most times, discipline problems will result in warnings and minor consequences. However, if I deem the problem serious enough, I reserve the sole discretion to withhold any of the members from performance or to decrease their performance time. If I have decided that they cannot perform, I will still expect them to be present during the performance, to ride the bus to the event, and to help the team prepare for the competition.

Performance. Color guard is both a team and an individual sport. Not all of the team members will be on the field 100% of the time. Sometimes members will not be on the field because the music or design calls for fewer members to be performing. The decision of whom performs when and where is usually a product of design and is not meant to be taken personally.

However, if a team member is not catching on to the routine, I may require a team member to sit out for the portions they are not performing up to level. I reserve the right to do this at my discretion.

Also, the routine will change. And it will change repeatedly. I ask that both the parents and the team members have patience with the changes, as we make the show the best it can possibly be.

Budget. Dues must be paid on time in order to get the items we need as a Color Guard. Without the money we will not be able to register for shows or get our uniforms, flags, and other miscellaneous equipment. Dues will be \$175.00 this season and you will receive a payment plan at a later time from Ms. Ingraham. Keep in mind there will most likely be several fundraising opportunities throughout the season.

Responsibility for Payments. If any member does not pay the full amount by the date stated in the budget, it will be deemed an unpaid school amount and they will be placed on the fee fine list.

Travel. We participate in a number of statewide competitions. The school will provide transportation. If anyone would like to chaperone and/or participate, please let me know. When the competitions get closer, Ms. Ingraham will email everyone an individual travel itinerary and whether the members will need a few dollars for lunch and/or dinner.

Rehearsals. Rehearsals during the summer will be on Thursdays from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm starting June 7th. July 3rd from 5:00pm – 8:00pm will be our Fourth of July Parade rehearsal with the full band. The City of St. Charles Fourth of July Parade will be your first performance.

Once school starts there will be full band on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm and sectionals on Thursdays after school from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The rehearsal times are subject to change at my discretion.

Tentative Band Camp Dates.

July 18: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Guard Only)

July 19-20: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (Guard Only)

July 25-27, 30-31: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (Full Band)

August 1: Rehearsal 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Full Band) Parent Preview will begin @ 6:00 pm

St. Charles High School Color Guard Handbook Signature Page.

Student Name _____
Student Phone Number _____
Student Email _____

I have read and understand the St. Charles High School Color Guard Guidelines for the 2012 fall season. I agree to abide by all guidelines and understand that instructors have the right to modify or add guidelines as needed to protect both the members of the team and St. Charles High School.

I recognize that I am required upon acceptance of membership to attend all practices and performances.

I understand upon acceptance of membership, that I am expected to pay the dues of \$175.00 for the 2012 fall season.

I am aware that if I do not return this page, signed, at the beginning of auditions on Wednesday, May 9th I will not be eligible to participate in auditions or be considered for membership of the 2012 St. Charles High School Color Guard.

Student Signature _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date _____

Parent Name _____
Parent Phone Number _____
Parent Email _____