

The George County High School

Band Announces

Tryouts

for the

2017-2018

Color Guard

Dates to Remember:

1. Application/\$30 fee Deadlines:
Thursday, February 9th
2. Mandatory Parent and Applicant Meeting:
Thursday, February 9th @ 6:00 p.m.- GCHS Band Hall
3. Mandatory Color Guard Clinic:
Basic Training: February 13-16, (3:15-4:30), GCHS Gym
Routine: February 20-23, (3:15-4:30), GCHS Gym
-Students must be present each day at school to participate in the after school sessions.
4. Tryouts:
 - **Friday, February 24th, 2017 (4:00-Until) GCHS**
 - Arrive at 3:30 dressed
 - Begin stretching when you arrive

Note: For tryouts all applicants will wear black shorts, white t-shirts (plain), white socks, and tennis shoes or jazz shoes. Hair must be off the shoulders and away from the face. No jewelry or fake nails.

Dear Parent or Guardians:

The "Pride" of George County is presently making plans for the 2017-2018 school year. Color Guard is a vital part of the Athletic and Fine Art Program; however, importance of academics must be stressed. Your child must maintain a "70" average or above each nine weeks in order to participate. Grades for tryouts are based on the first semester of the current year. If the third 9-weeks grading period is complete those grades will be considered.

Color Guard requires a great amount of time, money, and effort not only for the color guard member, but for the parent as well. Parents must help with chaperoning and transporting to and from practices, camp, fundraising, competitions, and games. Therefore, dedication, teamwork, and communication are keys to a successful color guard team. Each participant must be in good physical condition and must pass a physical exam.

Fundraising will be kept to a minimum if at all possible. Be aware that if no fundraisers are done you are responsible for all expenses. Fundraising solely depends on the participation in the first fundraiser of the season. If there is low participation, there will be no other coach organized individual fundraisers. We will do our best to keep expenses to a minimum. **All current debts from color guard or other sports must be paid before the first day of tryout clinic.**

Practice will be set for the spring and summer by the sponsor/band directors. Practice may change based on the coach's/director's discretion.

These practices and camps are REQUIRED.

Included in this packet:

- 1. Letter to applicants/ Dates to remember**
- 2. Letter to parents**
- 3. Important Rules (Sign)**
- 4. Medical Release (Sign)**
- 5. Acknowledgment form (Sign)**
- 6. Publicity form (Sign)**
- 7. Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract (Sign)**
- 7. Teacher Recommendation Forms**

REMEMBER: ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS (money and/or uniforms) FOR COLOR GUARD OR ANY OTHER SPORT MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUT CLINIC.

Please understand that repeated neglect of responsibility and respectability, including misuse of the rules and regulations will result in your child being removed from the team. If there is defiance of these basic rules, your child will be removed from the team.

There will be a \$30 fee for each applicant to cover the cost of judges and other expenses.

Thank you, Krysten West, George County Color Guard Sponsor

GCHS Color Guard Application and Information 2017-2018

(Please print all information clearly!)

Name: _____ Grade (2017-2018) _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Birthday _____

Student E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent E-mail address _____

Extracurricular Activities

Please list any school activities that conflict with the clinic or tryout schedule: _____

Please list any obligations that may conflict with the summer schedule:

Student Initial: _____

Parent Initial: _____

Eligibility

All members of the Color Guard must be academically eligible in order to participate in this activity. Eligibility includes having passed 3 out of 4 (high school) or 6 out of 7 (middle school) classes in the semester prior to participation and the student must be on track for graduation. In other words, you cannot be a second-year freshman, sophomore, etc. All candidates must be passing 3/4 or 6/7 subjects by the time of auditions.

Physical Exam

All members of the Color Guard must have a physical exam on file at George County HS before reporting to any Marching Band rehearsal). The exam must be dated as of April 1, 2017 or later.

Subject	Current Grade	Teacher Signature
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____
7 _____	_____	_____

Students and parents please read, complete, sign all forms, and turn in to the GCHS Color Guard Sponsor (Ms. West) or Middle School Band Director (Ms. Jones) by February 09, 2017.

I understand the financial, eligibility, physical exam, registration, and time commitments involved in this activity. I know that by signing I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the George County High School Band program. I understand that if chosen as a member of the Color Guard for the 2017-2018 school year, I am obligated to attend all rehearsals and public performances, pay membership dues and act appropriately as a representative of George County High School.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

2017-2018 George County High School Color Guard Information

Expectations and Obligations

We are pleased that your child is interested in participating as a color guard member in the GCHS Rebel Pride. If your child is selected, there are expectations and obligations associated with membership that we would like you to be aware of prior to try-outs.

Rules/Regulations

Members must obey all rules set forth by the school and the band staff. All members must sign a behavior contract.

1. All participants must meet state and district requirements.
2. Outside interest may not interfere with practices or events.
3. Each participant must attend summer camp, weight training, and practices to prepare for camp.
4. Each participant must wear proper attire to all practices.
5. No jewelry, glitter, fake nails, finger nail polish may be worn at practices or games.
6. All fingernails should be short.
7. No permanent tattoos.
8. Work, personal business, doctor/dentist appointments must be scheduled around color guard/band practices and events.
9. No gum during practices or events.
10. Color Guard must perform tasks necessary to prepare for practices (pull flags, carry speaker, etc).
11. Color Guard members are not excused from practice or events due to parental discipline.
12. Any absence or tardy without prior sponsor approval will automatically be counted as unexcused.
13. The season begins from the selection of color guard members in the spring until tryouts the next year.
14. No profanity or inappropriate behavior at practice, games or events.
15. No cell phones used unless given permission by the coach.
16. Color Guard members are to maintain the utmost respect for themselves when using social networks such as Facebook, Snapchat, Youtube, etc.
17. Pictures posted on the internet for ANY reason should be school and age appropriate.
18. Color Guard performances may NOT be posted on the Internet without appropriate clearance from the sponsor or band director.
19. It is the responsibility of the Color Guard member to know all material and/or information that was missed when they were not present at practice. If the sponsor does not feel the color guard member is proficient with the material learned they may not be allowed to participate in the event.
20. Failure by color guard members to return forms on time will result in disciplinary action.
21. Failure to bring notes, bills, and information home to color guard parents or guardian will result in disciplinary action.
22. Each color guard member will receive a grade for the color guard class. Failure to meet all criteria set forth by the coach and the handbook will be reflected in the color guard member's grade. (GCHS)

I/We agree to abide by all the rules and regulations in the above list and George County Color Guard Handbook.

Student Initials: _____

Parent Initials: _____

Performances and Practices

Members are expected to participate in all performances and practices. This includes class, outside of school, and those scheduled over the summer. Each member will be given a copy of the attendance policies and is expected to adhere to these policies. (The policy is also available on the band website.)

Summer/Fall Schedule

Flag Camp - May (TBD)

Auxiliary Camp - July 10-14, 2017

Full Band Drill Camp - July 17-28, 2017

Color Guard Rehearsal Mondays 3-5:30pm (Football Season)

Full Band Rehearsals Tues. & Thurs. 3-5:30 pm (Football Season)

Performances See band website (<http://gcpride.weebly.com/>) or Charms.

Practice will be set for the spring and summer by the sponsor/band director. You will receive a mandatory practice schedule later on in the semester once dates have been determined. Dates are subject to change if needed by the sponsor or band directors.

These practices and Camps are REQUIRED.

After School Rehearsals – Marching Band/Color Guard

During the football and competition season, beginning with the first week of school, after school rehearsals will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:00 for Marching Band/Color Guard members during August, September, October and early November. On football game days students will need to be in the GCHS Band Hall at approximately 4:00pm – 5:00pm with an estimated time of completion between 9:30 pm-10:30 pm for home games and 11:00 pm –01:00 am for away games. Times will vary depending upon game times and travel distances and will be announced and posted each week.

Marching Band/Color Guard

Competitions will take place on three of six Saturdays in Sept/Oct/Nov. The competition days will not be known until the end of band camp or early August. Times and locations will be announced as soon as the information becomes available. Please plan your calendars for these dates to be set aside for competition purposes.

It is the tradition for the Marching Band to perform in parades each year. These will include the George County Homecoming Parade, Veteran's Day, Christmas Parade, or other events in which the band is invited.

A calendar will be available on Charms that lists all performances and their locations.

GCHS Varsity Football Schedule

Our commitment is to provide quality half-time and game-time entertainment for the entire football season.

This may include special shows for seasonal events, Homecoming, Senior Night, competitions, and yes, playoffs. Football games are generally on Friday nights with a 7:00 pm start time.

Attendance

To maintain membership in the color guard, attendance at after school rehearsals and performances is **mandatory**. Color Guard members receive grades and poor attendance may disqualify a member from earning a school letter and/or from continuing to participate. Absences from these functions will be counted as unexcused unless prior arrangements have been made in writing with the Band Director/Guard Sponsor at least one week in advance. Any unexcused absences and/or excessive excused absences may result in the disqualification of a student from earning a school letter in color guard and may result in a probationary or permanent removal from the band program and failing the class. Criteria used to determine excused/unexcused absences is the same used by George County High School's established attendance guidelines and the GCHS Band Handbook. If an emergency should arise which would cause tardiness or absence from a rehearsal or performance, you should make every attempt to notify the director(s) of the situation as soon as possible. In general we are very judicious (stingy!) about allowing students to miss performances – for any reason. Because Band is a performance oriented class, it is virtually impossible to “make up” a missed performance.

Grading

Because this activity generally requires students to participate in extra rehearsals and performances beyond the school day, as such a student's grade is directly linked to attendance at these functions.

Band Camp – Marching Band & Color Guard Only

The weeks of summer band camp are a vital part of the marching band. Students work long hours and days in rehearsal learning to march and perform as well as begin to learn the performance shows for the season. Attendance at band camp for MB & CG members is required. Students that do not attend Band Camp will not be able to maintain their position with the team.

Band Calendar

Information regarding all events can be found on Charms and is updated regularly. Also, a calendar of events and the summer band camp schedule is published and updated regularly via the band website.

Color Guard Handbook

An official handbook will be given to all students and parents at the parent meeting on Feb. 09, 2017. The handbook will contain all of the information given in this tryout packet and more. It is imperative that you and your child read through the handbook together to be aware of what is required of both parent and student.

Cost/Fees

There are costs associated with membership for which each member is accountable. The following is a list of the items and the approximate expenses that may be incurred during the season. Keep in mind these are estimates and prices may vary. Fundraisers will be available to help pay these costs.

Estimated Costs	
Band Participation Fee	\$50
Choreography	\$200
Gloves	\$20
Guard Bags	\$40
Guard Gear	\$75
Guard Quarter Zip	\$40
Guard Warm-Up	\$110
Poms	\$20
Practice Flag	\$25
Shoes	\$45
Uniform	\$250
Color Guard Dues: \$875	

Important Note: Fittings for Color Guard will be after try-outs are complete. Date will be announced as soon as it has been scheduled.

The following is the payment schedule for the 2017-2018 team.

1st - \$175- March 10, 2017

2nd - \$175- April

3rd - \$175- May

4th - \$175- June

5th - Remaining Balance- July

Checks (payable to GCHSCG) or cash

Members that have dues outstanding will not be allowed to audition or register for subsequent seasons until they are up to date or paid in full.

If you quit for any reason, there will **NOT** be a refund, due to our funds going through the school accounts.

Those needing an alternate payment plan should contact the Ms. West.

The coach may make alterations to these financial and procedural guidelines as necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM- GCHS

Parent/Guardian

I have read the letter to parents and the rules and regulations and I agree that my child will follow the rules and regulations set forth in this mentioned packet. I understand the approximate financial obligations and the time that is involved for my child. I agree that my child will attend the appropriate camps and training- a requirement for color guard members. I give my full consent for my child to try out and if elected, to participate in all color guard activities at GCHS. I agree that a parent or guardian will attend the pre-tryout parent meeting on Thursday, February 09th. I also understand that activities for the 2017-2018 year will begin shortly after tryouts. The first deposit of \$175 will be due immediately after Winter Break on Friday, March 10th, 2017.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Address

_____ Phone

Applicant

I am aware of the time demands involved to prepare for the tryouts and will be at each clinic session. I have read the rules and regulations in this packet and agree to abide by them. If selected, I agree to make color guard a priority. I understand that it is a group sport and all participants are required for productive practices and performances.

_____ Applicant Signature

_____ Date

List other GCHS sports played or considering: _____

List extra-curricular activities in which you are actively involved:

Please list your class schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. Include class and teacher.

1st semester

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____
4th _____
5th _____
6th _____
7th _____

2nd semester

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____
4th _____
5th _____
6th _____
7th _____

The "Pride" of George County Organizations Publicity Release

School Year: 2017-2018

The George County Schools' color guard members work extremely hard throughout the year, and it is important that they be recognized for their effort and accomplishments. One way that is done is to submit articles and photographs to local newspapers to keep the community informed about their activities. Another is to post the information on the internet on selected web sites. Photographs submitted to local newspapers include identifying information, but photographs posted on internet sites only include group photographs identifying the group as George County Color Guard.

This release authorizes the directors/school to release information and photographs pertaining to the accomplishments of the George County Color Guard to newspapers, event organizers, and internet organizations that have been reviewed and approved by the directors. As stated above, individual names will only be released to local newspapers and will not be provided to web based sites.

I give permission to release photographs and information that pertain to the George County Color Guard members according to the guidelines above. This form will cover the summer before/after the school year listed above.

Color Guard Member

Parent/Guardian

Date

Auxiliary Membership/Behavior Contract

2017-2018 School Year

Members of the George County High School Color Guard Program are held to a higher standard of conduct than the general student population. In addition to their personal responsibility, they also represent both the school and the community. All Band activities are considered school functions. I understand that any violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a Discipline Referral may result in suspension from all Band performances for an indeterminate length of time and possible dismissal from the performing group. These offences include but are not limited to: Truancy/Skipping, Inappropriate Clothing, Off-Limits, Tardiness, Cell Phone/Electronics, Bus Infraction, Fighting, Disruptive Behavior, Disrespectful, Willful Disobedience, Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco, Extortion, Profanity, Stealing, and Plagiarism/Cheating.

I have read the information for membership in the Rebel Pride Color Guard. (This includes the Color Guard Expectations and Obligations, Band Rehearsal/Performance Attendance & Grading Policy, and the Behavior Contract Information above.)

I will abide by all band policies.

Please Print

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

**George County High School
Color Guard
Teacher Recommendation Form**

Teachers: This student is auditioning for the George County High School Color Guard for 2017-2018. This student may be chosen to represent our school at football games, competitions and parades throughout the Region 4A area. Every teacher is being asked to evaluate this student on a CONFIDENTIAL basis. A portion of the audition score will be based upon your feedback. Your opinion is valuable to us. **Please do not return this form to the student.**

GCHS Teachers – Please return this form to Krysten West’s mailbox during the week of Feb 10.

GCMS Teachers – Please return this form to Julie Jones mailbox during the week of Feb 10.

Student: Please complete this section.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Subject/Course Name: _____

Teacher: Please complete this section.

Please rate the student on a scale from 0-5 (0 – unacceptable, 5 excellent) on the following elements:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Punctuality | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. Respect for authority | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Respectful of peers | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. Effort | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. Honesty/Integrity | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |

Would you want this student on your team? YES NO

Additional Comments (Please!):

Teacher’s Signature _____ Date: _____