

# **DECATUR CENTRAL WINTER GUARD**

## **2015-2016 Color Guard Commitment Form**

Please complete this form and return it by Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2015. This form indicates the student and parent understanding of the guidelines and expectations outlined in the handbook. We want to welcome you as a member of the 2016 Decatur Central Varsity Winter Guard and look forward to an incredible season with you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (2015/2016 School Year) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing and returning this form, the students and parents of the DCHS color guard agrees to the following:

- I have read the color guard handbook and agree to follow all guidelines therein.
- I agree to meet all financial obligations as outlined in the handbook.
- Student will be in attendance at all performances, rehearsals, or follow the appropriate guidelines for arranging an absence.
- I understand that this is a commitment, and that the administration, staff and students are relying on this commitment to reach our goals of excellence as a team. Students who drop from the program or are dismissed from the group will be liable for the entire fee associated with this group.
- Students agree to maintain their academic workload so that they remain eligible to participate in the winter guard.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Email

*Being a part of this program is so much more than learning how to spin a flag or dance a combination. To be a part of this program is to be a part of something much bigger. We are a team and if one person falls behind on any of these previous listed requirements, we all fall behind. It is a commitment that will teach far more than color guard. The students will take with them a variety of life lessons that far exceed spinning anything.*

Welcome and congratulations on making the 2015-2016 Decatur Central Scholastic A Winter Guard! This season the winter guard will be comprised of 16 young ladies that have marched the 2015 Fall season as a color guard member. These girls have demonstrated and possess the qualities we look for and have earned their place in this incredibly special season. I cannot begin to describe my excitement for what these girls are capable of and the for the season I see ahead of us. This is going to be a very special year and a very special show no doubt. We will be competing in the Scholastic A category. This is by far the most competitive classes to perform in and we should be very excited at this fact. Indiana alone is one of the most competitive states in this class and for this reason I am extremely excited to take these students to a number of competitions on both a state and national level.

Where will we be competing?

The A class color guard will be competing in **5** IHSCGA events. We will also be attending **2** WGI events. The events in order go as followed:

January 30<sup>th</sup> - Danville High School

February 13<sup>th</sup> - Brownsburg High School

February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - **WGI Indianapolis Regional** (2-day event/3 performances)

Prelims and Semi finals - Hamilton South Eastern

February 27<sup>th</sup>- Northview High School

March 5<sup>th</sup> - IHSCGA State Prelims Decatur Central

March 12<sup>th</sup> - IHSCGA State Finals Center Grove

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> **WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**- Dayton Ohio

(will depart for Dayton Ohio on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>)

**We will be rehearsing and staying as a group in Dayton. Our hotel details will be disclosed as we near that date. More information to come!!!**

We have:

4 rooms for members, 4 rooms for parents, 2 rooms for added help, 2 rooms for staff

The cost of this for a 3 night stay will ROUGHLY be \$100.00.

This is **NOT** included in fees and should be noted as an added expense .

## **Schedule**

Attached at the back of this packet is our full 2015-2016 Winter Guard schedule. In any event of confusion with online emails regarding rehearsal I ask that you always refer to the hard copy handed out. On the calendar is everything from our first camp, to our last show. This schedule should help in planning ahead with appointments, vacations, etc. If you have ANY schedule conflicts that would prevent you from attending a rehearsal it is crucial that the parents or guardian contact me ASAP with all concerning dates.

***Please try to schedule ALL appointments and vacations around rehearsal times.***

***IF YOU MISS REHEARSAL, FOR ANY REASON, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE UP ALL MATERIAL BEFORE THE NEXT REHEARSAL. This is the individual's responsibility!***

## **Absentees**

Winter Guard is a team sport. It is extremely important that all members attend all rehearsals to ensure the success of the entire group this season. Please bring doctors notes or parents send emails to Meghan in the event of an absence or any schedule conflicts that you know of ahead of time.

### **Excused Absences:**

School testing SAT/ACT

School Performance

Family emergency

Fever/Contagious

### **NON Excused Absences:**

Have a head ache/Not feeling well

No ride

Forgot

Minor injury

Bad day

The object (much like school) is to achieve perfect attendance so that all material is current and there is never an opportunity to fall behind in any aspect of the show. This past fall the color guard had the best attendance, a recognition I am incredibly proud of and would love to keep the trend going. It is all thanks to the parents and committed students.

### **Injuries**

Being in winter guard is or any physical activity can put strain on the body and injuries can occur. If your daughter is injured beyond the normal bumps and bruises, please make sure that you communicate this to Meghan and Mr. Cox ASAP. **Please have your daughter bring in any doctors notes that will help explain treatment/injury.**

**Reminder:** If your daughter has an injured finger, she can still march her drill and practice her dancing. If she has an injured toe, she can still spin with her hands. We need everyone to attend all rehearsals even if they cannot participate 100%. At the very least they can sit on the sideline and listen to rehearsal---valuable information.

If she is contagious---PLEASE keep her home! ☺

### **Guard Class**

We ask that all members of the winter guard join in the 8th period class for the 2016 spring semester. This class will act as an extra hour of precious rehearsal time. Here we will work on movement and technique skills that are imperative to our overall success in A class. Class will run into after school rehearsal on Tuesdays and Thursdays (with a quick snack break) so planning is a must.

We are currently working on transportation for those 8th graders interested in attending ALL classes during the week. Ideally they would be confirmed to ride the HIGH SCHOOL busses home. We will keep you posted on progress. Until then, they are only required to join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays when rehearsal immediately follows.

**What is the cost for the Scholastic A guard?**

The total cost for this year's winter guard is \$400.00. The cost will be broken into 4 even instalments. All payment deadlines fall on the second Friday of each month from December through March. If making a payment becomes an issue, please contact Mr. Cox and myself IMMEDIATELY. These issues can usually be resolved so long as there is a fluid communication process. Lack of communication will only create more issues.

**2015-2016 Payment Schedule for Scholastic A Winter Guard**

**Total: \$400.00**

December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 (Friday) - \$100.00 Membership Fee

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Friday)- \$100.00 Membership Fee

February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Friday)- \$100.00 Membership Fee

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Friday)-\$100.00 Final Membership Fee

**What do my fees cover?**

To put it into a bit of perspective here is a list of general expenses for the 2016 Winter Guard production.

*Flags \$1800*

*Uniforms \$3300*

*Tarp/props \$3000*

*Paint/supplies \$700*

*Equipment maintenance \$1000*

*Show Makeup \$200*

**For a total of an estimated \$10,000**

If we were to divide the number of students, 16 by the amount of money \$10,000 we would have fees close to \$625.00. Notice the cost of staff, music cuts, choreography as well as competition fees are not listed above. All of the money collected in fees goes towards all that you see listed above. Decatur is very fortunate in the fact that we have

one of the lowest membership fees in the entire state. Most groups are paying anywhere from \$800.00-\$1000.00. Let's try to keep it this way by making sure to consistently contribute our dues in a timely manner.

### **Fundraising**

We are currently in search of a few fun and enticing fundraisers to help cover the total cost of winter guard. It will be mandatory that each member meet a quota for each fundraiser or must pay the difference. Obviously this is an amazing opportunity to help take the financial load off of you and allows our child to take a bit of the dues into their own hands. A few ideas that have been passed around (but not yet finalized) are:

- Chocolate bars (EVERYONE LOVES THIS)
- Pizza fundraiser - we participated in this fundraiser and made approximately \$700.00 for the A guard alone.
- Pasta Sale
- Braided Buns (another favorite)
- Coffee (based out of Bloomington)
- Fundraiser dinner: Fazolies, Applebee's, City BarBQ

Just to name a few. If you know of any AWESOME fundraisers that you have done or have contributed to in the past, please feel free to forward me the information! The more fundraising we do the less your bank account has to do!

**More information to soon follow!!!**

#### **Additional costs NOT covered in Fees:**

- Proper dance attire for rehearsals- i.e. sports bras (requirement), spandex tops and bottoms (preferably black) generally form fitting clothes.
- NUDE seamless under garments for performances. This is a must as the uniforms can be a bit transparent when wearing colors other than nude.
- Body tights- nude. Not mandatory as we have unitards to lend out, just strongly suggested.
- Extra gloves should something happen to the first pair of gloves.
- Hair products for styling the show look. Hair spray, bobby pins, hair ties, combs, etc.
- Rifles from designsbykying.com should your daughter make a rifle line.
- A pitch in item for the guard box i.e. band aids, hand sanitizer, feminine products etc

- A PAIR OF BLACK FLIP FLOPS This is an absolute must as we near our competition season. We will be wearing these during competition. It is important that we look the same while transiting throughout the hallways at shows. We want to look like a team/unit. Create OUR OWN image and it starts with the little details.
- Hotel Room for WGI

Speaking of little details....

### **2016 SHOW SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE SOON!**

Show shirt design ideas are currently being solidified. They will be available for order by the end of December!!! There will be a handout with image soon!!

The price could range anywhere from \$12-\$24

We are working hard to perfect this show shirt and cannot wait to share it with you!



## Contact Information

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## Color Guard Social Media Information

Instagram- @decaturcentralguard

Facebook Page (members only)- Decatur Central Winter Guard 2016

Facebook Page (Parents only)- 2016 DCWG parents

\*We will use our member/parent page almost daily to communicate a vast amount of information pertaining to the day/rehearsal ahead. Reminders and videos are often posted. It is incredibly beneficial if your daughter has access to this tool we use.

If this is not an option for your daughter, we do ask that you please join the parent page in order to receive all the valuable information shared. It will be incredibly difficult to stay up to date if you or the member are not on one or both of the pages.

### ***IMPORTANT!!!***

I do ask that we are very smart about what we post on social media at all times.

We are always representing Decatur Central High School and we want to do this at the highest level possible. If there is nothing nice to be said, let's not post it.

We also want to remain private with our show, flags, uniforms, tarp, props, choreography, and overall production until we have debuted our 2016 show at the Danville Invitational. Once we have debuted feel free to flood social media with POSITIVE pictures and posts!!! ☺

Also please check out our website [dchsbands.org](http://dchsbands.org) for added information.

*Please feel free to stop by any of our band booster meetings on the first Thursday of every month! The more minds working together to make this thing happen the better it will be for the students!*



