

2023-2024

TARPON MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTERGUARD

TARPON SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTERGUARD
2012 STATE CHAMPS CLASS B
2014 STATE CHAMPS CLASS AAA
2015 STATE FINALISTS NATIONAL DIVISION A
2016 WGI REGIONAL BRONZE MEDALISTS
2017 WGI REGIONAL SILVER MEDALISTS
2018 STATE CHAMPS CLASS AAA
2019 STATE SILVER MEDALISTS CLASS AA
2022 STATE SILVER MEDALISTS CLASS REGIONAL A



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THIS COULD BE YOU!!!!



WHAT IS WINTERGUARD

Winterguard is the use of flags, sabres, mock rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance and other interpretive movement. Winter color guards can be found in high schools, middle schools, universities, and other independent organizations, some of which are related to drum corps. There are two levels of classification: Independent and Scholastic. Independent groups are self-organized and funded, sometimes they are an extension of a college program. Scholastic ensembles are programs that compete on behalf of their school. For both Independent and Scholastic classes, WGI (Winterguard International) and FFCC Florida federation of Colorguards. offers competitive divisions of A Class, Open Class and World Class. This will allow ensembles to compete and be compared with other groups at a similar skill level. Ensembles in A Class use a beginners skill set, Open Class has an intermediate skill set and World Class an advanced skill set. The Independent World Class has no age limit. Founded in 1977, WGI Sport of the Arts has grown to include nearly 1,000 color guards competing with WGI. Winter Guard now exists in Africa, Belgium, Canada, England, Germany, Holland, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand and the United States. The FFCC and WGI competitive season begins in January and finishes in April at the Color Guard World Championships.

Links for you to View:

<https://youtu.be/KYImBwPRIZs>
https://youtu.be/zlRT_7mek98
<https://youtu.be/DqkldvXGQjk>
<https://youtu.be/4oRBY9DsGkE>
<https://youtu.be/nd32Qzn6kHw>
<https://youtu.be/FsFEpyF09xw>
<https://youtu.be/hHCjdpJWJzc>
<https://youtu.be/7FJqC72leHE>
<https://youtu.be/elPYaUd3ERI>



MEET THE STAFF



JEANNINE FORD

Director of Colorguards Tarpon High School/Middle School

Director of color guards at The Tarpon Springs High School Leadership Conservatory for the Arts for the past 28 years. The responsibilities include directing the marching band color guard as well as the WGI World Class Winter Guard and A Class programs. The Tarpon Springs Color Guard has received many district, regional, and national accolades. In 2014, the Tarpon Springs World Guard was crowned the WGI Scholastic World Champions in 2014 and again most recently in 2016.



TRACEY NETTLER

Director Of Tarpon Middle Winter Guard

Tracey has been the director and choreographer for Tarpon Springs Middle School for the past 6 years. During that time, the middle school program has been a 3-time medalist at State Championships. She has been a choreographer and technician for many programs over the last 16 years. Tracey was also a member and 2-time captain of the Tarpon Springs High School Leadership Conservatory. Tracey was a performer in many prestigious programs including The Knights Winterguard, Mayflower Winterguard, The Cadets, The Bluecoats, and The Blue Stars.



SAM INGRAM

Director of Dance

Sam Ingram is a dance artist and educator at Tarpon Springs High School Leadership Conservatory for the Arts and Tarpon Middle School. Sam Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance from Texas Woman's University and is currently pursuing a Masters in Education. Sam has performed with several successful colorguards as well as designed and choreographed for many colorguard and winterguard programs throughout the U.S.



TYLER EDRINGTON

Production/Show Designer

Tyler currently resides in Tampa, FL with his wife, Molly, where he is a choreographer and instructor for Tarpon Springs High School. Tyler is also a designer and choreographer for many prestigious independent and scholastic color guard programs including Paramount Winter Guard, University of South Florida Winter Guard, East Coweta, Desert Vista, Pope, Signal Mountain, Chantilly, River Bluff and Burleson-Centennial High School.



WHAT WE VALUE

TEAM WORK

Teamwork makes what's impossible to do alone possible!! Talent may get lucky, but teamwork is built to win. A team that works together, stays together and finds greatness together. Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved!!

LEADERSHIP

True Leaders always practice the three R's:

Respect for self

Respect for others

Responsibility for their actions

WORK ETHIC

Work ethic is the set of moral values and principles people use in daily life. People that have strong work ethics are more productive and consistent in their role on the team. That, in turn, aids in personal as well as TEAM growth.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER??

AUDITIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Auditions will be held September 19th-21st (Tuesday -Thursday). They will be from 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the TSMS Cafeteria. We will work with the students from the level they are at (you DO NOT need to know ANYTHING.) You will learn a SIMPLE routine (flag and movement), and basic technical skills.

IT IS CRITICAL THAT STUDENTS ATTEND ALL DAYS OF THE TRY-OUTS TO BE ABLE TO LEARN THE ROUTINE!

So what if I become a member of the Tarpon Springs Middle School Winter Guard?

Then the fun begins! The great majority of our rehearsals are on Wednesdays and select Fridays from 4:30pm-8:30pm. There are multiple parent performances on Friday evenings also prior to Saturday Competitions.... as well as a camp in November and December.

****TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GUARD, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES! IF YOU HAVE CONFLICTS WITH REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS AND SELECT FRIDAYS- OR ANY CAMP/PERFORMANCES, THEN PLEASE DO NOT ACCEPT A SPOT- AS YOU WILL BE TAKING IT AWAY FROM SOMEONE WHO CAN BE THERE!**

Check your calendar NOW!

In this booklet, you will find a schedule of events, please cross check with vacations and important events before allowing your son/daughter to audition. Our competition season is from mid-January to the end of March.

Again, please make sure you can be there! If we have holes (people who are not there), it affects the entire guard's performance!!!



WHAT TO WEAR TO AUDITIONS:

Choose from the several options listened below:

- 1.Sports bra with leotard, shorts/capris, nude tights or leggings.
- 2.Sports bra with leotard, jazz pants.
- 3.Tank/t-shirt, jazz pants.
- 4.Tank/t-shirt, shorts/capris, nude tights or leggings.

Please wear clothing with no writing. We want to look like a professional dance company. Please make sure clothing is form form fitting (no baggy shirts or pants)
This is to help with dance training and proper leg lines and posture.

Once a part of the team, you will wear this attire (all black) every practice

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Tentative schedule:

Jan 20th– FFCC Premiere - Strawberry Crest

Feb 10th – FCC Durant High School

Feb. 17 – FFCC Plant City

Feb 24th - FFCC Braden River

March 9th – FFCC Riverview

March 16th – FFCC Countryside/Seminole

March 28th - 30th FFCC Championships @ Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL

2023-2024 - FFCC Championships. More details will be given as the season progresses. Transportation to and from Daytona is the parents responsibility as well as accommodations. Plan accordingly.

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The way to achieve your own
success is to be willing to help
somebody else get it first."

Iyanla Vanzant



FEES FOR THE SEASON

THE FEES WE CHARGE FOR THE WINTERGUARD GO TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Guard Instruction, Show Design, 1 Practice Flag Pole and 1 Practice Flag Silk, FFCC Dues (contest/membership fees) + Daytona, WGI Dues (contest/membership fees), Rifle (dependent on year), Show Silks/Props, Body Stocking or Tights, Gloves, Themed Shirt, Supplies (tape, paint, bolts/tips, etc.)

Our fees this year are \$525.00 for the season. If you wish, you may break the fee into three payments, or monthly (Oct-Feb):

THREE PAYMENT PLAN

FIRST PAYMENT DUE AT FIRST PRACTICE- October 5th: \$200

SECOND PAYMENT DUE BY- November 2nd: \$200

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY- January 11th: \$200

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN (October thru February only)

FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE FIRST PRACTICE- October 2nd: \$120

THEN THE FIRST PRACTICE OF EACH MONTH \$120

DISCOUNTED TOTAL IF YOU PAY IN FULL BY THE FIRST PRACTICE- \$500

OTHER COSTS:

UNIFORM: ALL members will be required to buy the uniform (this will be decided after the show design is chosen.) I have asked that this cost be held down as low as possible. We usually pay for these in January (not included in fees.) Typically; \$100-\$120. We order these ASAP. If you son/daughter decides to quit pre-season, you will be financially responsible.

YOUR UNIFORM FEE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE FEES!!!!!!!!!!

MAKE ALL PAYMENTS OUT TO THE:

TARPON SPRINGS BAND BOOSTERS-

All payments need to be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name, date, and amount. Label the check on the "for" line "TSMS Guard student's name."

or Zelle

Treasurer@tarponspringsband.com

FUNDRAISERS

INFORMATION

Learn more about fundraising opportunities throughout the season and at the parent meeting on Oct. 5th. If you have any fundraising idea, please mention at the parent meeting.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We hope to have enough parent involvement to help carpool to competitions on Saturdays. Parents will also be responsible for driving their child to Daytona Beach for State Championships. An overnight stay may be needed so please start preparing for Hotel accommodations now.

Donations of water and snacks for competitions

Prop Team help

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We need your support!!!!
Please contact Tricia Kane at :
727/214-7511
or email at:
triciakanetsbb@gmail.com

TSMS WINTERGUARD

INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY (ESPECIALLY EMAIL ADDRESSES)

STUDENT'S CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____ PARENT'S CELL PHONE #: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ WORK PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ FL, ZIP: _____

PARENT'S NAME(S): _____

PARENT'S EMAIL(S): _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL: _____

PRIOR DANCE/GYMNASTICS EXPERIENCE: (NOT REQUIRED, PLEASE LIST IF YOU DO HAVE ANY)

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ OTHER PHONE NUMBER: _____

SECOND EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ OTHER PHONE NUMBER: _____

- ☐ I HAVE NO KNOWN ALLERGIES. ☐ I HAVE AN ALLERGY TO THE FOLLOWING FOOD(S): _____
- ☐ I'M ALLERGIC TO THE FOLLOWING MEDICATION AND/OR SUBSTANCE(S): _____
- ☐ I HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION(S): _____
- ☐ I TAKE THE FOLLOWING MEDICATION*: _____

*STAFF WILL NOT ADMINISTER MEDICATION, EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY, UNLESS WE HAVE EXPLICIT PERMISSION FROM PARENTS.

THIS FORM IS DUE SEPTEMBER 20TH



TSMS WINTERGUARD

2022-2023 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED INFORMATION AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

ATTEND ALL PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES IF CHOSEN FOR THE WINTERGUARD TEAM.

PAY FEES OR HELP TO OFFSET FEES WITH FUNDRAISERS (PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED IN ALL FUNDRAISERS IF MEMBERS ARE BEHIND IN FEES.

LACK OF EFFORT IS REASON FOR DISMISSAL.)

KEEP MY GRADES AT LEAST A C AVERAGE OR ABOVE.

HAVE GOOD BEHAVIOR IN ALL MY CLASSES.

BRING ANY PROBLEMS OR ISSUES TO THE STAFF BEFORE CONFLICTS ARISE.

BRING A COPY OF A CURRENT PHYSICAL TO AUDITIONS ALONG WITH THE ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM.

BRING A COPY OF PROOF OF SCHOOL INSURANCE PURCHASE.

MY PARENTS UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HAPPEN, THAT THERE IS A VERY STRICT REFUND POLICY & VOIDING OUT FUTURE YEARS OF AUDITIONING (DETAILS HANDED OUT AFTER THE TEAM IS ANNOUNCED) 1. I QUIT THE TEAM. 2. MY PARENTS REMOVED ME FROM THE TEAM. 3. I'M REMOVED BY THE DIRECTOR FOR DISCIPLINE ISSUES AND/OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. 4. NOT ABIDING BY THE ABOVE

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY UNIFORM PAYMENT IS SEPARATE FROM THE \$525.00 WINTERGUARD

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

AUDITION QUESTIONS

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ☐ IN DANCE CLASS AT TSMS
- ☐ IN BAND AT TSMS
- ☐ IN ORCHESTRA AT TSMS
- ☐ IN CHORUS AS TSMS
- ☐ IN SHOW CHOIR AT TSMS

LIST ANY AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WITH THE DAYS OF THE WEEK/TIME YOU ATTEND:

CHECK IF YOUR SPORTS PHYSICAL IS IN THE OFFICE (I.E. YOU WENT TO VOLLEYBALL TRY-OUTS) ☐

CHECK IF YOUR SCHOOL INSURANCE PROOF OF PURCHASE IS IN THE OFFICE? ☐

THIS FORM IS DUE SEPTEMBER 20TH

SINCE THE STUDENT CAN SEE THIS FORM, YOU ARE WELCOME TO EMAILFORDJEA@PCSB.ORG IF YOU NEED TO ADDRESS ISSUES IN YOUR CLASSROOM. THE MORE FEEDBACK THE BETTER! AGAIN, YOUR HONEST RESPONSE IS APPRECIATED.

WHAT WE LOVE: ORGANIZED STUDENTS, GREAT ATTENDANCE RECORD, POLITE AND WELL-ROUNDED STUDENTS!

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING RATING SCALE:

5- EXCELLENT STUDENT, DEMONSTRATES RESPONSIBILITY, GREAT WORK ETHIC, IS RELIABLE

4- GOOD STUDENT, DEMONSTRATES RESPONSIBILITY, GOOD WORK ETHIC, IS RELIABLE

3- AVERAGE STUDENT, DEMONSTRATES OCCASIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AVERAGE WORK ETHIC AND RELIABILITY

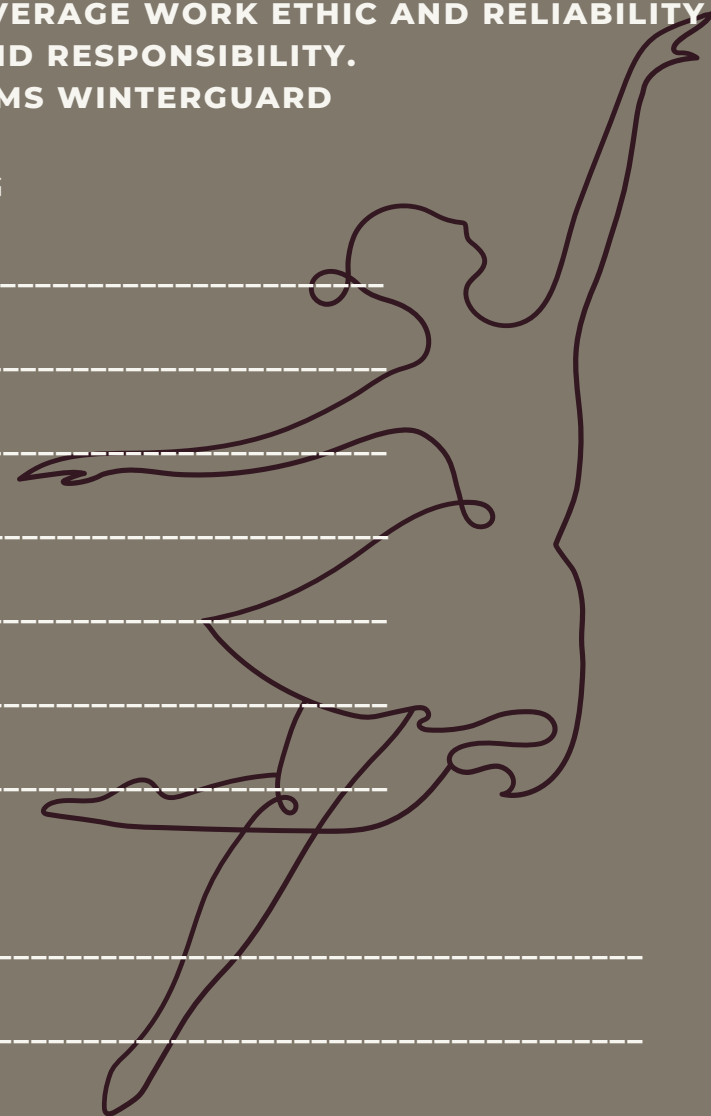
2- STUDENT HAS DIFFICULTY WITH DEPENDABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

1- I CANNOT RECOMMEND THIS STUDENT FOR THE TSMS WINTERGUARD

PERIOD CLASS TEACHER RATING

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
6	_____
7	_____

GENERAL COMMENTS:



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**THIS COULD BE
YOU!!!!!!**

JOIN TODAY!!!!!!