

2011-2012 Stratford Winter Guard Schedule

News from the Texas Color Guard Circuit:

The TCGC has approved a restructuring for the Scholastic AAA, AA, and A classifications. They have regrouped the A classes into two new classes: Scholastic A and Scholastic National A. The only difference between these two classes is that units in SNA compete at WGI national events such as a WGI regional or WGI Championships. This year we will be competing in Scholastic Regional A, which is one level below Scholastic A. I feel that this classification is the appropriate level for this team, and we should see a more appropriate level of competition.

Practice Schedule:

We will receive a more detailed practice schedule next week. Beginning on November 7th, we will have winter guard practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-7:00pm in the Rubber Gym. In addition to our afternoon practices, we will have some Saturday rehearsals to prepare for our competitions. Please place these dates in your calendar now to avoid any conflicts!

November: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 28, 30

December: 5, 7

January: 4, 9, 11, 16(school holiday), 18, 23, 25, 30

February: 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20(another holiday), 22, 27, 29

March: 5, 7, 19, 21, 26, 28, 30

***Saturday Rehearsals (1-5pm): Dec. 10, Jan. 7, Jan. 14**

Floor Painting:

During the winter break, we will take one day to paint the design on our floor covering. The "Floor" is our stage and sets the mood for the entire show. After the floor has 48 hours to dry, we will lightly sprinkle to floor with baby powder and fold it so it is ready for the next rehearsal. If you are in town on floor painting day or on floor folding day, we are expected to be at school helping. The more volunteers we have to help paint, the faster it will go.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th – Floor Painting Day, 8am-4pm (Lunch provided)

Thursday, Dec. 29th – Floor Folding Day, 2-4pm

Performance Schedule:

Please block out the entire day for contest performances. We do not receive a finalized schedule until the week before the contest. On Championship weekend, we will be at Texas State for the entire day, from early in the morning until late at night.

Wednesday, January 18 – Dress Rehearsal Performance, Stratford Rubber Gym – 6pm

Saturday, January 21st – TCGC Contest, Cypress Woods High School – all day

Saturday, February 18th – TCGC Contest, Clear Springs High School – all day

Saturday, March 3rd – Winter Guard International Houston Regional – as spectators only

Saturday, March 24th – TCGC Contest, College Park High School – all day

Friday, March 30th – Friends & Family Performance, Stratford Competition Gym – 7pm

March 31st OR April 1st – TCGC Championships, Texas State University (San Marcos) – all day

2011-2012 Winter Guard Fees

As you may already know, the winter color guard competition season is funded 100% by the students. Based on the projections for our group fund-raisers this coming year, the activity fee for the Stratford Winter Guard will be \$600. I have scheduled six payments of \$100 throughout the school year. These payments may be funded through any student fundraiser that is offered through the color guard or through the band booster student fundraisers. It is possible to raise more than 50% of these payments strictly through student fundraisers. *Due to budget constraints, I can only offer a very limited number of partial scholarships for these fees on a first come, first served basis. Please contact me if you have any questions at suzanne.thompson@springbranchisd.com or 713-251-3422.

Schedule of Payments

September 19th - \$100 due
October 18th - \$100 due
November 17th - \$100 due
January 19th - \$100 due
February 21st - \$100 due
March 21st - \$100 due

Student Fundraisers

August 13th – Spin-a-thon
August – Entertainment Books, Sally Foster sales – Band Boosters
October 1st – Fall Car Wash – each student is required to sell 10 tickets (\$50 total)
October/November – Cookie Dough sales – Band Boosters
December 1st – Silent Auction – gift baskets organized by guard parents
May 5th – Spring Car Wash – each student is required to sell 10 tickets (\$50 total)

Group Fundraisers

Golf Tournament and Raffle
Smoothie King sales at lunch every Wednesday
Donations given at car wash

Stratford Winter Guard Acknowledgement Form

We have received and read the “2011-2012 Stratford Winter Guard Schedule.” We have written these dates in our home calendars in order to avoid any conflicts. We understand that all performance dates are required and cannot be missed for any reason other than illness.

In addition, we have received the “2011-2012 Winter Guard Fees” which outlines the schedule of payments for all winter guard fees. We understand that it is our responsibility to make on-time payments by the due dates listed. ***We also understand that failure to make on-time payments may result in a \$20 late fee. *If we need to make payment arrangements, we will contact Mrs. Thompson in advance of the due date.***

If we have any questions about these documents, we will contact Mrs. Thompson as soon as possible to resolve any conflicts or issues.

****This form is due no later than Friday, September 2nd.***

Student Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____