

# Millard North Color Guard

## Expectations

### 2010-2011

#### Rehearsal Expectations:

1. Be on time, and we will be able end on time. Most evening practices will run from 4-7 or 6-9. Please arrive with enough time to get your equipment out and use the restroom/get a drink, so that we can start on the hour. (The same goes for morning rehearsals, band/guard camp, and all other practices and performances that we will have) Bring a snack, or meal that can sit out and doesn't need to be refrigerated, or heated if you are going to eat during practice. You will be able to eat during breaks, and before and after practice – only.
2. We will take breaks during rehearsals! When you leave rehearsal you are missing important information, so please make sure you use the restroom and get a drink before rehearsals, during our breaks and after rehearsals, so that you won't need to leave while we are practicing.
3. When we are practicing please wear:
  - Appropriate clothing! (T-shirts – long and short sleeved, tank tops - that are appropriate to wear in school, shorts - of appropriate length and material, and pants/Capri's – that are made of stretchy and non-constricting material... are all appropriate!) ☺ Please do not wear jean or khaki pants, as they will stunt your movement!
  - Shoes! (Please do not practice bare foot or in socks) You will need close toed shoes! **Please do not wear flip flops!** This is to protect you and your feet, as well as to assist you in doing each move the best you can.
  - (During Band Camp, Morning Rehearsals and ANY OTHER TIME YOU WILL BE MARCHING, you will need to wear gym shoes. They will need to be close toed, with a back so that they provide you with support and enable you to march!) Make sure you have these shoes with you ALWAYS, as you never know when you will have to march. These can be stored in the guard closet.
4. Food and Beverages will be allowed in our rehearsal space. We will be there from 4-7, so it is understandable that we will all get hungry! However, please make sure that anything you bring that could potentially spill has a lid on it. (Especially Soda!) In order to maintain a clean practice space and out of respect for the building, everyone will need to clean up after themselves. It will be our responsibility to leave the room as, or better than, we found it, or food and drink will no longer be allowed.
5. Water is highly recommended! Of course, I am not going to tell you what to drink, but spinning a flag is going to cause you to get hot, and therefore it will cause you to get thirsty. The best thing for us all to drink is water! This especially applies for band camp when we will all be outside for many hours of the day! ☺ Water Water Water!
6. Please turn your cell phone ringers on silent, and do not text during practice. Please save this for before practice, during breaks, or after practice!
7. Treat yourself and others with dignity and respect. Leave any non-guard related problems and gossip out of rehearsal. We get together to learn routines, practice, and have fun as a guard. If

at any time a member of our squad is unable to do this because of another member, please let me know before or after a rehearsal and we will handle it together. I want us to work together, and enjoy each other not despite, but because of all the differences we all bring to the table.

8. You are responsible for materials (Flags, rifles, uniform, shoes etc). Treat your materials with care! Along with this, when in uniform please do not eat anything, chew gum, or drink anything except for water. We want to have respect for our uniforms and care for them as best we can!
9. The items you will be allowed to store in the guard closet are:
  - Shoes
  - Drill
  - Nail bag
  - Sweatshirt

These things must be kept on YOUR shelf. If I find any of these things not on your shelf or if I find anything off this list in the guard room I will throw it away or turn it in to the band lost and found. We want to keep the space we have clean ☺

#### **Attendance:**

- If you need to miss a rehearsal or performance, and you know about it ahead of time, PLEASE give me a note that has your name on it, and when you will be gone. I understand that many of you will be leaving on vacations this summer! Please just let me know about it in advance and find someone who can catch you up on what you missed prior to our next practice if possible! (As I mentioned, please write this down, as there is a good chance I will forget something if you only mention it to me!☺)
- If you are ill or another emergency has come up that prevents you from attending a rehearsal or performance, please call me as soon as you can. (Do not text me – to inform me of an absence). If I do not answer the phone, please make sure you leave me a message notifying me of your absence. **Remember:** Homework and tests are not excusable reasons for missing rehearsals. You know that every Tuesday you have practice from 4-7, so make sure you plan your studying and homework completions around this time.
- I will be notified of all your absences at morning rehearsals as well. It is equally important to be at morning rehearsals.
- After three absences of any type of rehearsal, your position on the team will be reviewed. (This does not mean you will be kicked off - This just means that you and I will need to sit down and talk to come up with a plan to ensure your attendance.)
- Just remember that when you miss a practice, it affects the entire team and not just you. We want to do our best to support one another, memorize our routines and practice until we are uniform. It will take each and every one of us to work together as a team, in order to reach our goals - That means we need everyone, all the time.
- Please remember to keep in contact with me - If you can't make it, please please please call me and let me know. It is absolutely always okay to call me for any reason, my phone is always on - If I am unable to answer my phone I promise to call you back as soon as I can.

## **Grading**

Your attendance and mastery of all routines and drill are a part of your band class grade. I submit your attendance and the percentage of work that you have mastered to the band directors and they calculate it into your grade. If you would like additional information on how this grading scale will work, please contact me.

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(Password – millardnorthcolorguard)

I plan on having a fun and successful season and hope that all of you do as well! I am very excited about working with and getting to know all of you. Please feel free to contact me if you or your parents have any questions or concerns! ☺

# Summer Band Schedule

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Tuesday, June 28th Color Guard & Drum Line Rehearsal (6:00 – 9:00PM)

Band Rehearsal (**Varsity only: 10 – 12**)

**6:00 – 7:30** Brass Sectional

**7:30 – 9:00** Woodwind Sectional

Tuesday, July 5 Color Guard Rehearsal (4:00 – 7:00)

Drum Line Rehearsal (6:00 – 9:00PM)

Band Rehearsal (**Varsity only: 10 – 12**)

**6:00 p.m.** – Flute, Trumpet, French horn

**7:00 p.m.** – Clarinet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba

**8:00 p.m.** – Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Bass  
Clarinet

Tuesday, July 12 Color Guard Rehearsal (4:00-7:00)

Drumline Rehearsal (6:00-9:00)

Band Rehearsal (**Varsity only: 10 – 12**) (6:00 – 8:00PM)

**Monday-Thursday, July 18-21 – (9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND CAMP – 8:00AM – NOON)**

Tuesday, July 19 NO EVENING REHEARSAL (COLOR GUARD/DRUM LINE/BAND)

**Friday, July 22 Band Camp for all band students (9 – 12) (8:00AM – 4:00PM)**

**3:00PM (Varsity Gold Card Sales Begin)**

**MNHS Band Pool party (Time: TBA)**

**Monday – Friday, July 25 – July 29 (VARSITY BAND CAMP – 8:00AM – 4:00PM)**

Tuesday, August 2 Band Rehearsal (**varsity marching band – 6:00 – 8:30PM**)

Thursday, August 4 Band Rehearsal (**varsity marching band – 6:00 – 8:30PM**)

**Wednesday, August 10 – First day of school!**

# Potential Q's and A's

1. Is Color Guard a class?
  - No, it in itself is not, nor is it a “club” or “extracurricular activity” alone. The color guard marches along with the marching band. Because of this, you are enrolled in band for first period in the fall. This means that all the work you put in will result in a grade and credits. Once marching band is over, you will join concert band and play your instrument. If you do not play an instrument, you will continue taking Band as a class – and will do some music theory projects with Mr. Rathbun.
2. The band is taking a trip in the spring. Are we going with?
  - Absolutely. We will go on this trip along with the band, and march with them. This trip is open to everyone, but due to costs, it is not required. You will receive more information regarding this trip in the future. If you have questions now, please contact Mr. Rathbun, or Mrs. Keiser.
3. There is a freshman band, and a Varsity (10-12) band. I am a freshman – which band am I a part of?
  - Because you decided to audition for and were selected to be part of our color guard team this season, you are part of the Varsity band. If you were playing an instrument this year, like some of your friends, you would be in the Freshman band.
4. Can I letter in Color Guard?
  - Yes you can. This information is in the Marching Band Hand Book, which can be found on the Band website. You need to attend certain activities and rehearsals and accumulate points. If you are interested in lettering in Color Guard, find the information as soon as possible to give yourself enough time to get in all your points.
5. How do we travel to competitions, football games, parades, etc?
  - You are responsible for getting yourself to all football games, and the Millard Days Parade – on time.
  - We will travel as a band on buses to and from all other competitions.
    - If you wish to travel separately from the band, or if you will not ride the bus on either the way there or the way back – you must provide a signed note from your parent or guardian, and give it to your bus chaperone.
6. Do we perform at any indoor invents?
  - No
7. Are there any color guard only competitions during marching season?
  - No – but there are some in the winter after Marching Band is over. There is not a team associated with Millard North anymore, but there are some non-school associated teams that you can audition for. If this is something you are interested in, please contact me in October.
8. Will I wear a marching band uniform?
  - No you will not. We will have our own color guard uniform – that matches the show we are doing. You will not need to be fitted for this uniform by the band parents in the summer, we will fit you separately. You will most likely wear black jazz pants, black jazz shoes, and a tunic. This year we are getting uniforms to match our show: Cirque De Solei – so at this time I am unsure of what our uniforms will look like.
  - In addition – the band is asked to wear no makeup, and have their hair pinned up so they all look uniform. We will be wearing show makeup (much more than you will be used to wearing) and will style our hair to match our show as well. We will look similar as a guard – and that is how we will remain uniform.
9. What costs are associated with color guard?

- You will be responsible for paying for the following: Color guard polo (same as the marching band polos – but a different color), shorts for parade, black ankle socks for parade, black jazz shoes, knee-high performance socks, jazz pants, tunic, hair piece (if applicable), make-up, practice pole, practice silk, electric tape fee (\$5), crop top, and an optional color guard team t-shirt. You can expect this cost to be anywhere from \$100-\$200. We will set up payment plans with you, so that it is not all due at the same time. We will order many of these things from Bandshoppe at the same time. However certain things you will need to purchase yourself (the socks, shorts, and make-up). If you are concerned about the costs, please contact me. We can discuss some other possible options.

10. Should my parents join the band boosters group?

- That is absolutely up to your parents of course. If they decide to, they can help support both the band and the color guard in any of the activities they sign up to help with. They can also join, just to network and gain information.

11. Will we have formal pictures taken?

- Yes we will. We will have group pictures, and single pictures taken towards the end of our season by Arnold Clark. You do NOT have to purchase any of these pictures; however they are available for purchase if you wish to. You will get a complimentary 4 x 6 team photo and a keychain with a “silly” photo on it. If you wish to purchase additional pictures, you are able to see the pictures, with your families – before you commit to purchasing them. Please do everything you can to attend this photo shoot, so that our entire squad is pictured.