

Millard North High School

2021 Fall Guard Information

Fall Color Guard:

The Millard North Fall Guard is intended to give an opportunity to Millard North students who wish to develop color guard skills and compete against other area schools. They will participate in several competitions each year. The goal of fall color guard is to visually represent what the wind and percussion members are playing.

Membership:

Membership is limited to those who are enrolled at Millard North HS as full time students. In the event of absence from said audition, the color guard sponsor will work with the band directors to determine if a place for the student is available. Once a student is chosen as a member, students and their parents/guardians are expected to follow all rules and requirements of membership.

Fall Guard members are a section in the VARSITY MARCHING BAND and participate in March-a-Thon, Millard Days Parade, Home Football Games, Competitions, etc. Any time the calendar says VARSITY MARCHING BAND, 9-12 MASS BAND, or GUARD, guard members must attend.

Selection & Auditions:

Auditions will consist of a short flag routine and a short dance routine. These routines will be taught in the clinics. Members will be chosen based on the criteria laid out at the time of the audition. Skills alone may not be the only determining factors for auditions; potential for success and the speed of learning color guard material may also be evaluated along with attitude and willingness to learn.

What happens when/if I make the team?

Ms. Goodman will send out an email with the 2021 roster after the audition process is complete, and no later than Friday, May 14th. We do need confirmation that all members on the roster are going to continue with the season. (Please do not fully complete the audition if you do not plan on participating in the season). There will be a form in the email for you to complete confirming your spot on the team. Additional information will be emailed out with the roster including reminders about practice and checking out equipment.

Costs:

Members will be expected to pay for costuming and competition travel expenses. This helps to pay for items such as custom uniforms, shoes, body tights, jackets, etc. Fees are determined by the Band Boosters. The final amount will be set at a later date. This information will be communicated from the Band Boosters.

Practice Schedule:

- **May Practice Schedule**
 - Monday, May 24th- Team Meeting and Equipment Check Out, 6-7:30 pm
- **Summer (June/July) Practice Schedule**
 - Tuesday Evenings 6-9 pm- Sectional
 - Wednesday Mornings, 10 am-Noon- Conditioning (optional)
 - Thursday Evenings, 6-9 pm- Sectional
 - Guard Camp
 - July 19th-23rd from 8am-4pm
 - Varsity Band Camp
 - July 26th- 30th from 8am-4pm
- Full Schedule on mnband.net

Fall (August, September, October) Practice Schedule:

- Monday Evenings 5 pm-8 pm Sectionals
- Tuesday Evenings, 5:15 pm-9 pm Varsity Band rehearsal
- First hour Marching band class
- NOTE: On weeks that full band is on a Monday, the guard sectional will move to Tuesday
- See mnband.net for full schedule

Attendance:

The Fall Guard will have weekly sectional rehearsals, full band rehearsals, and meet 1st hour during the school year. Attendance at all rehearsals is expected. If a member cannot attend rehearsal, the student or parent should contact the Guard Instructor ASAP before the rehearsal. Members are also expected to attend all performances. Failure to attend practices/performance may result in "benched" performances.

- Examples of acceptable absences include: illness causing a student to stay home from school, family death, religious reasons, major family events (i.e. weddings).
- Examples of unacceptable absences include: work, family vacations, family dinners/parties, birthdays, homework, popular events (i.e. Pop Concerts or Sporting Events one is not participating in [going to a Husker game or Justin Bieber Concert]).

Injuries/Concussions:

All guard related or non-guard related injuries that may affect a student's participation must be reported to the Color Guard Instructor immediately. MPS concussion and injury protocol will be followed and students may be asked to see a doctor or athletic trainer. Students must be cleared in order to participate following any injury.

Rule and Regulations:

All school rules and regulations will be enforced at all times. Any violations of these rules will result in immediate consequences as set forth by the Color Guard instructors and Band Directors. Additional consequences may occur at the administration's discretion.

Communication:

A general calendar for the season is posted on mnband.net. As the season progresses information can be found on the website - mnband.net. Mr. Placek will send emails regarding upcoming events and call times. You MUST sign up on the website to receive emails. Color Guard members can join the Varsity Band Remind to receive full band announcements via text. Color Guard coaches will also use the Remind app to communicate with the team. Section leaders may use other forms of communication with students such as text messaging and GroupMe. There is also a Varsity Band Google Classroom and a Fall Guard Google Classroom. The Guard Google Classroom will be used to communicate with team members and to assign homework. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to sign up for Google Classroom updates.

Respect:

Respect is the one rule. Disrespect to any member, coach, equipment, or to another guard will not be tolerated and could result in removal from the organization.

Discipline:

As said previously, attendance is expected of all members. Students accumulating enough absences to hold back the group in competition may face discipline, up to and including removal from the organization. Disciplinary action is at the discretion of the Color Guard Instructors and Band Directors.