

2018/2019 BRHS Winter Guard

Winter Guard is a competitive indoor ensemble that meets from November to May. The ensemble performs a program with elements of choreography, equipment, pageantry, and coordination of visual techniques and pre-recorded soundtracks to create an effective, entertaining, and technically challenging production to be performed in a gymnasium.

The ensemble experience is designed to extend the structures of marching band: to allow for students to practice a devotion to an individual craft - artistic handling of equipment such as flag, rifle, sabre and dance - to create and convey an artistic presentation of an emotive theme/concept as an ensemble. Students that participate in winter guard are part of a team that strives to perform at the highest level within one of one of the most creative, expressive, and exciting performing arts program at BRHS.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between Color Guard and Winter Guard?

The Color Guard has the same performer responsibilities and roles (dance + equipment) but performs as a section within the marching band. The Winter Guard performs as an indoor unit without the marching band during the winter season.

Do I have to be in Marching Band (Color Guard) to join Winter Guard?

Students that have not joined marching band as members of the color guard *are* eligible to join winter guard but it is expected that *all winter guard members participate in the following season of marching band*. If you are enrolled in marching band, you *do not need* to join winter guard (although it is highly encouraged).

How much will it cost?

The Winter Guard members are asked to pay an activity fee as per district regulations (\$25) that is collected by the school district. Remaining monetary commitments are based on travel expenses and the cost of equipment and instructional staff and will vary year to year. The winter guard will also organize fundraising opportunities throughout the season to lower the cost per family.

What is the time commitment?

The winter guard practices regularly on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout the entirety of the season. Additionally, the group meets on Saturday mornings/afternoons

before departing for weekly competitions. In the first half of the season, the guard will have four winter camps which are devoted days to provide conditioning, fundamental training and construct the program. It takes time and full attendance to complete the program and, although the hours are many, we ask that all members prioritize health and academic standing with consideration for the full season commitment. See the schedule below.

Schedule of Practices and Performances

Date	Time	Performance/Practice	Location
November 27, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Open Rehearsal #1	Hillside School Gym
November 29, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Open Rehearsal #2	Hillside School Gym
November 30, 2018	N/A	PAPERWORK + SIGN UP DEADLINE	N/A
December 4, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
December 6, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
December 7, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Winter Camp 1	Hillside School Gym
December 8, 2018	9:00am-4:00pm	Winter Camp 1	Hillside School Gym
December 9, 2018	12:00 - 6:00pm	Winter Camp 1	Hillside School Gym
December 11, 2018	3:30 - 6:30pm	Practice	BRHS Large Cafeteria
December 13, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS Large Cafeteria
December 14, 2018	6:00- 9:00pm	Winter Camp 2	Hillside School Gym
December 15, 2018	9:00am - 4:00pm	Winter Camp 2	Hillside School Gym
December 16, 2018	12:00 - 6:00pm	Winter Camp 2	Hillside School Gym
December 18, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS Large Cafeteria
December 20, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS Large Cafeteria
January 3, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 4, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Winter Camp 3	Hillside School Gym
January 5, 2019	9:00am -9:00pm	Winter Camp 3	BRHS Large Cafeteria
January 6, 2019	12:00 - 6:00pm	Winter Camp 3	Hillside School Gym
January 8, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 10, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 12, 2019	12:00 - 6:00pm	Practice	BRHS Large Cafeteria
January 13, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	Preview Performance @ West Milford HS	BRHS Large Cafeteria
January 15, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 17, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym

January 19, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	Home Show @ BRMS	BRMS
January 22, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 24, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 25, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Winter Camp 4	Hillside School Gym
January 26, 2019	9:00am - 2:00pm	Winter Camp 4	BRHS Large Cafeteria
January 27, 2019	12:00 - 4:00pm	Winter Camp 4	Hillside School Gym
January 29, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
January 31, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 2, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	WGI Philadelphia Regional	BRHS Large Cafeteria
February 5, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 7, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 9, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	MAIN AMP + Plymouth Whitemarsh Show	BRHS Large Cafeteria
February 12, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 14, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 16, 2019	9:00am - 5:00pm	Practice	TBD
February 17, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	USBands Home Show	BRHS
February 19, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 21, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 23, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	WGI South Brunswick Regional	BRHS Large Cafeteria
February 24, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	WGI South Brunswick Regional	BRHS Large Cafeteria
February 26, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
February 28, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	TBD
March 2, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	MAIN South Brunswick Show	TBD
March 5, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	TBD
March 7, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	TBD
March 9, 2019	TBD	TBD	BRHS Large Cafeteria
March 12, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	TBD

March 14, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	TBD
March 16, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	WGI Power Regional @ Lehigh University	TBD
March 17, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	WGI Power Regional @ Lehigh University	TBD
March 19, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS Large Cafeteria
March 21, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	TBD
March 23, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	MAIN Hunterdon Central Show	Hillside School Gym
March 26, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
March 28, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
March 30, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	MAIN Somerville HS Show	Hillside School Gym
April 2, 2019	TBD	Depart for WGI World Championships	Dayton, OH
April 3, 2019	TBD	WGI World Championships	Dayton, OH
April 4, 2019	TBD	WGI World Championships	Dayton, OH
April 5, 2019	TBD	WGI World Championships	Dayton, OH
April 6, 2019	TBD	Return from WGI World Championships	Dayton, OH
April 9, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
April 11, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	Hillside School Gym
April 13, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	MAIN Championships	Hillside School Gym
April 14, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	MAIN Championships	TBD

Paperwork

Please review, complete, and return the following pages to Mr. Mossa:

- Winter Guard 2018/2019 Contract**
- Student + Family Information Form**
- Day Trip Student Permission Form**
- Overnight Trip Student Application (marked pages 10 - 14)**
- Activity Fee Registration (Send to BOE, not collected by the band program)**

BRHS Winter Guard 2018/2019 Contract

By signing and submitting this form, you, the student, agree to be present at all indicated dates and events and are guaranteed a performing position in the winter guard. In the event that an absence is expected, please indicate the scheduling conflict(s) below*.

Excused absences include the below listed conflicts, emergencies of a one-time nature, health/medical injuries/conditions, curricular obligations (concerts, trips, etc.), poor academic standing, violations of conduct at the discretion of the directors, and disciplinary infractions as per BRHS Policy (suspensions, etc.). Please make every effort to take care of your health and your grades to ensure you are able to participate in the fullest capacity for the season!

You, the student, are responsible for managing your attendance and commitment to the rehearsal and competition schedule. Please review the listed dates with your family to ensure your availability *before* you sign on with the winter guard. *This form is due by November 30, 2018 - no exceptions.*

Unexcused absences may result in the disallowance of a subsequent performance opportunity.

*After carefully reviewing the schedule, please list any presently existing conflicts. If there are a large number of conflicting events, you may not be guaranteed a performing position in the group.

I have reviewed the schedule, and I have read and agree to the above terms and policy in order to maintain and contribute to the high quality performance that is expected of the members of the Bridgewater Raritan High School Winter Guard. *Sign me up!*

Student Name (print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student + Family Information Form

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student email: _____

Student alternate (non-school affiliated) email: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

Please mark which curricular large ensemble(s) you currently participate in:

- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Wind Ensemble
- 9th (Freshman) Orchestra
- Concert Orchestra
- Symphony Orchestra
- Mixed Choir
- Select Women's Choir
- Symphonic Choir
- I am not presently enrolled in any curricular large ensemble

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact (Phone Number): _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact #2 (Phone Number): _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____