

# Western High School 2019 Winterguard



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Welcome to Western Winter season 2019. I am very excited for the season with all new ideas that will have the audience standing on their feet cheering for you guys. Last year and the year before, the Winterguard were placed in Scholastic AAA. This year, it has been decided that Western Winterguard will move up a division to **Scholastic AA**. The performers will be competing with South Florida guards, but other guards around United States. So, what is Winterguard you may ask?

Winterguard is an indoor color guard activity, derived from the outdoor summer activity that is commonly part of marching band or drum corps. Performers will be performing on a tarp floor that is design to allow them to move creatively. This season gives the guard members a way to participate and compete as an ensemble and to illustrate their talents and skills. Just like Colorguard, Winterguard is not easy at all. This takes hard work, dedication, persistence and most of all; heart.

I believe that this season will indeed allow many individual's perceptions about Western to top those perceptions with an amazing show design and technique that will knock everyone's socks off! Get ready.....

Practices will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4pm to 7:30pm (please make sure you check your calendar periodically for times on longer practice/camp days). **THERE WILL BE ADDITION TIMES ADDED TO THE CALENDAR WHEN NEEDED.** These three days will not be the only days that I will need the performers. There will be selected Saturdays added to the calendar (please see calendar for further details) so that the performers will be ready for their competition. The two days were picked to accommodate to the performer's schedules and mine as well. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL PERFORMERS MUST BE AT EVERY PRACTICE. EVERY PRACTICE!!!** (Please see rules and regulations sheet).

There will be MANY fundraisers that will take place throughout the season. **THESE FUNDRAISERS WILL COVER INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS.** Due to the fees being more than last year, the money will go to the guard member(s) who participates at those fundraisers. These fundraisers are to help YOU. If you do not participate, then YOU do not get any money made from that fundraiser. Many of these fundraisers will be on the weekend and is not only to raise money, but for the performers to bond with each other.

If a performer decides to withdraw from Winterguard by choice and/or is terminated from Winterguard (please see rules and regulations page) and has already signed this handbook with a notary, that performer **MUST** still pay the whole amount without any reimbursement. By signing this handbook, he/she has made a commitment to this organization to be the best performer that they can be and also the best member which involves paying their dues of \$450.00. I will be writing drill and implicating choreography into the show, it will be very hard to redo everything that has been done and taught because a performer is no longer in the Winterguard. Also, by this time the show will be written and costumes will be ordered and so will flag silks. All of these major factors play a role in the \$450.00

Transportation to these performance sites will be in the use of **parent/guardian involvement**. The reason being because the county will not supply any school buses for free and the fees for school bus drivers are: \$500.00 per competition. Competition sites include the following:

ALL COMPETITIONS TAKES PLACE ON SATURDAY. Times to perform are subject to change. Please visit [www.sfwga.org](http://www.sfwga.org) for more details.

Date and Location:

January 26- Premier	Palm Beach Gardens HS
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Western High School
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flanagan High School
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stoneman Douglas High School
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Heights High School
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Case Arena at Nova Southeastern University

## Rules and Regulations:

*ALL PERFORMERS MUST FOLLOW THESE RULES. IF THESE RULES ARE NOT APPLIED, PERFORMERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED WARNINGS AND IF CONTINUED WILL BE TERMINATED FROM WINTERGUARD.*

1. **DO NOT MISS MY PRATICES.** If your EXCUSE is ligament YOU MUST find someone to come to practice to mark your spot (i.e. - a friend who knows about Winterguard, a passed Western Winterguard member, etc). Once I start to write choreography/drill and YOU are not there, you are written out of that part. Be smart young adults. Look over the calendar and plan your own events around it.
2. Arrive on time is late, arriving early is on time. No performer is to walk into practice late. For example: Practice starts are 3pm, performers can not come strolling in 3pm. There WILL be consequences for these actions such as running a lap, push-ups etc. Lack of readiness will not be tolerated.
3. Performers must show up to practice with all equipment DRESS IN ALL BLACK CLOTHING ready at that given time.
4. **Hair must be pulled tight in a bun/pony-tail during EVERY practice.**
5. No jewelry examples: necklaces, rings, hoop earrings (studs are expectable).
6. Talking back and fowl language WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Respect goes both ways for instructor and member. Consequences will be taken into action if this occurs (see rule 3 for consequences). **If this occurs frequently have many warnings, the guard member will be ask to leave and is subject to pay the full amount of \$450.00.**
7. **DISRESPECTING OTHER PERFORMERS IN WESTERN OR ANY GUARD AT PERFORMANCE SITES WILL NOT HAPPEN.**
8. It is up to the performer to memorize their show, **NOT THE INSTRUCTORS.** Practice makes perfect. Performers can not have the mind set of only practicing on days when they see instructors. TAKE THE TIME to go over the choreography at home.
9. Nail polish is to be only clear (French manicures are expectable). Nails must be an appropriate length.
10. Unexcused absences are considered unexcused. Please take the time and look at the schedule to note when day/weekend practices, fundraisers and competitions are. **If there are more than 4 excuse absences, the performer will be instructed to not return and will be subject to pay their FULL amount of \$450.00**
11. NO cell phones during practices. **I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM OR HEAR THEM.** They must be on silent. If there is a concern (emergency etc.) and the phone may need to be on, please let me know.
12. NO CHEWING GUM WHATSOEVER period

Letter of Acknowledgement:

I (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_ have read thoroughly through this packet and understand what it means to be a member of Western High School's Winterguard. I understand that if any of the rules are broken, I am subject to consequences and if repeated can be terminated from the organization in which the entire fee \$450.00 is due without reimbursement.

Performer- Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Performer- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian- Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Payment dates:**

- Monday, December 10th: \$100.00
- Monday, January 14th: \$125.00
- Monday, February 11th: \$100.00
- Monday, March 11th: \$125.00

\*The entire fee of \$450.00 must be in **no later than** the end of March 11, 2019.

\*If there are any concerns with paying on these due dates, please contact Mrs. Kim at [western.bandparent@gmail.com](mailto:western.bandparent@gmail.com) to work out a payment system that will accommodate to you.

\*Check are made payable to **Broward Wildcats Band Boosters**.