

Charger Marching Band Color Guard

Important dates

Color Guard Tryouts: Clinic: April 11th, 12th, 3:30 to 5pm in the chapel, Tryout: April 14th, 3:30pm

Color Guard Meeting and Fittings: April 18th, 2016 at 3:30 pm, in the bandroom

Color Guard Basics Camp: May 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 3:30 to 5, location to be determined

Pre-Camp for Guard, Percussion, and Rookies: July 11th – 15th, 8am – 3pm, mandatory camp

Full Band Camp: July 18th – 22th, 8am – 8pm, mandatory camp

Rehearsals: July 25 and 26 at 3 PM

After School Practices this fall: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 3:15-6 pm, Friday- game night

Varsity Football Games: August – December

Fri Aug 19 @ Eagle's Landing High School

Fri Aug 26 vs. Jonesboro

Fri Sept 9 vs. Hart County - Spinning with the Chargers

Fri Sept 16 vs. Holy Innocents' - Senior Night

Fri Sept 23 vs. Fulton Leadership - Note: This is during Fall Break.

Fri Sept 30 @ Wesleyan

Sat Oct 1 - possible Marching Band Competition

Fri Oct 7 @ Our Lady of Mercy

Sat Oct 8 - possible Marching Band Competition

Sat Oct 15 - possible Marching Band Competition

Fri Oct 21 @ Strong Rock

Sat Oct 22 - possible Marching Band Competition

Fri Oct 28 vs. Mt. Vernon Presbyterian - Homecoming

Sat Oct 29 - possible Marching Band Competition

Fri Nov 4 @ Landmark

Sat Nov 5 - possible Marching Band Competition

Fri Nov 11 possible playoff game

Fri Nov 18 possible playoff game

Fri Nov 25 possible playoff game - Note: This is the day after Thanksgiving

Fri Dec 2 possible playoff game

Fri Dec 9 or Sat Dec 10 possible playoff game

Team members should consult the marching band calendar regularly. This list of dates has been provided for your convenience, but it is each member's responsibility to make sure they are available to attend all events and practices.

<http://www.my.calendars.net/elcaband2011>

Costs

Pre-Camp and Full Band Camp: Approximately \$450 per participant which pays for mandatory participation, instruction, uniform costs, and meals during full band camp. To be billed in installments.

Guard Travel Bag and Warm-up Suit: approximate cost of \$125

Marching jazz shoes: \$40

These dates are being provided to you so that you may plan your summer vacations. Costs are being provided to you so that you may plan accordingly. We have made every effort to keep the cost as low as possible. As with any program, there may be other costs that come up from time to time. I will make every effort to limit those. If cost is an issue, please contact me. I want every young lady to have the opportunity to participate and enjoy this wonderful marching band experience.

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Mission Statement: And whatever you do, whether by speech or action, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Color Guard Code

Member Responsibilities

1. In everything we do or say, we will do it as unto the Lord.
2. If we follow code 1, code 2 should not be a problem. Each guard member must be committed and dedicated to participation and improvement of the group as a whole. She must, at all times, show respect towards God, her instructor, and her fellow guard members.
3. Initial dates have been provided on the preceding page. Members are expected to be at all practices, games, and competitions. In our schedule, there are 6 weeks over the summer break with no scheduled camps so that you may make family plans. Every attempt will be made to notify members of schedules and changes in advance, however, minor changes may occur and will be communicated as soon as possible. Absences should be avoided unless absolutely necessary as follows: 1) Illness with fever, 2) Death in the family, 3) Academic help class that is not available at any other time (A note from your teacher will be required.) **Routine medical/dental/other appointments are not valid excuses and should be scheduled around games and practices. Wednesdays are a good day to schedule routine appoints.** Should an absence be necessary, the instructor must be notified and a note provided by the parent/teacher upon return.
4. Acceptable attire should be worn to practice. Appropriate t-shirts and shorts per school guidelines are acceptable. No shorty shorts or tube tops. Shoes must be worn. No flip flops.
5. Failure to practice at home will likely affect a member's participation in the half time show. Members are expected to practice on their own time so that rehearsal time can be spent teaching new sections and perfecting the synchronized movement of the flag with the team as a whole. If a member's performance level is not at a level consistent with the team, they may not be allowed to perform during the half time show until the quality meets the standard set by the other members.
6. Guard members are expected to ride school transportation with the band to away games and band competitions. Members may travel home with their parents or another authorized adult if these arrangements are made in advance and communicated in writing to the instructor from the parent. A parent or authorized adult will be expected to sign the member out.
7. Each member is responsible for the care and upkeep of her uniform.

8. When in uniform, each member is expected to conduct herself in a way that is becoming to a young lady. Remember, you are a representative of the Charger Band, ELCA, your family, and most importantly God.
9. On the field, we seek to have uniformity for proper visual effect. Each member is expected to wear her uniform as instructed which includes uniformity in hair and make up. Uniforms are chosen to support the theme of the show. All show themes and uniforms will be approved by the school administration. Every effort is made to choose uniforms that will work for all body types. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the instructor.
10. Each member will earn a varsity letter based on her attitude and willingness to work for the good of the color guard and act in a way a Godly young woman is expected to act.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Color Guard parents should support and become actively involved in the Fine Arts Patrons and Band Boosters. These organizations work hard to provide support to your children. Please plan to work the Fine Arts Concession Stand on the visitor's side during home football games. Funds raised in the concession stand go right back into the Marching Band Program and help our students.
2. ELCA assesses each color guard and band member a Fine Arts Fee to be part of the program. This fee will be assessed prior to the beginning of the school year and goes into the general fine arts fund. This fee is assessed to all members of the marching band and is not a part of the color guard program. This is in addition to the \$450 band camp fee.
3. Parents who have concerns should contact the instructor in private. I will make every effort to address your concerns. Please know that your concerns are important to me and that I have the good of every member in mind. I also have to consider the good of the group as a whole. Parents, please demonstrate respect towards the instructors. Any disagreement or misunderstanding can be worked out if you and I have mutual respect for one another. Let's set a good example for these young ladies.

Statement of Agreement

Color Guard Member Release: I, _____, have read the Mission Statement and the Color Guard Code. I understand and agree to abide by these rules.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parental Release: I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the Mission Statement and Code of the Charger Marching Band Color Guard which will govern my daughter's participation as a Color Guard member. I further understand that this is an extra curricular activity and that attendance at all practices, games, and competitions is a requirement of each member.

I hereby give consent for my daughter, _____, to participate in the color guard and I understand her responsibilities and requirements as a representative of the school. I understand that I will be required to pay for all color guard expenses. I understand that these fees will be billed to my daughter's tuition account.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____