

Franklin Central High School

2021-22 Winter Guard Addendum



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Welcome!

Welcome to the Franklin Central High School Winter Guard program! We are thrilled you are now part of our group and know your child will create lifelong friends and memories. This packet is an “addendum” to the Band Program Handbook, found on our website (FCBands.org).

While the Band Program Handbook contains policies and procedures for ALL students/families in the band program, this packet contains information specific to the Winter Guard program. Adhering to the policies and procedures in both packets are critical to having a successful season!

The Band Program Calendar

www.FCBands.org/band-calendar

The band program’s online calendar contains dates and times for all events associated with the Winter Guard program. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to sync your phone and/or other primary devices to this calendar to stay well-informed on upcoming events.

On the band calendar, you are looking for:

- “All Guards”
- “Open WG”
- “A WG”
- “Reg A WG”

- Events followed by the word “ANNEX” occur in the Annex - Enter **DOOR 14S**
- Events followed by the word “HS” occur in at FCHS - Enter **DOOR 3W**
- Events including a school name are competitions. Click on the event for more information!

- Examples you will see on the calendar:
 - Open Guard 6p-9p HS <----- Open Guard practice at FCHS, 6pm-9pm
 - A Guard 3:30p-6p ANNEX <----- A Guard practice at ANNEX, 3:30pm-6pm
 - All Guards Westfield <----- Competition at Westfield High School

Where is the Annex?

The Annex is the building directly north of the high school football stadium. Students will enter the building at Door 14S located on the south side of this building.

Fees

Fees for the winter guard program fund all aspects of the winter guard program. Roughly 50% of fees goes toward instructional staff. The remainder funds our show design, uniforms, transportation (busing, truck/trailer rental), equipment, props, contest entry fees, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred throughout the season.

Visit the winter guard website for information on fees, due dates, and how to pay!

Remind

Remind is a free, text-based messaging tool used by our staff to communicate with students. For the safety of all involved, this system keeps the individual phone numbers of students, parents, and staff private. All students must be enrolled. It is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to have at least one parent of every guard member enrolled.

Steps to Enroll in Remind

1. Text “@fcbands-cg” to 81010
2. If this is your first time using Remind, you will be asked to provide your name. Please use your FIRST and LAST name only! Having “Sarah’s Dad” listed as your name does not always help our staff identify specific parents.

Out-of-State Travel - OPEN GUARD ONLY

The Varsity Guard will travel out-of-state during its competitive season. This event is required for all Open Guard members. Students will be out of school during WGI World Championships for three days. Specific information for out-of-state trips will be released WELL IN ADVANCE. All expenses for out-of-state events are included in the Open Guard fees with the exception of one meal each day (typically lunch).

Trip Information

WGI World Championships (3-night stay @ Camp Chautauqua in Dayton, OH)

Depart *Wednesday, April 6*

Return *early morning Saturday, April 10 (around 2am)*

<i>Thursday, April 7</i>	<i>Prelims</i>	<i>Dayton, OH Area</i>
<i>Friday, April 8</i>	<i>Semi-Finals</i>	<i>Dayton, OH Area</i>
<i>Saturday, April 9 (am)</i>	<i>Finals</i>	<i>University of Dayton Arena</i>
<i>Saturday, April 9 (pm)</i>	<i>World Finals</i>	<i>UD Arena (watching as spectators)</i>

What do we need for practice?

It is critical to our success that all students have the necessary items at ALL events. We cannot learn at maximum efficiency without the proper gear. Students without proper gear, for their own safety and the safety of others, may be asked to sit out.

Required Items for Every Practice

- Water Jug with Name Written on the Jug!
- Athletic Wear
 - Athletic Shoes
 - Comfortable, non-restrictive clothing (no jeans!)
- All necessary equipment (flags, rifles, sabres, etc)

How will drop-off/pick-up for practices work?

Instruction will BEGIN and END at the times listed on the band calendar. It is important for students to arrive with as much time as needed to prepare for practice. Likewise, students will typically take 10-20 minutes to pack up after practice before leaving the building. They will exit door 3W when practices are held at the high school. They will exit door 14S when practices are held at the Annex.

After-School Shuttle

A shuttle will bring Junior High students to the Annex on Thursdays and Fridays. This shuttle will pick students up at Door 25 of the Junior High and depart between 3:10pm and 3:15pm each day. The bus may make multiple stops each day depending on the needs of the district but will end up at the Annex!

- Pick Up Location Junior High Door 25
- Depart Time 3:10pm-3:15pm

- **NOTE 1:** This shuttle is for Junior High Students ONLY! High School students will need to walk to the Annex or secure their own transportation.

- **NOTE 2:** This shuttle service only applies to practices starting at 3:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Students will need their own transportation for all other practices. This shuttle does not run on weekends.

Guard Rifles

Franklin Central High School will provide flags and sabres for all guard students. If a student is on the rifle line, it is their responsibility to purchase and maintain a guard rifle. Families may purchase their rifle directly from the band program. This equipment must be kept in exceptional condition at all times. Students who are not on the rifle line are not required to purchase a rifle, but it is highly encouraged!

Required Guard Rifle

36" King "Kong" Rifle - Black Bolt, Black Strap (Brand is "King", Model is "Kong")

Where to Buy

See Mr. Faircloth or Mr. Ellinger! The band program maintains a stock of these rifles for purchase.

COVID Policies

The winter guard program will adhere to all policies mandated by the state and school district. **The "name of the game" is flexibility.** Student health and safety are paramount to our show and competitive outcome. We expect all students to handle all policies and procedures as they relate to COVID without issue. We expect all parents to help our students uphold these policies and procedures with the utmost maturity.

HAIR

This activity, much like any other subjectively adjudicated activity (indoor percussion, competitive cheer, gymnastics, etc), requires a specific and tailored look among its members to accentuate the desired aesthetic of the show. Furthermore, uniforms are custom-designed for each group's specific show. For this reason, it is imperative we follow all uniform and make-up guidelines as outlined by the design team to allow each show to reach its full potential.

While we celebrate the freedom of expression one can attain from dying their hair in non-natural hair colors, it is critical to our success that our hair is dyed in natural tones. Exceptions can be made with prior approval by the guard director.

Additionally, the design team determines hair styles with their membership's current hair length in mind. Maintaining our hair length mid-season is necessary. Exceptions can be made with prior approval by the guard director.

The day after our season ends, we can cut our hair and dye it in any combination of greens, pinks, purples, blues, or any other color we can dream! :)

What do we need for competitions?

The following list of items are required for ALL competitions. Students without proper gear, for their own safety and the safety of others, may be disqualified for that performance.

Required Items for Every Competition

- Guard Jacket/Flag Bag
 - All rookies receive a guard jacket as part of their fees. Veterans wanting a new jacket will be paid out-of-pocket.
- Make-Up
 - A list will be provided well in advance of our first performance with the required make-up. This will NOT cost over \$40. All items will be available at common retailers such as Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Ulta, etc.
- For all members: Show Shirt, extra “Show Blacks”
- For females: Nude-colored bra and nude-colored, seamless underwear
- For males: The guard director will provide specific information for males as we approach the competition season.
- Money for concessions (*optional*)

What are all of these acronyms?

WGI Winter Guard International (the national competitive circuit)
IHSCGA Indiana High School Color Guard Association (Indiana’s competitive circuit)