

OAHS Marching Hornets Color Guard!

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Hello Potential Color Guard Members!

This is a brief look at the OAHS Marching Hornets Color Guard Program. The intent is to give you an idea of what to expect when joining!

What is Color Guard?

Color Guard members provide a visual element to our Marching Band. They're the ones you see on the field with the brightly colored flags who help tell the story. They get the chance to throw the flags, march in parades, hang out in the stands during football games and be part of something really special at the high school!

Do I Need Any Experience to Join?

Nope! While experience in a movement-based art form or sport such as dance or gymnastics can be helpful, it is not mandatory or expected. Music background, like choir, can also be helpful here. We teach everything that needs to be taught! We also have a "Big Sister" Program where you'll be paired up with one of our returning members for games, treats, and a little guidance here and there.

What are the costs?

There is no student participation fee to join, but there are a couple of costs that work out to be around \$100. These costs are for your marching shoes, a band shirt, a flag bag to carry your flags, and a uniform cleaning fee. We provide uniforms, flags and equipment. It's a very small fee for such a large extracurricular - there are over 120 students in band and guard!



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What is the time commitment?

The OAHS Marching Band meets on a very limited schedule over the summer. Generally one Monday and/or one Thursday each month. See the attached packet for detailed information and dates. Please see the additional packet for specific information.

- **Color Guard Clinic:** Thursday, July 31st 6-8pm
- **Band Camp** is August 4 - 7 - see the attached packet for more details.
- **Regular season rehearsals** begin in August and are Monday and Thursday Evenings through October from 6-8pm.
- **Football games.** The first football game date is generally the Friday before school starts and we attend each Friday game through the football season. Exact schedule to come. We attend all games, home and away.
- **Parades:** We participate in the Halloween Parade, Homecoming Parade and Memorial Day Walk. We have also participated in the West Chester Christmas Parade, and the guard gets to go to Disney with the band to be in a Parade down Main Street USA!

Looking forward to an incredibly exciting season!