



2021 – 2022

Mill Creek Winter Guard

Handbook

Winter Guard Parent Meeting - Zoom
Thursday, December 2nd, 8:30pm

Click the link or scan the QR code below to join the meeting!

<https://gcpsk12-org.zoom.us/j/99516505225>





MILL CREEK BANDS

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Mill Creek Winter Guard - General Information

What is Winter Guard?

Winter guard is the sport of indoor color guard. Modern color guard is a combination of the use of flags, sabers, mock rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance and other interpretive movement. Color guards can be found in high schools, middle schools, some universities, and also some independent organizations. Winter Guard is called the Sport of the Arts because it brings music to life through performance in a competitive format. Even with over 40 years of history, the sport continues to evolve and grow. There were more than 33,000 participants at the regional level, and more than 16,000 participants at the WGI World Championships in a recent season.

Is there a prerequisite or audition for Winter Guard?

Previous experience in Fall Color Guard or dance are helpful, but not required. Students will participate in a three-day audition clinic to determine which winter guard they will be placed on. All students must be enrolled at MCHS or OMS and be members in good financial standing to be a part of the Winter Guard Program. Members in good financial standing are those who are paid up-to-date on all dues from past and current activities with the band program OR currently making payments according to a personalized payment plan to pay off dues owed.

How many Winter Guard groups are there?

There are three possible membership levels in the Mill Creek Winter Guard program:

Cadet Guard: Beginner-Intermediate developmental level of performer. Open to 6th grade-8th grade students in the Mill Creek Cluster that will attend MCHS (OMS students). Competes in our local circuit, SAPA.

A-Guard: Intermediate level performer. Open to 7th-12th grade students in the Mill Creek Cluster (OMS and MCHS). Competes in SAPA and regional level competition in WGI.

Open Guard: Advanced level performer with an emphasis on character development and performance ability. Open to students at Mill Creek HS only. Performs in both our local circuit (SAPA) and nationally through WGI, including at the World Championships in early April.

What paperwork do I need to complete for my student to participate?

All necessary forms are attached to the end of this handbook. Since winter guard is a very athletic activity, students should also have an updated physical uploaded to Dragonfly Max with a current insurance card (instructions included later in handbook).

When are all of the rehearsals for Winter Guard?

The calendar for the season is included in this packet. It is also posted and updated on our Charms website and band website (located below the general band calendar). Please remember that homework, work schedules, babysitting, family visits, etc. are not excused and conflicts are to be avoided. It is critical for all students to attend all rehearsals, events, and competitions.

Communication - What is Charms?

Charms is office management software designed for band programs that serves as our financial and communication hub. An email with instructions on how to log into Charms and how it is used will be sent to all members following auditions. You will be given access after you complete your registration forms, and the database is updated. To get a preview of the system, please visit www.charmsoffice.com. Our school code is **millcreekhsband**. You will have access to our public areas and calendar.

Transportation

All families will be responsible for transporting their child to and from all winter guard events, including both practices and competitions. Carpools may be organized through parent chaperones when able.

The Mill Creek High School Band Booster, Inc. (MCBB)

Parents of Mill Creek Band and Guard members are encouraged to become active members of the MCBB. A list of officers of the organization, as well as their contact information can be found on the band's website www.prideofmillcreek.org. Meetings of the MCBB are held throughout the school year. Meeting dates can be found on the band's general calendar on the website. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Please contact the band booster president for information on volunteer opportunities.

Mill Creek Winter Guard - Financial Information

Funds to support the Mill Creek Winter Guard budget come from two major sources: payments from the Winter Guard members and fundraisers. Funds from sponsorships are welcome. Many large and small companies will give matching donations to 501(c)3 groups like ours. Reach out to a MCBB board member for details about sponsorships.

We understand that families may experience a period of financial hardship and will have difficulty making payments in accordance with the payment schedule. A family in this situation should contact the MCBB treasurer to discuss this in confidence. The treasurer will work with the family to restructure the payment or arrange participation in additional fundraising activities. These arrangements must be made before the first payment is due or as soon as the hardship arises. Families are encouraged to create structured payment plans as needed.

Students who are not in good financial standing due to an existing balance are not eligible to participate in the winter guard program without setting up an active payment plan with the MCBB treasurer to pay off dues from previous marching band and winter guard seasons. Students who are not making active payments according to their payment plan will be withheld from practicing until the payment plan is amended or payments resume. Reminder emails will be sent to parents at each payment due date.

What are the dues and what do they cover?

Winter Guard is classified as an extracurricular activity and as such is not directly funded through Gwinnett County Public Schools. Therefore, fundraising and fees become the financial engine of the Winter Guard. Winter Guard fees cover the cost of arrangement and writing of the music, original drill writing, choreography, individual and group instruction, circuit and competition fees, cost of prop construction and movement to locations, purchase of uniforms, and much more.

How much are dues?

Winter Guard fees are based on guard placement after the audition process.

- Open Guard fees total \$850
- A Guard fees total \$650
- Cadet Guard fees total \$450

Additional Costs

- Students on all winter guards will be charged an additional \$30 for shoes and a show shirt.
 - o If specialized shoes are needed, students will be responsible for this expense.
- Students are also responsible for various sundry uniform items, included but not limited to make-up, tights, gloves, hair needs, etc.
- Open Guard students will also be responsible for a trip fee to cover travel expenses to attend WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH.

Payments – How can I make a payment?

Payments are expected on or before the established dates. Reminders may be sent home to the family via email or through the student. Payments for any winter guard activity can be made by:

- Cash or check (made out to MCBB) delivered to the band directors in a labeled envelope
- Credit card on the band website prideofmillcreek.org (select “More”, then “Make a Payment”) or Charms account

Fundraisers

Fundraisers will be used to raise the additional funds required to completely fund the Winter Guard’s budget. All families are asked to participate to minimize the burden on each participant. Profits from all fundraisers will be split between the winter guard general fund and student’s accounts. Students’ accounts will be credited 75% of the profits they raise. This fundraised money will be applied against outstanding balances from winter guard/band expenses first. If all past/current dues are paid, the positive balance of fundraising credits will be applied to future guard/band activities, e.g. trips, future dues, banquets, etc. The remaining 25% will go to the general winter guard fund. The SCRIP program is a year-round fundraiser for your student’s account through the purchase of gift cards. Many more fundraising opportunities will be communicated throughout the season.

Volunteer Obligations

All families that are members of the marching band and winter guard are expected to support, through their work, the activities of the program. All winter guard families are expected to volunteer at the SAPA Show on February 26th, 2022. This is a major event hosted at Mill Creek. Profits made from this event support the budgets for all three winter guards at Mill Creek. Student members of the Winter Guard program are not able to fulfill the requirement at our SAPA show because they will be performing that day.

Refunds

Money will be refunded only to students who are forced to withdraw from the organization because of relocation. Students who choose to withdraw from the program are responsible for all payments. In addition, students will be charged for any uniform expenses incurred on their behalf before the date of their withdrawal. Most winter guard expenses are spent at the beginning of the season preparing and designing the show. Even if a student chooses to leave the program, funds were still spent on their behalf, and the family will be held financially responsible.

Securing your position

A student will officially be considered a member of the Mill Creek Winter Guard only after they have made the initial deposit or after their family has had a financial aid meeting with the MCBB treasurer. Students who do not schedule this meeting or make the deposit will not have a drill spot written for them.

2022 Expected Winter Guard Season Expenses

May not include all costs

<u>Required Fees</u>		<u>Notes</u>
Open Guard Dues	\$850.00	
A Guard Dues	\$650.00	
Cadet Guard Dues	\$450.00	
WGI World Championships Trip Fee	\$185.00	<i>Open Guard only, subject to change</i>
Show Shirt & Shoe	\$30.00	<i>All Guards, must be paid by Jan 6</i>
<u>Additional Possible Costs</u>		
Sports Physical (required for membership, uploaded to Dragonfly Max)	-	<i>May use your physician</i>
Warm-up Jackets	<i>Varies</i>	<i>See Order Form from Mrs. Jessica Taylor</i>
Warm-up Pants	<i>Varies</i>	<i>See Order Form from Mrs. Jessica Taylor</i>
Flag Bag	\$ 50.00	<i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Price varies based on shipping costs</i>
Personal Items- gloves, weapons, body tights, etc.	<i>Varies</i>	<i>See Order Form from Mrs. Jessica Taylor</i>
Money for food at competitions and during travel	<i>Varies</i>	
Souvenir Money	<i>Varies</i>	

Payment Plan

	<u>Open Guard</u>	<u>A Guard</u>	<u>Cadet Guard</u>
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January 6th	\$250 \$30 (show shirt and shoes)	\$150 \$30 (show shirt and shoes)	\$100 \$30 (show shirt and shoes)
February 3rd	\$250 \$185 (WGI Trip Fee)	\$150	\$100
March 3rd <i>*All outstanding fees due*</i>	\$150	\$150	\$100

Alternate Payment Plans are available to all families, if needed. Please contact Juli Crawford to schedule an appointment.

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Policies

Attendance Policy

Absences affect the success of performance-oriented activities, such as winter guard, which *depend* upon full participation. Each student's participation affects the group outcome, and each student plays a valuable role in this process. Attendance guidelines have been developed to support the learning process for both the student and the group. Attendance is related to both self-discipline and learning. If a student is not in rehearsal, he or she will miss that participatory portion of his or her educational experience and that experience cannot be made-up. A calendar of events is published well in advance for your planning (attached later in the handbook and located on the band website). Students and their families should plan appropriately when scheduling appointments, etc. so that rehearsals and performances are not missed. The following attendance policy applies to all groups in the winter guard program.

Due to the nature of our activity, attendance at every rehearsal and performance is mandatory.

Excused Absences- Excused absences include illness (with doctor's note), death in the family, an important religious observance, and, at times, a serious circumstance discussed with the director that is deemed excused. Personal conflicts such as jobs, homework, babysitting, birthdays, non-academic school activities, poor behavior at home, etc. are NOT excused. If a student wishes to receive an excused absence, the student must speak to the director *and* captain prior to the absence. Students will be allowed a maximum of five excused tardies (less than 30 minutes) OR 3 excused absences throughout the season. In the event of multiple excused tardies/absences in a season, a meeting will be held to determine if an alternate needs to be found to fill a role.

Unexcused Absences- An unexcused absence is one that does not satisfy the requirements listed previously for excused absences. This includes homework, jobs, babysitting, family visiting in town, birthday dinners, etc. **DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE A STUDENT FROM THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME** due to unexcused absences.

Promptness- Students must be present 20 minutes before the start of every rehearsal to participate in group stretching.

Conduct Policy

Students are expected to demonstrate positive and cooperative behavior when associated with the Mill Creek Bands and Winter Guards. When you are wearing a Mill Creek High School Winter Guard uniform, you are representing your school and community. Inappropriate or offensive behavior or language will not be tolerated. We represent ourselves, each other, and the school, and we strive to represent the *best* in high standards and traditions.

Specific Behavior Guidelines

1. All Gwinnett County Public Schools disciplinary guidelines are in effect at all band/winter guard functions.
2. No use of alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. Possession or use of any of these will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with school policy.
3. No abuse of school facilities or equipment. This includes uniforms, instruments, music, equipment, or the physical structures. Students will be charged for any damage to the above.
4. No unauthorized use of school instruments or guard equipment.
5. Absolutely no hazing, bullying, or harassment of students.
6. No profanity will be tolerated.
7. No disrespect of authority. This includes all student leadership, administrators, teachers, staff, band/guard parents, and anyone else connected with the program. Treat others with respect at all times.
8. No one is permitted to leave designated areas without permission. A director or chaperone must know where you are at all times.

Students who do not abide by these guidelines may be subject to administrative referral and participation in extracurricular events may be modified or suspended. Continued behavior issues or extreme matters may result in the student being dismissed from extracurricular events.

In the Guard Room/Band Room

1. Students must be prompt and prepare for rehearsal in a positive manner (see attendance policy).
2. Over 50 students use the guard room, please keep it clean and orderly. Trash cans are provided for your use. Instruments and music folders are to be kept only in the instrument storage located in the band room.
3. The guard room is for storage of guard related items: guard bags, equipment, uniforms. NOT personal items.
4. There is to be absolutely no food, drink, or gum in the band room - EVER!
5. Vandalism, use of school equipment, or other student's property without permission is not tolerated.

Transportation

1. The driver's rules are always correct. Never argue with the driver.
2. Remain silent when someone is addressing the vehicle.
3. Music cannot be heard by anyone but you - no speakers.
4. Keep the vehicle clean - in words and in actions.
5. Do not change seats or distract the driver when the vehicle is in motion.
6. Students may ride home with a parent ONLY if a written note from the parent is given to the chaperone on the student's vehicle. We are responsible for each student and must know their whereabouts at all times. Students that do go home with their parents must return their uniforms to school at the earliest possible time.

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		1 WG Auditions Commons 5-8	2 WG Auditions Commons 5-8	3 WG Auditions Commons 5-8	4
5	6 WG Rehearsal Commons Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 WG Rehearsal Commons Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	14	15 Finals	16 Finals	17 Finals Last Day of School	18
19	20 Break	21 Break	22 Break	23 Break	24 Break	25
26	27 Break	28 Break	29 Break	30 Break	31 Break	

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Break <u>Open Rehearsal</u> Commons 8am-2pm	4 Break <u>Open Rehearsal</u> Commons 8am-2pm	5 Teacher Workday Break (students)	6 1 st day, 2 nd semester <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	7 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	8
9	10 No School MLK	11 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30 Location subject to change	12	13 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	14 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	15
16	17	18 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30 Location subject to change	19	20 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30 Location subject to change	21 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	22 SAPA Show @ Alpharetta HS
23	24	25 DLD <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	26	27 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	28 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30	29
30	31					

February

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 30	Jan. 31	1 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons, Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	2	3 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons, Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	4 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	5 SAPA Show @ Kennesaw Mountain HS
6	7	8 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30	9	10 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	11 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 POTENTIAL Cadet 5:30-7:30 (if needed)	12
13	14	15 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	16	17 No School	18 No School	19
20	21 No School	22 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons, Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30 Location subject to change	23	24 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	25 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	26 SAPA Show @ MCHS (host and compete)
27	28					

March

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 27	Feb. 28	1 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	2 DLD	3 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons, Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	4 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons 3-8</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30	5
6	7	8 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons, Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	9	10 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons, Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	11 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons 3-8</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	12 SAPA Show @ Etowah HS
13	14	15 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30 Location subject to change	16	17 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	18 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30	19 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> A 8am-2pm Open 2pm-8pm
20	21	22 DLD <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	23	24 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	25 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30	26 WGI ATL Regional (Open, A)
27 WGI ATL Regional (Open, A)	28	29 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Aux Gym</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	30	31 <u>WG Rehearsal</u> <u>Commons</u> Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	April 1	April 2

A live and up-to-date calendar can be found on the band website www.prideofmillcreek.org/calendar.html

April

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 WG Rehearsal Commons Open 3-6 A 5-7:30 Cadet 5:30-7:30	2 SAPA Championships Chattanooga, TN (Open, A, Cadet)
3 SAPA Championships Chattanooga, TN (Open, A, Cadet)	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break Depart for WGI Championships Dayton, OH (Open)	7 Spring Break WGI Championships Dayton, OH (Open)	8 Spring Break WGI Championships Dayton, OH (Open)	9 WGI Championships Dayton, OH (Open)
10 Return from WGI Championships	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Color Guard Auditions 5-8 Commons	25 Color Guard Auditions 5-8 Commons	26 Color Guard Auditions 5-8 Commons	27 Color Guard Auditions 5-8 Commons	28	29	30

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Required Paperwork

Please complete and return the following forms with your deposit no later than **Tuesday, December 7th, 2021.**

- Registration Form – pg.14
- Payment Agreement – pg.15
- Medical Form – pg.16
- Dragonfly Max Instructions (Physical and Insurance Card) – pg.17
- COVID-19 Waiver – pg.18
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities – pg.19
- Membership Contract – pg.20

Mill Creek Winter Guard - Registration Form

Student Name _____

Student ID Number _____

Student Cell Phone _____

Student T-Shirt Size _____ Student Shoe Size _____

Parents' Names _____

Parents' Email(s) _____

Parent Telephone _____

Winter Guard Permission

_____ (student's name) has my permission to attend all activities of the Mill Creek Winter Guard for the 2021-2022 season. I further give my permission for my child to be a member of this organization and to attend all activities of the group. My signature below also serves as a waiver of liability against Gwinnett County Public Schools and its agents.

Parent Signature

Date

Information/Media Release

I give the band permission to publish photographs of my student at www.prideofmillcreek.org and on band and guard social media accounts.

Parent Signature

Date

Mill Creek Winter Guard - Payment Agreement

Student Name _____

Student ID Number _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email _____

Dues Payment Options- *please choose one*

_____ We will make a complete payment today. The total fee is as follows:

Open Winter Guard	\$850, \$185, \$30
A Winter Guard	\$650, \$30
Cadet Winter Guard	\$450, \$30

_____ We will make payments as specified below in the standard payment plan below:

	<u>Open Guard</u>	<u>A Guard</u>	<u>Cadet Guard</u>
December 7th (first rehearsal) <i>*This payment must be on time as it secures the students position*</i>	\$200	\$200	\$150
January 6th	\$250 \$30 (show shirt and shoes)	\$150 \$30 (show shirt and shoes)	\$100 \$30 (show shirt and shoes)
February 3rd	\$250 \$185 (WGI Trip Fee)	\$150	\$100
March 3rd <i>*All outstanding fees due*</i>	\$150	\$150	\$100

_____ We need to make use of an alternate payment plan below:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. payment of \$ _____ on _____ | 4. payment of \$ _____ on _____ |
| 2. payment of \$ _____ on _____ | 5. payment of \$ _____ on _____ |
| 3. payment of \$ _____ on _____ | 6. payment of \$ _____ on _____ |

Fees must be paid in full no later than March 3, 2022.

_____ We need to set up a Financial Aid Meeting and will contact Juli Crawford at mcbbtreasurer@gmail.com to set up this meeting.

Total – *please check your total amount due in winter guard fees*

_____ Open Guard \$850, \$30 shoes/shirt, \$185 trip fee _____ A Guard \$650, \$30 shoes/shirt _____ Cadet Guard \$450, \$30 shoes/shirt

By signing below, I commit to paying the fees owed for my student to be a member of the 2021-2022 Mill Creek High School Winter Guard program according to the payment plan chosen above.

Parent signature

Date

Mill Creek Winter Guard - Medical Form

(Please Print)

Student's Name: _____

Winter Guard (circle one):

Open A-Guard Cadet

MEDICAL HISTORY

Chronic Illness/Condition _____

Medication and doses taken regularly _____

Allergies/Reaction _____

Please note If emergency medication (inhalers, epi-pens, insulin, etc.) is needed by your student, please make sure these are provided.

Please let us know if there is any other health information that we need to be aware of. **All information is strictly confidential.**

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the Mill Creek Band Boosters to obtain through a physician of its choice any emergency care that may become reasonably necessary for a student in the course of such activities or travel. I also agree not to hold the school or the MCBB or anyone acting in its behalf responsible for any injury occurring to the above-named student in the course of such activities or travel.

The MCBB may administer over the counter medications as requested and/or deemed necessary with the **exception** of:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Parent or Guardian Name – Please Print

Parent Phone 1

Parent Phone 2

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Mill Creek Winter Guard - Dragonfly Max

Dragonfly Max is the online system used by Gwinnett County Public Schools for all athletics (including band and winter guard) to keep track of physicals, insurance cards, and required paperwork. More detailed information is provided below through the link/QR code.

Parents will create an account through the student's name and select their "team". The Mill Creek Athletic Department splits the winter guards into two groups: high school (varsity) and middle school (JV), for organizational purposes. Select the correct team based on the student's grade.

- 9th-12th grade members - select "Winter Guard - Varsity"
- 6th-8th grade members - select "Winter Guard - JV"

Once accounts have been created, please complete the following:

- Upload a current physical signed by a physician (lasts for one year) - *please use the MCHS physic form linked below*
- Upload your current insurance card
- Complete all forms (electronic signatures)

Any student that does not have a current physical will be withheld from practice until they have a current physical uploaded to their account.

MCHS Dragonfly Max Information Page
(physical form included)

<https://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/23268>



Mill Creek Winter Guard - COVID-19

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Mill Creek High School has put preventative measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, Mill Creek High School cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Mill Creek activities could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending Mill Creek events, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Mill Creek High School events may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Mill Creek High School volunteers, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at Mill Creek High School events ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Mill Creek High School, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Mill Creek High School, its employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Mill Creek High School event.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name

Mill Creek Winter Guard - Parent Volunteer Opportunities

I am interested in...
(Check all that apply)

- Chaperoning rehearsals and/or competitions
- Videotaping/Photographing performances
- Transporting equipment one or both of the following ways:
 - My vehicle has towing capacity and could pull a small/medium trailer
Type of Vehicle: _____
 - My vehicle has substantial cargo space (Minivan or SUV)
- Helping with construction of props
- Sewing flags or costumes
On a scale of 1 to 5, how skilled are you? _____
1 "I've been known to sew on a button or two" and 5 "I sew for Versace"
- Sponsoring the MCHS Winter Guard Program as an individual or through my company

Parent Name

Student Name

Parent Cell Phone Number

Parent Email Address

Mill Creek Winter Guard – Membership Contract

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

By signing below, I agree to ensure my student attends all required events. I acknowledge that I am responsible for all transportation to and from practices, competitions, and other required events. I acknowledge receipt of the Mill Creek Winter Guard Financial Policy and commit to paying my student's fees in full. I understand that if my student quits, this will hurt the winter guard program and that I will not receive a refund and will be obligated to pay the remainder of the fees. I will ensure that my student reads the Mill Creek Winter Guard Handbook and adheres to all the policies contained therein.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

STUDENT CONTRACT

By signing below, I agree to attend all required events. I acknowledge that my family is responsible for all transportation to and from practices, competitions, and other required events. I acknowledge that if I quit, this will hurt the winter guard program and that I will not receive a refund and will be obligated to pay the remainder of the fees. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the Mill Creek Winter Guard Handbook and will adhere to all the policies contained therein.

Student Name (print)

Student Signature

Date