

New London High School Color Guard

2023 AUDITIONS



Hello! We are so excited and glad that you are interested in becoming a member of this outstanding group. This packet is to help you and your family become more familiar with our program. The following pages are to give you an idea of the commitments we ask from all of our members, and the information you provide will help us in getting to know you better. We look forward to watching you perform and good luck!

The NLHS Color Guard is open to any student who will be attending New London School/EHOVE in the 2023-2024 school year (Grades 8-11). Color Guard Members enrolled in the band class will be expected to play an instrument come November. These members will adhere to the same attendance expectations as the band members. Students may also take membership on the team as an extracurricular activity. You will receive no credit with this type of membership. Attendance is **MANDATORY** in order to stay on the line.

THE APPLICATION, INTENDED COMMITMENT, AND PARENTAL CONSENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND ON FILE WITH US BEFORE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PART OF THE TRYOUT (May 22 & 23, 2023). This is very important and WE CANNOT MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE: This packet of information is subject to addition and/or modification. All such changes will be communicated in writing with ample notification. Those who are selected for membership will be receiving more detailed information on schedules, fees, and program policies as soon as these are available after auditions.

Please see the marching band information packet that can be found on the band's web-site www.nlschools.org. All color guard members are considered a part of the NLHS Band and must adhere to all policies and rules of the group.

Of course, if you or your parents have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Again, we are very glad you are here and look forward to the upcoming events!!!

Musically Yours,

Lisa Carbone

Mrs. Lisa Carbone, Director of Bands

Guidelines and Expectations

***Attendance**

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances are required and expected. If your advisor feels that an extra rehearsal is necessary for the success of the group, those rehearsals are to be treated as mandatory. Students are expected to attend the entire rehearsal. **BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY FOR MEMBERSHIP!**

***Color Guard Members Enrolled**

Will be expected to play an instrument when marching season is over. Absences will be treated like other band students and unexcused absences will result in a zero for that rehearsal grade.

***Color Guard Members Extracurricular**

Attendance at ALL practices and performances are mandatory. More than 1 unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team. If an EHOVE schedule or post secondary schedule needs to be discussed, do so before auditions.

***Auditions**

Clinics - May 22 from 5-6:30 PM

Audition - May 23 from 5-6:30 PM

Clinics & Auditions will be conducted in person. With the many spring athletic events that are scheduled, a decision has been made to post the audition routines virtually as well as teaching them in person over our 3 day clinic. Videos will be made available on the band website starting May 23. All who wish to audition must be in person on May 25. If you have any questions about the routines, please ask.

***Color Guard Captain**

It is preferred that the captain must be enrolled in the class or has a 10th period study hall confirmed by Mrs. Bohne. This will allow changes to be taught during the school day and then the captain will be able to communicate those changes to the remainder of the team at a later time.

Color Guard Spirit Uniform - Financial Obligations

The School Uniform Tunic for Guard will be provided with a garment bag at no cost.

Guard shoes, Team Jacket, leggings and the team shirt will have to be purchased. (Fundraiser options are available!!!)

Competition Uniform

A costume that represents the theme of the annual fall show will not exceed \$75.00. Money is due by July 3.

Any funds not raised will be at the cost of the student.

****IN ADDITION...**

Color Guard members must purchase their own flag bag. Those spinning rifle must provide their own. If all obligations are taken care of above and they still have fundraised money available, it can be used here.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an EXPECTATION OF ALL MEMBERS!

Expectations

- Learn routines completely. You may be asked by the directors to stand on the sideline for part or all of the show if the routine is not clearly learned. This can be done as late as the Friday afternoon rehearsal. You are carrying a large banner that easily gives away the fact you do not know your part.
- Absence from a Wednesday night rehearsal will prohibit you from performing on Friday night.
- **Best behavior at all times!** You represent New London everywhere you go with the band. We will not tolerate disrespectful or inappropriate behavior.
- Proper footwear for rehearsals – **No Sandals/Crocs/FlipFlops** – This is for your own safety and health. Tennis shoes must be worn when rehearsing at all times.
- School appropriate clothing at all times – rehearsal and on the bus. Appropriate length of shorts!!!
- All rules in the N.L. student handbook apply at all times
- Absolutely no gum or food in rehearsals. Water bottles are **highly** encouraged.

Official calendar will be distributed to all members prior to the end of the current school year and can be found on the official band website:

<https://sites.google.com/newlondon.k12.oh.us/nlwildcatband/home> and on the app [band.us](#)

Items **REQUIRED** for Participation in Clinics and Audition...

Online Application

<https://forms.gle/ndAG6H5wxk5s9fsZA>

Statement of Commitment

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gbrmyuZV5VJhb6rEeJbjPgQseJgdwwHElsuWjnJooo/edit?usp=sharing>