



2023-2024 Plainfield Winter Guard
Member Handbook

In the handbook we will cover expectations, dues payments, rehearsals, and The MWCGC Code of Conduct. Please read through the handbook so you understand what is expected of you as a member of Plainfield Winter Guard. All students and parents are asked to read the handbook prior to completing the signature page on our website at <https://plainfieldwinterguard.org/handbook>. There must be a handbook form on file before students are allowed to participate in rehearsals. There will be no exceptions.

WHAT IS WINTER GUARD?

Winter Guard is an indoor color guard activity. Unlike traditional color guard, winter guard is performed indoors, usually in a gymnasium or an indoor arena. Performances make use of recorded music rather than a live band or orchestra. Winter guard ensembles perform at judged competitions officiated by local and regional associations using criteria developed by Winter Guard International (WGI). The Plainfield Winter Guard will be performing in the Midwest Color Guard (MWCGC) circuit. The mission of the Plainfield Winter Guard is to provide an opportunity for District 202 High School and Middle School color guard students to further develop their artistic and technical performance skills through the winter season. Through performance the students will also learn valuable life skills such as teamwork, self-discipline, hard work, commitment and sportsmanship.

In addition to local circuit competitions, Plainfield Winter Guard will be competing at a national level when we go to our 2 WGI Events (Chicago and Dayton, Ohio).



www.midwestcolorguardcircuit.com



www.wgi.org

IMPORTANT EMAILS

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SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Website - www.plainfieldwinterguard.org

Instagram - @plainfieldwinterguard

Facebook - Plainfield Winter Guard

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENTS

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| Varsity \$700.00 | 11/19 \$200.00 | 12/10 \$200.00 | 1/14 \$200.00 | 2/18 \$100.00 |
| JV \$550.00 | 11/19 \$150.00 | 12/10 \$150.00 | 1/14 \$150.00 | 2/18 \$100.00 |

Member Dues have been divided into 4 payments so that families don't have to worry about paying all at once. You're welcome to pay the full member dues in a single payment if that is an option and you'd rather not worry about the schedule. Any credit card payments will incur a 3.5% transaction fee. Please be in contact with Mr. Vanderwall if a dues payment is going to be late.

VARSITY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00pm-9:00pm at PCHS // Sundays, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at PCHS

The most up-to-date calendar will be available online at

<https://plainfieldwinterguard.org/calendar>

JV REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00pm-9:00pm at PCHS // Sundays, 3:00pm-6:00pm at PCHS

The most up-to-date calendar will be available online at

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SLACK

We use slack as our communication tool with parents and students. Each member of PWG will be required to sign up for slack (there is a new version this year, so everyone will need to sign up again). Slack is frequently used to share information that applies to the current day or week. We will send out an email on how to join our slack workspace.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

Rehearsals start and end at the marked times, please plan to arrive 15 minutes early for setup and to be "out the door" about 15 minutes after the marked end time. Rehearsals need to be focused at all times with the understanding that we need to be as productive as possible with every moment of rehearsal time.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As a member of the Varsity program, all members are expected to attend all rehearsals. You will need to stay organized because, while grades at school are important, so is your commitment to the other members. Please communicate with Kelsey as soon as you know you will be absent. Rehearsal plans can be thrown off when people are missing and we don't know about it in advance. Please try to schedule all appointments so they do not conflict with rehearsals and performances. Members who are struggling to perform will be pulled from a performance. All absences must be submitted to Kelsey ten days before the absence in order to be eligible for excusal. A blanket "Family Emergency" with no other information will not be an excused absence. Please review your calendar and submit any conflicts you know of at this time when submitting the Handbook Agreement Form.

1st Unexcused Absence - Warning

2nd Unexcused Absence - Warning

3rd Unexcused Absence - Benched for the next performance

4th Unexcused Absence - Removal from featured moments

5th Unexcused Absence - Removal from the group without refund

CODE OF CONDUCT/BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

While we have moved to Independent Classes, Plainfield Winter Guard is still a school-sponsored activity and students are required to abide by the student handbook and code of conduct. School disciplinary action is an option for any infractions that occur as part of your involvement in Plainfield Winter Guard.

All members of Plainfield Winter Guard (students, parents, staff) are expected to treat others with respect. All forms of activity are subject to this statement and standard, including but not limited to electronic communication and group messaging whether it is on a public social media platform or a private group message.

Any student participating in degrading, disrespectful, insulting, bullying, or otherwise inappropriate behavior will be subject to removal from Plainfield Winter Guard and ineligible for participation in future years.

AGREEMENT TO HANDBOOK TERMS

Your electronic submission of the handbook agreement form located at <https://plainfieldwinterguard.org/handbook> confirms that you have read and agreed to follow the rules and expectations set forth in this document. You will receive an email confirmation and link to this document upon submission of the agreement form.