

## **GWA Color Guard Audition Information**

### **What is the GWA Color Guard?**

The color guard at George Walton Academy is a part of the marching band and music program. During football season, the color guard is an integral part of the marching design, color palette, and musical interpretation of the show. The guard uses props and equipment, along with movement, to express dynamic passages in the music accompanying the marching band show.

The GWA Color Guard performs during football games at halftime and at competitions. During competitions, the guard adds to the overall score of the band; however, the judges also give an individual score to the color guard for a category usually called auxiliary.

### **When and where are auditions?**

Monday, April 29th and Wednesday, May 1st from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.  
Meet in the GWA band room, auditions will take place in the middle gym.

### **Who can audition?**

The GWA Color Guard consists of 7th through 12th grade students, male or female. No experience is necessary to audition, just a great attitude and eagerness to learn!

### **What do I wear and bring to auditions?**

Wear comfortable, form fitting athletic wear (preferably all black) and tennis shoes. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a quick snack for after school!

Please fill out and turn in to Ms. Caroline at auditions:

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Texting? (circle) YES NO

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Texting? (circle) YES NO

Student Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Tentative Rehearsal Schedule for the 2019 Season**

(all rehearsals will be at GWA, meet in the band room 15 minutes prior to start of rehearsal)

### **Pre-Guard Camp Rehearsals:**

May 27th - 3:00 to 6:00 pm

June 3rd - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

### **Guard Camp: (*this is a sleepover camp*)**

June 7th - 1:00 pm THROUGH June 9th - 6:00 pm

### **Summer Rehearsals:**

Tuesday, June 18th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, June 25th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, July 16th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Thursday, July 18th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, July 23rd - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

### **Pre-Band Camp:**

Wednesday, July 24th to Friday July 26th - Times TBD

### **Band Camp: (*this is a sleepover camp*)**

Sunday, July 28th to Friday, August 2nd - Times TBD

### **Weekly Rehearsal Schedule (*during school year*):**

Mondays: 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Tuesdays: 3:45 to 6:45 pm

Thursdays: 3:45 to 6:45 pm

Fridays: Students stay after school for football games

## **What is the cost to participate in the GWA Guard?**

1. Students dues for the GWA Band and Guard program will be at or under \$350.
2. Guard Camp is a separate cost, depending on how many members we have on the team; estimation from last year is \$260.
3. Band Camp is a separate cost of \$450.

If you have any questions or concerns about the financial obligation please contact Mr. Smith ([csmith@gwa.com](mailto:csmith@gwa.com)). We are happy to work with you on a payment plan so that your student can participate in this wonderful program!