

Hickory Ridge Winterguard

Hello and welcome to the start of the 2023 Winterguard season! Here are some of the expectations of the group for the months of December-April. During these months, we will practice two days a week regularly. This does not include sectionals we may have from time to time (you will be notified ahead of time in the calendar). All of the rehearsal dates are **MANDATORY!** Missing rehearsal will affect everyone's performance. This group is only as strong as its weakest member. If you have any conflicts, please contact me via Email at Victoria.rivera@cabarrus.k12.nc.us

Practice attire for the season is a **black t-shirt/tank top with appropriate black leggings/tights**. If you wish to wear dance tights, you must also have **FITTED** shorts to wear **OVER** them. Dance socks or dance paws are allowed at rehearsal but not during performances. Your hair must be pulled back and out of your face with no jewelry on whatsoever (necklaces, watches, bracelets, etc.).

Winterguard is an indoor activity. We will be indoors for most of the season. This program requires a **GREAT** deal of physical activity. Members are expected to participate in daily conditioning (running, push-ups, sit-ups, etc.). You must be willing to keep up with conditioning. If you have any health issues that may prevent you from doing so, they must be discussed with the staff.

Fees

Fees to participate in the 2023 Winterguard program is as follows:

\$500

If you have any issues, again, please contact one of the staff members via Email! There will also be miscellaneous purchases throughout the season for hair accessories, make-up, body tights etc. All payments are **NON-REFUNDABLE**, whether you are dismissed or whether you withdraw from the program. We will attempt to do a fundraiser and you are expected to participate. Please stay up to date with your Winterguard fees. Without the fees, **THE PROGRAM CAN'T FUNCTION!**

Attendance

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD! All of the rehearsal dates are **MANDATORY!** That means, do **NOT** schedule anything else during rehearsal time. Every competition is mandatory!!! No exceptions!!! Missing a show is unacceptable and will cause your dismissal from the group. We have attached a schedule with the rehearsal and competition dates. If there are any issues at all, again, please contact the staff (Victoria & Chris) via Email. If there are sectionals or extra rehearsals, as mentioned before, we will let you know immediately.

2019-2020 Staff Members (Contact information)

Victoria Rivera (Colorguard Director): Victoria.rivera@cabarrus.k12.nc.us

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We are really excited for this season! We have high expectations and we will move fast to meet our goals. If everyone is on board, we can get so much accomplished! Please make sure to practice outside of rehearsal. Even, if it's just 30 minutes before rehearsal. We are super excited for this season!

Rehearsal Expectations

1. Talking will be kept to a minimum. There will be no talking during organized blocks (stretch, dance, flag, etc.).
2. No Food/Gum or Drinks (fountain drinks) are allowed in rehearsal.
3. Members must have a ½ to 1gallon water jug filled with water **EVERY** rehearsal.
4. Be kind. There is no room for personal conflicts.
5. Participation. You must participate in order to perform. Work ethic must be on point!
6. Leave your problems at the door. Colorguard rehearsal is for Colorguard rehearsal.
7. Give 100% in everything! You must be an active member at all times.
8. **R E S P E C T**. You have to give respect to get respect.
9. Erase **CAN'T** from your vocabulary. Being open-minded will make you a better member.
10. Proper Etiquette (Be on time, properly dressed, etc.).

** The Golden Rule: Treat Others The Way You Want To Be Treated! **

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This is your COMMITMENT contract. Once signed you are obligated to finish the season and pay the full dues.

Parent Signature / Date

Student Signature / Date