

CCHS Color Guard Member Handbook



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Band App & Communication

“CCHS 2023 COLORGUARD”

<https://band.us/n/a6a795B04d2f4>

- Band app is MY primary source of communication. It is mandatory for students to have this app downloaded on their devices, have the notifications on, and check it frequently for updates.
- Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to join this page as well.
- Mr. Darnall also uses REMIND for students and parents. He will show you how to sign up.
- CCHS Colonel Band website:
<https://christianhighchristianky.schoolinsites.com/band>

Membership Dues

- Performer fees this season are \$300 per performer. This covers the cost of uniforms, flags, equipment, props, competition/circuit entry fees, travel expenses, etc.
- If you are on free/reduced lunch, please speak with Mr. Darnall.

Fundraiser

- We provide a multitude of fundraising opportunities for the program in order to fund our expenses.
- CAR WASH SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Equipment

- All students will be provided with assigned practice flags and show flags throughout the season.
- Students need to purchase their own personal FLAG BAG and GUARD SHOES. These are roughly ~\$30 each. Students will have a set date to bring in this money so we can make a bulk order in July during Pre-Camp.
- In years past, weapons (rifles and sabres) have been provided for students. However, with the growth of our program, our member population is exceeding the number of weapons we have in inventory. Students who are selected to be on the weapon line are strongly encouraged to purchase their own rifle and/or sabre.
- Sabre: 39” Excalibur Sabre
- Rifle: 37.5” DSI rifle, black bolt, black strap.

Code of Conduct

In order for any group of individuals to achieve success, all members must agree to adhere to a standard set of rules and procedures. It is important that the members of the program truly desire to be a hard-working, disciplined ensemble, willing to work together towards common visions, standards, and goals. All members are expected to adhere to the following rules without exception. Failure to do so could result in dismissal from the program.

1. **Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals, camps, and shows/competitions. Excused absences are for extreme, extenuating circumstances only. Any conflicts with the season schedule must be cleared with the directors immediately.
 - “3 Strikes Rule”- Accumulation of 3 unexcused absences results in grounds for dismissal. This may vary with case-by-case situations.
 - Even if an absence is excused, your position in the show may be modified until the staff evaluates whether or not you are competent with the material you may have missed.
 - If you are injured, you are still required to attend rehearsal and observe.
 - Students who have part-time jobs are required to give their place of employment a copy of the season calendar so conflicts with work never arise.
2. **Behavior:** It is very important to the CCHS Colonel Band staff that our reputation be one of class, dignity, and maturity. We will not tolerate inappropriate behavior at any time.
 - The directors hold the right to dismiss any member, at any time, who is representing the guard in an inappropriate manner. You will represent yourself as a member of the CCHS Colonel Band always and never speak disrespectfully of another member, student, teacher, or other color guard programs at any time—THIS GOES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA AS WELL.

- We will not tolerate bigotry, of any kind, EVER. If you cannot refrain from making comments of a negative nature, you do not need to participate in, nor support this activity, where diversity is embraced and encouraged.
- Social Media- As stated above, members represent our program at all times. Presence on social media is expected to follow the guidelines presented in this handbook, as well as the CCMS/CCHS student handbook. Failure to uphold a respectable social media presence will result in grounds for dismissal.
- Good academic standing is required to maintain membership in the Colonel Band Colorguard. Students will be expected to turn in a “grade check” during audition week, as well as throughout the season. Staff reserve the right to be in contact with each student’s teachers to overlook academic progress, as well as behavior in school.

3. Rules and policies:

- No destruction of school/rehearsal/performance facilities or guard/band property. You will be charged to replace anything you damage.
- Clean up after yourself; no one leaves rehearsal or a show site until the facility is clean.
- Equipment must ALWAYS be sufficiently padded and taped to protect each other and our performance floor.
- Wear appropriate dance wear to rehearsals
- No disruptive behavior during rehearsals.
- No arguing with fellow members. Handle issues maturely outside of the rehearsal setting.
- Occasionally, members will be asked to take on leadership roles or carry out leadership responsibilities. They are to be extended proper respect and your willingness to assist.
- Everyone loads and unloads. The Equipment/Props are everyone’s responsibility.
- Students are expected to arrive at rehearsal 10-15 minutes early. Being late is unacceptable and an accumulation of offenses may result in grounds for dismissal.

2023 CCHS COLOR GUARD MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

By initialing each number and signing below, I am accepting a position in the 2023 CCHS Color Guard and agree to the following terms of membership:

_____ 1. I am responsible for the 2023 membership dues of \$300 and any money I pay toward this amount is non-refundable. I will make every effort, either by private means, sponsorships, or participation in various fundraising programs, to meet this financial commitment.

_____ 2. I am aware of the time commitment required to be a member and will arrange my normal schedule around rehearsals and performances. I agree to be in attendance for **every rehearsal and performance**, as laid out in the 2023 CCHS Colonel Band calendar of scheduled events. I understand that this schedule might need to be altered from time to time and I **agree to be flexible** with those slight changes.

_____ 3. If I am unable to attend a rehearsal for any reason, **prior approval** must be obtained from the directors. I understand that being absent from rehearsals or competitions, without prior notification and approval by the directors (a no-show), is grounds for dismissal from the unit, and all fees paid to date will be forfeited by the member. I understand that performance standards must be maintained in order to maintain my position within the unit.

_____ 4. I will be financially responsible for the repair or replacement of my uniform, equipment and any other property if damaged by careless use while in my trust.

_____ 5. I understand that this is an organization that operates in the public eye, and I must conduct myself in a manner that will maintain a positive and respectable image when representing CCHS Colonel Band. **This includes my social media presence.** Actions deemed inappropriate by the director and staff can result in immediate expulsion.

_____ 6. I am aware that failure to meet any obligations or commitments mentioned above and in the Member Handbook will be cause for expulsion from the guard.

_____ 7. I have read the 2023 CCHS Color Guard Handbook and agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth in said handbook. I understand my membership is dependent upon my compliance with all rules and policies, and failure to follow those guidelines may result in my membership being terminated, without advance notice, and without a refund of membership dues paid.

Member signature

Date

Parent signature

Date