

Parents,

The Mercer County Band is starting a winterguard program this winter in order to recruit, learn new equipment, and improve upon color guard skills in the off season of marching band. This is a voluntary activity that will require a commitment of attendance to rehearsals and performances. Since this is the first year, we will only be performing at a select basketball games. Our hope is that after this season once students have been exposed to winterguard that we can compete next winter at competitions.

Students grades 6-12 can participate and do not need any experience. There will be a \$100 fee due on December 12th, 2022 in order to pay instructors and buy necessary equipment. Attendance at rehearsals and performances is mandatory and vital to the success of the performances and group. Below is the rehearsal schedule and performance schedule.

Rehearsals (All at MCSH)

Saturday, December 3rd 9am-1pm-Introduction to winterguard. Bring your lunch

Monday, December 12th 3:30-5:00pm-1st Rehearsal to start show-\$100 fee due

Thursday, January 5th 3:30-5:00pm

Tuesday, January 10th 3:30-5:00pm

Thursday, January 12th 3:30-5:00pm

Monday, January 16th 9am-1pm-Bring Lunch (MLK Day)

Tuesday, January 17th 3:30-5:00pm

Saturday, January 21th 9am-1pm- Bring Lunch

Thursday, January 26th 3:30-5:00pm

Monday, January 30th 3:30-5:00pm

Tuesday, February 7th 3:30-5:00pm

Monday, February 13th 3:30-5:00pm

Tuesday, February 21, 3:30-5:00pm

Performances (All Games at MCSH)

Monday, January 23rd-Be there at 6:00pm-Intermission Performance Between Games

Tuesday, January 31st-Be there at 6:00pm-Intermission Performance Between Games

Tuesday, February 14th-Be there at 6:00pm-Intermission Performance Between Games

Thursday, February 23rd-KMS Performance at 1pm

Saturday, February 25th, we will go to Lafayette high school to watch a winterguard show to see a competition. This will not be mandatory, but there will be a small fee to pay for transportation. More information will go out before that day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. We are looking forward to this new activity and hope it will benefit our students.

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