

Colorguard FAQ

Is colorguard a class?

Yes! It is a semester-long class which meets during 5th period in the fall. You will run into 6th period a little bit, which will usually be your scheduled lunch. We practice outside every 5th period unless the weather is bad, so you will want to plan to have appropriate clothing. Colorguard activities conclude sometime in November, so for the last part of the first semester you will be assigned to a study hall. Colorguard members who also play band instruments will NOT sign up for the colorguard class—it is part of their band class.

I didn't sign up for colorguard on my schedule? Can I still add it?

Yes! You can do that after colorguard tryouts in the spring. You will need to make sure that you have room in your schedule. If your schedule is too tight, we recommend putting off speech, health, tech ed, or PE until a later year when there is more flexibility.

Would colorguard count toward my PE requirement?

Yes! If you do two years of colorguard and fill out the necessary paperwork, your PE requirement can be waived.

Are there after-school commitments?

Yes. Check out the band calendar (there will also be a copy under the “News & Info” tab at www.gahannabands.org) to see the schedule of games, parades, and after-school practices. In addition, Coach Widder will have additional after-school practices which she will tell you about. This calendar may change slightly as we get closer to the end of the year.

I notice on the calendar that there is camp and some 4th of July commitments in the summer. If I have other plans, is that a problem?

Maybe. Band members can miss 4th of July rehearsals and performances if their family is out of town, but band camp days are mandatory. In case of the July 4th rehearsals and performances, you will be excused if you provide Mr. Cebriak with a written note in advance of the absence. Even if you won't be in town for the performances, you should come to the rehearsals.

Whom do I contact in case of absence?

Coach Widder *AND* Mr. Cebriak (he is in charge of your grade!). Advance notification is necessary for excusal. If you are ill, let us know immediately. Attendance is essential for the success of our group. Absences may result in your not being permitted to perform on a given week.

Now that you mention it, how am I graded?

Your grade is based on attendance (including being on time) and memory checks (performance evaluations of your routines.)

What is the best way to contact Mr. C?

Communication is always the best policy! When in doubt, ask! Office phone: 478-5519, email: cebriakr@gjps.org, cell phone: 404-1219.

What are my financial responsibilities (approximate)?

Pay-to-participate fee	\$25.00	GJPS	Each year
Shoes	\$33.00	GLIMB	One time?
Shorts	\$17.00	GLIMB	One time?
Band polo	\$24.00	GLIMB	One time?
Unitard	\$33.00	GLIMB	One time?
Cleaning fee	\$25.00	GLIMB	Each year
Short black socks		On own	As needed!

Calendar of events (subject to change, additions may be made)

TBA (April & May)	Help sessions	TBA
TBA (May)	Auditions & uniform fittings	TBA
TBA	Weekly colorguard rehearsals	TBA
Friday, May 25	Rookie Day	8 am - 1 pm
June 27-29	July 4 rehearsals	4 pm - 9 pm
July 2	July 4 rehearsals	4 pm - 9 pm
July 3	RWB Parade	4 pm - 8pm
July 4	Gahanna Parade	9:30 am - 11 am
July 31	Band Camp	8 am - 1 pm
August 1-3	Band Camp	8 am - 1 pm
August 6-9	Band Camp	8 am - 1 pm
Monday, August 13	Evening rehearsal	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday, August 15	Rehearsal (no freshmen)	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday, August 16	School rehearsals begin	5 th period into 6 th
Thursday, August 16	Evening rehearsal	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday, August 23	Evening rehearsal	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday, August 30	Evening rehearsal	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Friday, August 31	Home vs. Coffman	
Thursday, September 6	Evening rehearsal	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Friday, September 7	Home vs. Marion Franklin	
Thursday, September 13	Evening rehearsal	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
TBA	Evening rehearsal with NA	TBA
Friday, September 14	Away vs. New Albany	
Saturday, September 15	GLIMB Tag Day	8 am - 1 pm
Friday, September 21	Home vs. Westerville Central	
Friday, September 28	Away vs. Pickerington Central	
Saturday, September 29	OSUMB Buckeye Invitational	All day
Friday, October 5	Home vs. Reynoldsburg	
Friday, October 12	Away vs. Lancaster	
Friday, October 19	Away vs. Grove City	
Tuesday, October 23	Pops Concert in gym	7:30 pm
Friday, October 26	Home vs. Pickerington North	
Fridays in November	Potential playoff games	
November 8-12	NYC trip!	
Sunday, November 18	Holiday Lights Parade	6:00 pm