

# SOUND OF SPRINGTOWN COLOR GUARD TRYOUTS PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

## TRYOUTS

- Paperwork
  - Reference forms
    - Students are required to have three reference forms filled out by adults they have worked with who are not family members
  - Report Card
    - Students need to provide a copy of their most recent report card
  - Membership Application
    - Must be completed and signed by both the student and a parent
- Finances
  - \$50 uniform deposit due the day of tryouts
  - The \$50 dollars will be held until after tryouts results have been announced; individuals who did not make the guard will receive their money back
  - This money goes towards the purchase of our uniforms, which must be ordered in May in order to be ready in August; we will take measurements by the day of tryouts
- Tryouts
  - Friday, April 29 at 4:30pm in the SHS band hall
  - Will cover:
    - Dance Fundamentals
    - Flag Fundamentals
    - A short tryout routine
  - Students will tryout in small groups of two or three
  - Tryouts will be judged by Mrs. Hibbetts and other qualified guard and band directors; the decision of the judges is final

# TIME COMMITMENT



- Color guard is a year long activity. During the fall we perform with the Sound of Springtown marching band. During the winter and spring we perform to recorded music and compete on the North Texas Colorguard Association Circuit
- Color Guard Class
  - Counts as a band class for PE/Fine Arts credit
  - The class is year long
    - those already in a band class may or may not also be enrolled in the color guard class; this will be determined on a case by case basis
- Marching Band
  - May: We will have three after school practices for new members during the month of May
    - Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00
    - Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00
    - Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00-6:00
  - Summer band
    - Mandatory attendance
    - This is the time when we learn and perfect our fundamentals and learn much of our halftime show
    - New Member/Rookie Guard Camp: May 31-June 2, 1:00-5:00
    - **Color Guard Camp:** June 13-17, 9:00-4:00pm
    - Fundamental Camp: July 28 and 29th; 8:00am-12:00pm
    - Full Band Camp:
      - August 1-5; 9:00am-9:00pm (except Wed; 9:00-5:00pm)
      - August 8-12; 9:00am-9:00pm (except Wed; 9:00-5:00pm)
      - August 15-19; 6:00pm-9:00pm (except Wed; no rehearsal)
    - Attendance can affect performance status; a student who is not able to attend may start the season as an alternate, or understudy; this status will not necessarily be permanent
  - Alternates
    - Alternates or “shadows” are understudies for a spot in the show. The guard can be affected by things such as eligibility or injuries, but “the show must go on.” Having an understudy ensures that this can happen.
    - Alternates attend all rehearsals, learn the entire show, and also have all parts of the uniform.
    - They have the opportunity to perform at several football games, provided that they can perform the choreography.
    - A student may be placed on alternate status for several reasons:
      - Excessive absences (both excused and unexcused)
      - Failure to learn drill and/or choreography

- Academically Ineligible
  - Disciplinary problems
- Weekly Band Rehearsals
  - Morning Rehearsal, Monday – Friday; 6:40-7:40 am
  - Monday Evening Rehearsal; 6:00-8:30pm (occasionally moved to Tuesday in the event of a school holiday)
- Football Games
  - We attend all football games with the band
  - Performances do count for a test grade
- Contests
  - We will attend four to five contests this year
  - Contests are generally held on Saturdays during the month of October, with UIL State Championships in the first of November
  - Contest performances also count for a grade
  - Typically you can expect a band contest to take the entire day (warm ups, travel time, prelims and finals performance, etc)
- Winter Guard
  - Winter guard is where the color guard performs inside to recorded music during the coldest months of the year
  - Winter guard season runs from mid-November to late March
  - Rehearsals
    - After school rehearsals Monday and Thursday
    - Since we only rehearse two days a week, these rehearsals are extremely important
  - Contests
    - We will attend four to five contests during winter guard season
    - Winter guard contests occur on either a Friday evening or a Saturday and count as a grade
    - Contests usually occur one every two to three weeks during the months of January - March
    - NTCA does not release their contest schedule until November; we will know our exact schedule at that time

## FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- Fall/Marching Band
  - Band fee – covers uniforms, gloves, band shirt, etc. \$150
    - (\$50 of this is due at tryouts, \$100 in August)
  - Camp fee – for guard camp in June \$50
  - Shoes \$35
- Winter guard
  - Uniform, shirt, flag silks, show supplies \$200



We do have fundraisers available! We start with SNAP fundraising in May, and continue with our summer color guard car wash!