

Color Guard Q&A

Q – How much does it cost to participate in color guard?

A – The average cost for marching season is \$1,200 and for winter guard it averages \$1,000. Budgets are made up for the season and the total expenses are divided among the number of participants. The more people participating, the smaller the fee!

Q – What does the fee pay for?

A – There are many things included in the budget and budgets are posted to the website. The main things are competition entrance fees, travel expenses (generally including a trip to Orlando for BOA for marching season), costumers, Friday night meals (for marching season), staff, and other equipment.

Q – Will I need to buy anything else for my child to participate?

A – Yes. Guard members should have basic neutral makeup. Depending on the show design they may be asked to buy additional eye shadow. Other items include shoes, body tights, flag bag, and gloves. Personal flags, rifles, and sabres are not required but can be helpful. Coaches may also decide to get ‘team gear’ – duffle, cooler, shirts, and/or jackets.

Here are some links to some of the items above. You don’t have to order from Amazon, it is just being used to show what items are needed. If you want to purchase them elsewhere, that is fine as long as it is the exact same thing.



‘Jazzy Tan’



'Tan'



by Capezio – 'Tan', but depending on the show, maybe 'Black'



by DSI – 6'

Q – Where are practices held?

A – All practices are held at Nease High School. Where on the campus will vary depending on the weather, what is being practiced, and what other activities are going on at Nease that day. The band room is 'home base' and there is a hallway where color guard members can store their flag bags if desired. The most common locations for practice are in 'Mario land' or the PAC courtyard and the ROTC bay. Marching season is mixed with the band so there will be practices behind the school on the practice fields. Winter guard uses a large floor so will use the tennis courts by the bus loop and occasional are able to actually get the gym.

Q – How do typical Friday night football games work?

A – Usually the kids have a short practice and then they are served dinner before heading to the game. If the game is away there isn't much of a practice before eating and getting on the buses. During the

games, the kids are in the stands with the band and will perform 'stand dances' when the band plays pep songs. Half time is when they get to perform some or all of their show. Both schools have the opportunity to perform and the away team gets to go first. Sometimes there is only enough time for one band to perform at the beginning of the season and they will not perform at special occasion games like Homecoming and Senior night. The kids get third quarter to get some food, go to the bathrooms, etc. There are parent volunteers watching the instruments and belongings in the stands during this time. Once the game is over, the kids put their gear away and can head home.