



McKeesport Tiger Marching Band 2019 Commitment Agreement



Dear Color Guard Students and Families:

Try-It Nights – Required for all members interested in Color Guard (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Graders)

- May 13th & 14th, 2018 @ 3:00 – 6:00 PM (H.S. Gym)
 - Report to the high school gym by 3:00 PM
- Please have all completed forms turned into Mrs. Larson you May 8th, 2019.

Guard Mini Camp – Required for all members in Color Guard

- June 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th @ 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Report to the high school Band Room Side by 4:45 PM
 - In your stretch block by 5:00 PM

First Full Band Rehearsal – Required for all members in Color Guard

- Tuesday, July 2nd @ 5:00 – 9:00 PM
 - Report to the high school Band Room Side by 4:45 PM
 - In parade block by 5:00 PM

Band Camp – Required for all members in Color Guard (The Booster organization typically feeds everyone)

- July 29th, 30th, 31th, @ 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- August 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th @ 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Report to the Practice Field by 7:45 AM
 - In stretch block by 8:00 AM

Weekly Rehearsals – Required for all members in Color Guard

- Tuesday and Thursday @ 2:45 – 6:00 PM
 - Report to the practice field by 2:45 PM
 - In stretch block by 3:00 PM

Football Games – Required for all members in Color Guard

- August 24th, 30th; September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; October 5th, 11th, 18th, 25th; ***PLAY OFFS
 - Report times will be announced the week of the game

Competitions – Required for all members in Color Guard

- September 7th, 14th, 28th; October 12th, 19th
 - Report times will be announced the week of the Competition



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Weekly Rehearsals



Please wear athletic clothing & shoes. NO tank tops or spaghetti straps. Tee shirts with sleeves please. Your midriffs need to be covered.



BRING WATER to drink. Make sure to eat and drink water before the rehearsal. This is an athletic activity. It is your responsibility to take care of your body so you are able to do this strenuous activity. Please eat properly, drink non-carbonated fluids and rest prior to rehearsals.



Practices

- Report to practice at least 15 minutes early.
- Be in your stretch block promptly at the start of practice, Ready to work
- Required to have at every practice:
 - ✓ Appropriate attire (NO tank tops or spaghetti straps. Tee shirts with sleeves.)
 - ✓ Equipment: (Flag(s), Rifle, Saber)
 - ✓ Gloves
 - ✓ Water, Sunscreen, Hat/Visor, Sunglasses
 - ✓ Drill Cards
 - ✓ A Positive Attitude and Ready to Work!

Regarding Uniforms:

- **Gloves**- Required for all guard members. Orders will be taken in June.
- **Track Suits**- Required by all guard students. Order forms will be disrupted in June.
- **Black Band Shoes "Dinkles"**– Required by all marching students. Order forms will be passed out mid-July. In order for the shoes to match we order from a local vendor, Progressive Music.
- **Show Shirt**- Required by all guard members. Order forms will be passed out mid-July.



See Calendar for dates & times. Please follow the schedule for all obligations.

- Schedule is subject to change throughout the season, however rehearsal dates and times will most likely stay the same. **Students are expected to attend ALL rehearsals**, but should e-mail Mrs. Larson at MASDGuard@gmail.com three days prior to missing a rehearsal. The only acceptable excuse for missing a rehearsal is an excused absence from school. Work schedules, transportation issues, etc. are not acceptable reasons for missing rehearsals. Students involved in other activities are expected to split time equally between other activities and guard. Students with too many absences may have a reduced role in the season, even if those absences are excused.
- **Full commitment** Date of July 11, 2019 ***After this date, if for whatever reason you quit or you are asked to no longer return, any uniform purchased on your behalf will go on your debt list at the school.
- **Inclement Weather Policy:** In the event of a school cancellation or early dismissal due to inclement weather, Practices are also cancelled. If the students complete a full day of school, but the weather turns bad in the evening or on the weekend, please check the Remind App for cancellation information.



The McKeesport Tiger Band and Orchestra Booster

- The McKeesport Tiger Band and Orchestra Boosters meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Please attend those meetings to find out how you can support the students. Remember that the booster organization directly supports and works for the students in the band/orchestra/color guard.
- Finally, please check out our website for any additional information <http://www/mhstigerband.com/>



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(Please Return to Mrs. Larson by May 8, 2019)

Student Name: _____

Instrument /Guard: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Alt. Phone: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Parent E-Mail: _____

I agree to begin the Marching Band Season/Color Guard in June and complete the season. I understand that the drill/guard work/music are written specifically for me. My presence at all rehearsals and performances are mandatory and directly related to the success of the program. I have read and understand the summer and fall schedules.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____