

# Tuffree Middle School Color Guard

## Informational Contract

### Contact Information

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### Our Purpose

In our program, we strive to not only teach the basics of color guard but also create well-rounded students. Our students are introduced to the beginning concepts of flag, rifle, and dance while gaining experience performing at various venues. Being a part of Tuffree's Color Guard means that you strive for excellence, foster teamwork, and tackle every challenge with a positive outlook.

### General Color Guard Information

Practices: Tuesday and Thursday after school 3:45pm-5:45pm

Zero Period: Occasional before school practices at 7:30am are scheduled by Mr. Saliby during marching season. This is the only opportunity for the whole band and color guard to practice marching together.

Performances: Placentia Heritage Day Parade, El Dorado Football Game, PYLUSD Band Pageant, Breakfast with the Band, and Knotts Berry Farm. For these various performances, we will be performing with the band and traveling by bus to get to and from each location.



## Winter Guard

Winter Guard season begins at the end of November and lasts until the end of the school year. We do not perform with the band which allows us to focus on creating a dynamic show that challenges the students as performers. During this time we will learn a routine that focuses on building color guard skills and adding in rifle basics. This is a more competitive atmosphere where we will be performing at various competitions in the WGASC organization.

We will have a separate tryout for the winter guard season where I will expect all students to confidently be able to perform these various basics.

Dance: Able to march in step and perform with enthusiasm and energy. General understanding of dance basics.

Flag:

- Drop Spins
- Carvs
- Butterflies
- Flutters (Forward/Backwards)
- Prayer Toss
- Pop Toss
- J-Toss
- Money Hand
- Single
- Parallel

Only a handful of students will be selected for the winter guard season. I will be looking for students who are active participants during the colorguard season and show a passion for the sport. These basics listed above will be taught throughout the color guard season. If students practice during practice time and at home, these basics should be able to be confidently executed. Come time for the winter guard audition, failure to be able to perform these color guard basics can jeopardize your chances of making the winter guard team. By selecting students who demonstrate these qualities I will be able to create a better performing experience and produce choreography that will challenge these students in their color guard careers.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is incredibly important throughout the school year. I only have 4 hours a week with your kids and I try to use every second of that time to its fullest. While I love my time with your kids, I understand that conflicts will arise during the school year. If there is ever a time in which a child needs to leave early or can not attend a practice then an email or text message must be sent to me prior to the day of the practice. Failure to do so would lead to an unexcused absence. If a child accumulates 4 unexcused absences then they risk the privilege to perform. It is not fair to have a child perform if they can not perform at the level of their peers due to a lack of attendance. These policies apply to both zero periods and after school practices. The practice before a performance is mandatory in order to perform unless discussed with me prior.

## **Rehearsal Dress Code**

- Athletic attire (all attire should be age appropriate)
- Close-toed tennis shoes or sneakers
- Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail, bun, or braid
- No sandals, No dresses/skirts, No jeans, No loose or dangly jewelry
- Students may wear regular school attire to zero period
- Mask -- must be worn throughout practices until further notice

## **Performance Dress Code**

I will review performance attire, hair, and makeup before every performance.

## **Grades**

Grades are checked prior to our Knotts Performance and Winter Guard tryouts. Students with “D’s” or “F’s” are not permitted to attend.

## **Behavior**

We practice with a good attitude and a smile on our face. During my practices, I do not allow any bad attitudes or unsporting behavior. If these actions are shown this would lead to dismissal from practice. It is also my goal to promote a drama free zone both in and out of practice. As a team, it is every individual’s responsibility to support one another. Any behavior that is un-teamlike to another member or directed to another school will lead to immediate dismissal from the team. This includes actions taken both in person or online/ social media.

## **Summer Camp**

To be successful, we begin our training over summer. At Summer camp, students will learn a small routine to perform for family and friends. Attendance is mandatory unless previously discussed with me. During this time equipment will be distributed to all students. Rehearsal dress code must be followed and it is encouraged for all students to bring water and a snack. Most importantly this is a time for the team to bond and get to know one another before the school year.

### Where:

Tuffree Middle School  
2151 N. Kraemer Boulevard Placentia, CA 92870

### When:

August 23-27 (Monday-Friday)  
Time: 5pm-8pm

On Friday, August 27 at 7:00 pm we are inviting all family and friends to see the routine we will be working on throughout the week. This is a great opportunity to video tape and capture the beginning stages of your child's Color Guard career.

## **Summer Practices**

The following Summer practice dates are optional but highly encouraged. This time will help give the students a head start in learning the basics of Color Guard and refining their skill.

Tuesday, July 13	5 pm - 8 pm	@ Tuffree Middle School
Tuesday, July 20	5 pm - 8 pm	@ El Dorado High School
Tuesday, July 27	5 pm - 8 pm	@ Tuffree Middle School
Tuesday, August 3	5 pm - 8 pm	@ El Dorado High School

## **Important Dates**

El Dorado Football Game	TBD
Breakfast with the Band	TBD
Placentia Heritage Parade	TBD
Band Pageant	TBD
Knotts Berry Farm	TBD

## **Student Responsibilities**

- Learn, memorize, rehearse, and perform various skills and routines.
- Drop off equipment and rehearsal clothes in the TMS band room BEFORE school begins, or immediately after school. Do not drop off during class. It is disruptive.
- At our various events, students must stay together at all times.
- Come to rehearsal fully prepared: have equipment taped appropriately and meet the appropriate rehearsal dress code. Failure to comply will constitute dismissal from rehearsal. (Purchase black electrical tape at Home Depot.)
- Rehearse at home to maintain good skills. It is very easy to spot the students that are not rehearsing at home. Aim to be the best you can be!
- Use equipment in designated practice areas and under adult supervision.
- Abide by school regulations. (no foul language, no use of drugs or alcohol, follow school dress code)
- Students that are not a part of our program are not allowed at our rehearsals.
- Do not allow non-guard members to use your equipment.
- Students that are enrolled in band and color guard must rehearse with color guard after school, but perform with the band since it is part of your band grade. Band will not interfere with winter guard performances.
- If you are involved in other school activities you must inform me.

## **Parent Responsibilities**

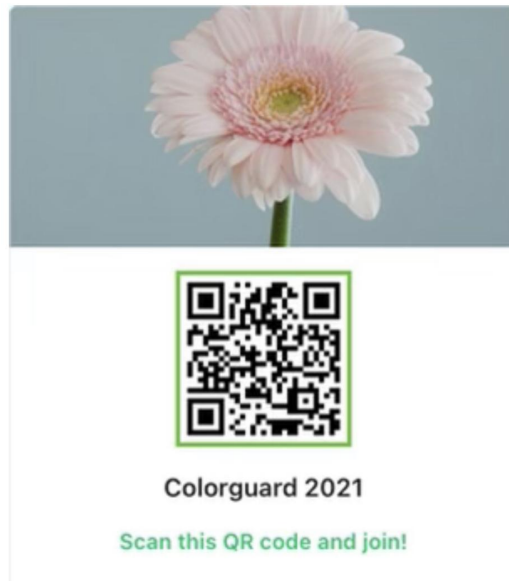
- Have appropriate paperwork on file in the office and be covered by insurance.
- Parent involvement is encouraged. Show your support.
- Parents are asked to encourage at home practice and to encourage their children to project a good image in all areas for TMS.
- Help your student keep his/her commitments and accept responsibility.
- Help your student with school and class responsibilities.
- Listen for and/or read all announcements for important information relating to color guard and winter guard activities.
- Help students to maintain a "C" or better in each class. Citizenship must be satisfactory or outstanding.
- Communicate with me! This is our key to success! With so many members it is absolutely necessary to stay in good communication.

## **Communication**

Email is my number one form of communication. I actively check our email and will be sending out emails to the entire team regarding practices, performances, and needed updates throughout the school year.

The other platform I will be using is an app called BAND App. The Band app is an all in one platform for groups that has various features such as a communication board, calendar, and folders for sharing pictures. I highly encourage everyone to join, even if you do not have a cell phone, you can still join through their online platform. This platform will not be my main source of communication but is a wonderful tool.

Link: <https://band.us/n/aea15a5ew0HdV>



## **Website**

I encourage all parents and students to check out our website :

[www.tuffreemusic.com/colorguard](http://www.tuffreemusic.com/colorguard)

## **Instagram**

Instagram is another big step for our program. Being a program with so many amazing and talented students I want to be able to showcase these accomplishments. The reason for having an Instagram is we want to be able to keep in contact with Falcons who have graduated and other supporters of our program. This will help us promote events and different fundraisers we host throughout the year. Instagram can be a dangerous platform and I am very aware of those consequences. I intend on monitoring our page for any negative content and will make sure to shut down anything brought to my attention. Instagram is not a mandatory platform for students to use. I will never use Instagram as my main tool for communication. If students and families decide to follow the account it is completely optional. I do ask that all students and families who decide to participate set an example for other people on social media to follow. It is extremely important to me that our page is only filled with positive and encouraging content.

If you would like to follow or check out our page please go to

[@tuffreemsguard](#)

## **Social Media**

I have a ZERO tolerance policy for any negativity produced about our team, another team, or team member. This includes harassing, foul language, tasteless pictures, or anything that represents our program in a negative light. This includes group messages and actions taken on personal accounts. If a student is proven to be participating in any of these activities, then they will be removed from the team with no warning. I will investigate every situation before action is taken and consult with both parties involved in the situation. This is a place of learning and growth, we have no space for anything that would hurt these objectives.

### Colorguard Fees

- \$100 Participation Donation
- \$60 Performance T-Shirt
- \$50 Warm-Up Jacket
- \$15 Practice Flag Pole
- \$15 Practice Flag Silk
- \$45 Flag Bag

The total for all Color Guard items is \$285. Shoes and Jazz pants will need to be purchased at a later time. More information will be provided prior to school starting.

### Payment Plan

- Option 1: You may pay for everything at registration (8th Grade August 17, 7th Grade August 18)
- Option 2: Break it up into two payments.  
Payment 1 is at registration (8th Grade August 17, 7th Grade August 18).  
Payment 2 is due by September 30.
- Option 3: Please feel free to talk to me regarding financial troubles. We understand that times can be tight and the sport does come with a financial obligation. There are scholarships for students who need financial help.

\*\*\* If financially you are not sure if you can buy items new, we do have various equipment and clothing from previous years that can be used to lower your cost. Please talk to me for more information.

### Payment Options

\*\*\* For Cash or Check options please make sure payments are submitted in a sealed envelope with your students first and last name written on the front of the envelope along with the word "Colorguard".

Cash Cash payments must be in a sealed envelope so they are not misplaced.

Check Please make checks out to:  
*"Friends of Tuffree Instrumental Music"*

Credit / Debit Credit or Debit payments can be collected through our square up online store. Please wait one week before registration to buy items online as our online store needs to be updated to reflect the needed items for this year.

<https://timb-101843.square.site/>



## **Photo Release**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
give permission for my son or daughter to have their picture taken for the purpose of  
documenting and promoting the Tuffree Middle School Colorguard/ Winterguard Program. I  
acknowlege that this picture may be used as content for our website, instagram, and flyers.

It is agreed that all pictures posted will be of good quality and taste. Any pictures that a parent or  
guardian does not approve may be discussed with Coach Rachel and action will be taken to  
satisfy all parties.

With my signature below I grant permission for my child(ren) to be photographed, or their  
images recorded for print or electronic use in promoting the Tuffree Middle School Colorguard/  
Winterguard Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to update this form in the event  
that I no longer wish to authorize the above uses. I agree that this form will remain in effect  
during the term of my child's enrollment. I understand that there will be no payment for me or  
my child's participation in this release.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Child \_\_\_\_\_

**Informational Contract Agreement**

I have read and understood the TMS color guard and winter guard contract and I agree to abide by the rules and regulations therein. I have read the financial and time schedules, and understand my responsibility and commitment to the TMS color guard and winter guard. I also understand that if I do not comply with the above mentioned, that I may be dismissed from the color guard and/or winter guard unit.

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Which school activities will your student be involved in? Please check the activities that apply to your student.

- Color Guard
- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Vocal Theatre
- ASB
- Falcon Films

What will you be ordering this season? Please put a checkmark by each item that applies to your student...

- returning member NOT in band
- returning member in band
- new member NOT in band
- new member in band

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