

Experience the Sport of the Arts

# OCHS Colorguard 2024



## Auditions

Saturday, May 4, 9am-4pm (pack lunch)

Sunday, May 5, 1-5pm

Monday, May 6, 6pm

**No experience required! Meet in the OCHS Band Room.**

There will be a mandatory meeting for those selected and their parents/guardians on **Thursday, May 9th at 6pm**. Students auditioning for rifle and sabre parts will need to attend an additional audition on **May 11th**. (Rifle Audition 9-12; Sabre Audition 1-4)

## Commitment for the 2024 season

June						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
July						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Colorguard Summer Training: 9am-4pm**, for all members to receive basic technique training. You are expected to attend a minimum of **four** of these practices to be eligible for membership.

June 6th	June 15th	July 11th
June 8th	June 27th	July 13th
June 13th	June 29th	

**Weapon Training:** Training sessions for those interested in learning rifle and sabre technique. All performing rifles and sabres will be required to attend at least **two** of these; new weapons are encouraged to attend at least **three**. For all others, these are optional sessions to learn weapons for fun and future seasons!

June 5, 8-11am @Oconee Veterans Park
June 2, 1-4pm @OCHS
June 12, 8-11am @Oconee Veterans Park
June 9, 1-4pm @OCHS
July 10, 8-11am @Oconee Veterans Park

**Colorguard Camp: July 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm.** Required for all members! We will learn a large portion of our halftime show over these three days. Please make plans to attend all three days in their entirety.

**Rookie Camp: July 18th and 19th, 8am-12pm.** Required for anyone new to marching band.

**Stand Cheers Clinic: July 18th and 19th, 1pm-4pm.** Required for all members.

**Band Camp: July 22nd-26th, 8am-4pm.** Required for all members! We will put the choreography learned at guard camp on the field with the rest of the band over this week. Please make plans to attend each day of camp in its entirety.

## Regular Season Rehearsals:

- Colorguard Sectionals: Mondays, 6-8:30pm (beginning August 5th)
- Full Band Rehearsals:
  - Tuesdays 6-8:30pm
  - Thursdays 6-8:30pm (through mid-October), 4-6pm (after mid-October)

## Performances include:

- Halftime Shows (see Oconee Football Schedule)
- Exhibition at Cedar Shoals
- Competitions October 5th and 26th
- Watkinsville Christmas Parade, December 8

**Cost:** \$350 for returning members, \$425 for new members

**Athletic attire should be worn for all rehearsals (t-shirts, comfortable shorts or leggings, tennis shoes). Please no jeans! Bring water and a snack!**

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## Preparing for Auditions

- Thoroughly **read** the audition packet!
- Complete **teacher recommendation forms**.
  - Fill out your name, grade, and signature, and have your parents sign each form **before** giving them to your teachers.
  - **8<sup>th</sup> graders: Give the forms to your 4 academic teachers** and ask them to return them to the front office of OCMS by **Friday, May 3rd**.
  - **High schoolers: Give the forms to the 4 teachers you have this semester (Spring '24)** and ask them to return them to Mr. Provost's box by **Friday, May 3rd**
- Fill out the **next page**, detach it, and return it to Mr. Provost (HS) or the OCMS front office (8<sup>th</sup> grade) no later than **Friday, May 3rd**
- Make sure you **arrive a little early** each day, as we will begin working at the stated begin time! Also plan to have a **ride home** to pick you up in the bus loop outside the OCHS band room each day of auditions.
- **Pack a lunch for Saturday!**
- Contact Leslie Ware with any questions ([guard@ochsband.com](mailto:guard@ochsband.com)) and get excited! We can't wait to meet you!

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## Candidate Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parental Contact Method: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark below which practices you plan to attend.** Remember, you must attend a minimum of 4 practices to be eligible for membership, but you are welcome to attend more!

**If I make the team, I plan to attend practice on... (fill in at least 4 dates below)**

\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_      \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_      \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_      \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_  
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**(PROSPECTIVE WEAPONS ONLY)**

**If I receive a weapon part, I plan to attend training on... (fill in at least 2 dates)**

\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**Read and initial the following statements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that **Colorguard Camp is July 15-17 from 8am-4pm** and is required for all members. I am able to attend guard camp in its entirety. I will also plan to attend the **stand cheer clinic on July 18 and 19 from 1pm-4pm** if I receive a place on the team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that **Rookie Camp is July 18 and 19 from 8am-12pm**. If I am new to marching band, I will be attending rookie camp in its entirety.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that **Band Camp is July 11-26 from 8am-4pm** and is required for all members. I am able to attend band camp in its entirety.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Student \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Absences (approx) \_\_\_\_\_ Average (approx) \_\_\_\_\_

I waive my right to see this recommendation form. I am aware that the only score shown –upon request- is an average of all 4 teacher recommendations:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the best description to evaluate the performance of the student in each of the categories listed below. Points will be awarded for the following:

**3 – Excellent    2-Good    1 – Average    0 – Below average**

**Punctuality/Personality Traits**

Reports to class on time	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Is trustworthy	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
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**Human Relations**

Demonstrates courtesy and friendliness	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
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Favorable attitude toward teacher	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
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