



## Stoneman Douglas High School Color Guard/Winter Guard

Course Syllabus – 2019/2020

*Please note, syllabus and schedule are subject to change at any time*

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**\*\* PLEASE NOTE FACEBOOK MESSAGES WILL NOT BE ANSWERED. PLEASE ONLY COMMUNICATE THROUGH EMAIL OR OFFICE PHONE**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** 1<sup>st</sup> semester - This is a co-curricular course between the Color Guard and Marching Band.

2<sup>nd</sup> semester - This ensemble turns into the competitive winterguard program. We have an audition, in order to separate the performers into three separate groups. One competing in World class, A Class and Jv class.

**PRE-REQUISITES:**

**World Guard**-Must be a performing member of the after-school marching band and winterguard.

**A Guard**-Must have some form of experience in color guard.

**JV Guard**-No experience necessary

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon the completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Perform basic to intermediate ballet skills such as Tendu, Plies, Releve, and Frappes.
2. Demonstrate a comprehension of dance vocabulary.
3. Make proper performance and social decisions.
4. Demonstrate and perform successfully all choreography relating to Marching Band and Winter Guard.
5. Perform basic to advanced color guard skills such as spins, tosses and equipment phrases.

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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Upon the completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Required materials: dress out for class, dot books, with plastic sheet protectors
2. Assignments- Varied
3. Homework: Practice daily (there will be performance tests)
4. Test: Performance and after school rehearsals
5. Dance Attire: practice- required uniform, winter guard class- blacks.

**GRADES:**

A= 90-100 B= 80-89 C= 70-79 D= 60-69 F= 0-59

**GRADING SCALE:**

**ATTENDANCE:** Students receive 100 points per week that are theirs to either keep or lose. Listed below are the points that will be deducted if the student is tardy or absent, excused or unexcused, from any event.

- Class Tardy -10pts
- Rehearsal Tardy -15pts
- Rehearsal Absence -50pts (Excused if a doctor’s note is present)
- Show Day Tardy -25pts
- Show Day Absence -100 pts (Excused if a doctor’s note is present)
- No Participation in class – 100 pts

**DEDUCTIONS:** Students will receive 100 points per week that are theirs to either keep or lose. Listed below are the point amounts that will be deducted if the student does not follow the set rules and guidelines.

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| Gum – 10 pts            | Practice Clothing - 25pts       |
| Jewelry / Hair – 10 pts | Show Uniform - 25pts            |
| Gloves – 15 pts         | Inappropriate Language -25pts   |
| Dotbook – 15 pts        | Disrespect Staff / Peers -25pts |
| Drill – 15 pts          | PDA in Uniform -50pts           |
| Water - 15pts           | No Equipment - 50pts            |

**CLASS STANDARDS:**

1. Be on Time, dressed out, and prepared.
2. Respect others and there things. You may not use or touch anyone else’s locker or equipment.
3. The band office and computers are OFF LIMITS to any student at any time without permission.
4. Cell phones must be turned off upon entering the classroom.
5. All rehearsals and performance are MANDATORY.
6. No students may be in the music building without the permission of the directors at any time.

**PROCEDURES FOR TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES:** If you have any questions or concerns, please see one of the directors after class or before or after school. No confrences will take place during the school day or at the end of an evening rehearsal. You may also email the directors with your questions at the above e-mail addresses.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

**Daily Materials-** Composition Notebook, Pen, Tennis Shoes EVERYDAY, Gloves, Equipment.

**Recommendations-** Dance Paws, and Knee Pads (does not have to be the exact items below & color doesn’t matter.)



Dance Stores  
Discountdance.com  
(Adult FootUndeez™)



Sports Authority  
Dance Stores

Target has cheap stocking like material that goes across the ball of your foot for “fancy” shoes, they work WONDERS for dancers, they are in the stocking/sock section of stores such as Target, Wal Mart, etc.

### **DAILY CLASS ATTIRE:**

- NO GUM.
  - NO dangling/loose earrings or necklaces.
  - Hair must be up and out of your face.
  - YOU MUST BE IN DRESS CODE AT ALL TIMES (especially shorts and tanks.)
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### **REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES:**

1. Except in cases of extreme emergency, death in the family, religious holidays or illness, guard members will not be excused from rehearsals or performances.
2. In case of illness, students are expected to contact a Guard Captain as early as possible so that substitutions or replacements can be made.
3. ***Appointments, meetings, lack of rides, work, vacations, etc... will not be valid excuses for missing a rehearsal or performance.***
4. A written excuse from the parent or guardian is due within two days of the absence.
5. If you anticipate an unavoidable absence from a rehearsal or performance, please submit a written request to Mr. Broadbent prior to the intended absence.
6. All tardies and absences affect a student's grade because of lost instruction time that cannot be "made up".

### **MAKE UP WORK:**

The success of BOTH the colorguard and the winterguard programs is dependent on the ability of each guard member to perform their individual choreography (work), therefore...

1. If you are absent from a practice, no matter what the reason, it is your responsibility to learn all the work and checkpoints that you missed.
  2. You must do this BEFORE practice, not DURING practice!
  3. Failure to abide by this simple rule may result in the revocation of your performance privileges (and your grade will be altered accordingly.)
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**MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS:** Students are expected to be in their attendance block on time with equipment, dot books, pencils, etc...

- \*Members are REQUIRED to wear their practice uniform attire with sneakers. This includes a hat.
- \*Hair should be pulled back away from the face.
- \*No Jewelry!
- \*No Gum!
- \*Cell Phones on SILENT! Cell phones should NEVER be left in the guard room. Doing so is at your own risk.
- \*Water bottles, dotbooks, gloves, drill charts, pencils and black/white electrical tape are required at every rehearsal.
- \*Stay for the entire practice. Late arrival and/or early departure will count as a tardy.
- \*Make arrangements for a ride BEFORE rehearsal. It is not fair for the staff to have to wait for your ride to arrive.

## **FOOTBALL GAMES:**

- \*All colorguard members will walk to/from the stadium together.
- \*Members will sit in the stands in their sections.
- \*Non-Band Members are not allowed in the band section. Please explain this to friends, family, etc... Alumni who may return are always welcome, but will not be allowed to sit in with the block while in the stands.
- \*Students are not to leave the band area unless accompanied by a chaperone.
- \*Students should stay in groups of 2 or more for your own safety.
- \*Uniforms are to be properly worn at all times. NEVER unzip or undo your uniform unless instructed to do so.
- \*Cell phones are NOT to be used!
- \*While the other bands perform, Stoneman Douglas's colorguard members are expected to be a supportive audience.
- \*Members may only change out of the performance uniform, for travel, if you have appropriate clothes.
- \*Make arrangements for a ride BEFORE the game. It is not fair for the staff to have to wait for your ride to arrive.

## **WINTERGUARD REHEARSALS:**

- \*Students are expected to be in their attendance block on time with equipment...
- \*Members are required to wear form-fitting blacks (dance wear) as their rehearsal attire
- \*MEMBERS WEAR BLACK TO CLASS DURING WINTER GUARD.
- \*Hair should be pulled back away from the face.
- \*No Jewelry!
- \*No Gum!
- \*Cell Phones on SILENT!
- \*Water bottles, gloves, rehearsal journals, pencils and black/white electrical tape are required at every rehearsal.
- \*Nobody can leave until the floor is folded and the practice site is clean. Early departure will count as a tardy.

## **UNIFORMS: Uniform INSPECTIONS will be held prior to each uniformed performance!\***

The captains will be responsible for inspections and will report directly to the director.

All minor/major problems will be recorded and will affect the student's grade. If a student is missing a portion of his/her uniform or the uniform has visible stains or holes he/she will not be allowed to perform.

\*Students must follow BCSB Dress Code at all times when with the Stoneman Douglas  
Colorguard/Winterguard Program!

\*Public Display's of Affection (PDA's) will not be tolerated while in any guard uniforms...\*



**COLOR GUARD/WINTER GUARD CLASS SYLLABUS AGREEMENT**

**STUDENT...**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the expectations of and wish to participate in the Stoneman Douglas High School Guard Program(s). I also understand that I must follow and abide by all rules and regulations that govern the guard program(s). If I fail to abide by these rules, I understand the consequences of my actions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT...**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the expectations of and give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Stoneman Douglas High School Guard Program(s). I understand all the rules and regulations governing this organization and will help support these rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signed and returned 9/7/20