

## **When does the guard practice?**

- All members are required to participate in summer camp, summer band and all scheduled rehearsals, performances, and competitions. The guard has rehearsals weekly for most of the school year.
- The Hightower High School Color Guard performs as part of the band during the summer and the fall. There will be a few rehearsals in May to prepare for our summer training. Summer band begins in July at the High School. There are daily practices during August through November or the end of football season. There are some Saturday morning stadium rehearsals scheduled during marching season. View the Charms Calendar for specifics.
- During Winter Guard Season, the guard will have rehearsals. There are some Saturday camps involving designers and choreographers taking place during this time of year. Most winter guard rehearsals will take place at Hightower High School. All competitions during Winter Guard season are usually on the weekends.

**All members must be flexible from time to time, there will be occasional changes in the rehearsal schedule due to weather issues or facilities. A change in the schedule does not excuse any student from rehearsal.**

## **How can I keep up with the rehearsal and performance schedules?**

- [www.canenationband.com](http://www.canenationband.com) is our official web page. Members and parents may also log into their individual Charms account to keep up with the updated calendar. Charms accounts will be set up for new members by contacting Mr. Clift by email at [ryan.clift@fortbendis.com](mailto:ryan.clift@fortbendis.com)

## **What is a typical practice for color guard?**

- The guard will do daily body and equipment warm ups. There will be both indoor and outdoor rehearsals during football season. Winter season rehearsals and performances take place in gymnasiums or other large practice areas on campus.

## **Are grades and conduct important?**

- Yes! FBISD's policy on UIL rules apply to band and color guard as well as athletes. No pass no play. If a member fails, there is no guarantee that they will have a performance spot in the specific show the guard is working on. They will be eligible for the next program if there is a spot available. All members must come to rehearsal even if they are not eligible to perform. The director will be checking with the principal's office for disciplinary actions. Because HHS guard represents our school, it is important that each member displays responsibility, cooperation and respect for authority at all times. Any member or prospective member who has received disciplinary action may not be allowed to tryout or to continue membership after advisement from principal is given. Directors enforce these student responsibilities.

### **Is attendance important?**

- **ABSOLUTELY.** Color Guard is a visual activity and therefore relies on all members to create that visual effect. Attendance is required for the success of the **entire** organization. **The HHS Band and Guard requires 100% attendance at all rehearsals, events, and performances.** Appointments should be made outside of rehearsal time. Please refer to the calendar for more details. **Missing a rehearsal or performance may result in loss of the performance position please contact your director through email in the event of an emergency.**
- If a member is going to be late or miss a rehearsal / performance, it is their responsibility to contact the director *and* the captain/squad leader in **advance** of being late.

### **Is there a Booster Club for color guard?**

- Yes. It is recommended that all families join and participate in our HHS Band Booster Club. This is an organization that raises money for the band and color guard.

### **THE HIGHTOWER HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD CHALLENGE**

Let this be your guide as you begin this new school year: when report card time rolls around or that three-week progress report is not what you would like it to be; when you have homework commitments piling up around you and every teacher needed it turned in yesterday; when October comes and the staff gets really demanding; when you hear the words “one more time”; when you are just really worn out with so much left to do, remember this simple phrase: “You got it!” It’s easy to work hard when something is new and exciting, but to be excited every day of the year is really hard. When you are experiencing tough times, reach deep into your heart and soul and do what it takes to get the job done. Remember how you want to feel walking onto the field or floor come performance time. This will give you a true sense of satisfaction. Knowing that you have done your very best, regardless of the circumstances, is the greatest reward you could ever receive. Welcome to a great new year of fun, different experiences, and lasting memories!