

June 20, 2020

Dear Clemens Color Guard Parents,



Welcome to the 2020-2021 academic school year! I am Christina Caro, and am the Color Guard Sponsor. This will be my fourth year teaching English at Clemens, and my third year as Color Guard Sponsor. My previous teaching experience was at the college level, so I am really enjoying this change of pace. I hope you are as excited as I am for this year!

With a new school year comes the start of summer band. Before you know it football games, marching competitions, and many other events will be upon us, so it's important that we are preparing now. Enclosed in this letter are some friendly reminders regarding summer band, fees, and physicals. Please read these letter closely and in their entirety.

As you may know, Color Guard is a part of the Band. During the summer and football season (marching season), we practice, perform, and compete with the band. After the last round of football playoffs/marching competitions, Color Guard separates and prepares for our own competition season, Winter Guard. Because we teach all of the Color Guard skills, we begin practicing in the summer about two weeks earlier than the band does. These practices are essential parts of training, as students learn the foundational skills necessary for Guard.

Summer Practice Schedule

Summer practice for Color Guard will begin on Monday, July 20th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every weekday. We will meet at the back of the school, on the marching pad in front of the band hall (also student parking during the academic year). Please also refer to the Summer Band Schedule included in this envelope, as it has important dates/times of practices and other events. Beginning August 3, Guard will follow the band calendar.

This practice schedule is tentative. We are constantly monitoring the rules/guidelines issued by the government, TEA, and UIL. Updates will be communicated in a timely manner by the Band Staff. Your patience, flexibility, and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

What to wear/bring to Summer Practice for Color Guard

Please make sure all students arrive and are in place when our practice time begins. Students must be in workout attire at every rehearsal. Your student will need to wear their hair up, black athletic shorts, a white t-shirt or tank top, and socks with athletic shoes every day. No jewelry, except for stud earrings is allowed for safety reasons. Please make sure all students come with a water bottle, packed lunch, or money if they plan to leave and get food, sunscreen for our outdoor rehearsals, and anything else that they will need for outside rehearsals (hats and sunglasses are ok). We will only be outside for the morning; the team moves indoors by 11 a.m. for lunch and afternoon rehearsal indoors.

Email

Finally, please send me an email at cmcaro@scuc.txed.net so that I can confirm your student is still participating in Guard. This will also allow me to send out email updates to you all as we get closer to the start of summer practice. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have, and I am so looking forward to watching our 2020-2021 team flourish as the year progresses. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warmest regards,

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