

## FOSTER HIGH SCHOOL FALCON BAND

### COLOR GUARD / WINTER GUARD

2007-2008

The following is an overview of what you will need to know to become a member of the Foster High School Color Guard / Winter Guard.

#### WHAT IS COLOR GUARD / WINTER GUARD?

The Color Guard is a part of the Foster High School Marching Band program. The purpose of the Color Guard to the Marching Band is to visually enhance the music and add color to the drill in our marching drill through the use of Flags, Rifles, Sabers, and other equipment. This is done in the Fall Semester (Aug-Dec). The Winter Guard is the same unit moving in-doors and competing as a separate unit in the Texas Color Guard Circuit. This is done in the Spring Semester (Jan-May). As you can see, it is an All-Year commitment.

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##### CLINIC / TRY-OUTS

This clinic will contain more detailed information about the Color Guard and training in the basic flag technical skills that each person will need to try-out. The try-out procedure will be explained in full and each student will be taught a short try-out routine to perform for a group of judges. The Clinic / Try-out Schedule is:

Clinic 4/10 (Tue) – 4/17 (Tue) 4-630 Foster Band Hall

Try-out 4/18 (Wed) 4-6 Foster Band Hall

Make sure you wear comfortable clothing, NO Jeans, preferably shorts, tennis shoes. The Clinic and the Try-out will be in the Foster High School Band Hall.

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##### EQUIPMENT AND EXPENSES

The following is an approximate overview of the expenses that each student selected into the FHS Color Guard / Winter Guard will have to incur.

GLOVES (if needed) \$5 per pair  
FLAG / POLE \$20.00  
FLAG / MARCHING SHOES \$30.00  
FHS COLOR GUARD / BAND SHIRT \$20.00  
CAMP / COSTUMING / CLINICAN \$350.00 (per year)

The purchase of equipment will be handled thru the Band office. NO shopping required!

## COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE

The following is an approximate overview of the time that each student will spend participating in the FHS Color Guard.

FUNDAMENTALS CAMPS MAY 3, 10 4-5:30  
COLOR GUARD SUMMER CAMP JULY 30-AUG 3 9-5  
SUMMER BAND AUG 6-AUG 23 8-2  
REGULAR BAND PRACTICE 4:15-5:45 (M-F) AUG.-NOV.

The Fundamentals Camps in May will be run by the Color Guard Officers. At the Color Guard Summer Camp in July, we will bring in a Clinician to help us learn our competitive routine for the fall. ALL of our camps and rehearsals are mandatory for those who are going to participate in the Color Guard / Winter Guard.

As you can see, we have a very busy schedule. I hope the information in this letter will help answer any questions you might have regarding the Color Guard / Winter Guard at Foster High School. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call the FHS Band Hall at 832-223-3937.

Please sign the attached form and return it on or before your try-out on April 18.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I have read and understand the Color Guard / Winter Guard information letter, and if I am chosen and agree to join the FHS Color Guard / Winter Guard, I will meet my responsibilities and commitment to the organization.

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

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