

2020 – 2021 LHS COLOR GUARD

Tryout Packet

Louisville High School Marching Band

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Dear Color Guard Candidates,

Congratulations on taking the next step in trying out for the Louisville High School Color Guard! Color Guard is much more than a spirit activity. You have the opportunity to become a leader and a role model to your peers, your coach, your directors and your community. Your dedication to the group will be of high importance and will last until the END of the school year. Please do not enter into this endeavor without considering the following information.

The main objective of the Color Guard is to provide color and excitement to the marching band performances. Your job is to promote constructive school spirit, and develop good sportsmanship and self-esteem while working together as a cohesive group with the band. As an individual and a member of the Guard, you can fulfill this role as long as you have an attitude of respect, friendliness, and fairness. You will be expected to give a great deal of yourself throughout this experience, but the experience is an opportunity of a lifetime. As a Color Guard member, you are in a highly visible position and your everyday conduct becomes extremely important. You must remember that you represent the Louisville High School Marching Band at all times wherever you go and in whatever you do. Therefore, members of this line are expected to adhere to high standards of performance and character not just as a member of the line, but also during their academic and personal life.

Color Guard is fun and will be one of the best things you will ever do but it is physically, emotionally, and mentally demanding. You are under pressure to be your best because you project the image of Louisville High School Marching Band in and out of uniform. We want the absolute best representing us and now the rest is up to you. Please make sure that you are ready for the responsibility before you make the commitment.

In this informational packet, you will find all the necessary information regarding this year's Color Guard tryouts. This packet introduces you to the long and short of everything and more details will follow tryouts. We are glad you want to be part of this organization and look forward to seeing you at tryouts. Best of Luck!

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Requirements

Every girl trying out must submit a complete tryout folder by ***Friday, March, 6 2020***. A complete tryout folder includes all of the following:

1. Application
2. Signed Parent consent form
3. List of 3 Teachers to whom you gave your evaluations. Teachers are to return the completed form to Mrs.Faiello or Mr. Bleininger by 3:00 on Friday, March 6, 2020 in a sealed envelope.
4. Signed Student Affirmation/Code of Conduct page

5. A \$50 deposit that will go towards the purchase of the uniform worn at halftime. The deposit will be returned if the candidate does not meet the requirements or make the team.

This is ONLY for first year members or members needing a new uniform ordered.

Failure to turn in any of these items will result in an incomplete folder. An incomplete folder is automatic ineligibility, and you will not be allowed to participate in any tryout practices or tryouts.

Time commitment

Color Guard takes a great deal of time. It can be very difficult to juggle this around other activities or commitments. The schedule below is tentative.

Saturday's in April & May	Mandatory Practice	10-11 a.m.
June 29th - July 3rd M-F	Mandatory Practice	TBA 3hours
July 6th- 10th M-F	Mandatory Practice	TBA 3hours
July 13th -July 17th M-Th	Mandatory Color Guard Camp	TBA 3hours
July 20th - July 24th M-F	Mandatory Full Band Practice	8-12
July 27th - July 1st S-F	Mandatory Band Camp @ Bethany College	All Day
Remainder of Summer M-Th	Mandatory Practice	8-12
During School M, W, Th	Mandatory Practice	3-5 p.m.
Football games are on Fridays. Band competitions are on most Saturdays in September and October. Schedule appointments on Tuesdays when there is no practice.		

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Tryout – Majorette Line

- **March 9th - March 11th Mandatory Practices @ Louisville Middle School Gym**
 - Monday 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- **Tryouts - Thursday, March 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Louisville Middle School Gym**
 - Judges
 - 3 Judges will be hired by the band director. Scores from all three judges are combined for a total average score. The band directors and majorette advisor oversee all aspects of the audition, but do not score the candidates.
 - Part One: Short Individual Routine
 - Each girl will draw a number. Judges will know them only by number.
 - Girls will individually perform a routine, marching and strutting for the judges.
 - The solo routine should consist of a variety of skills and multiple batons. A list of tricks to include in your individual routine is listed on the next page. These are not mandatory tricks.
 - The routine should be choreographed with music and last 2-3 minutes.
 - Part Two: Short Group Routine
 - The students will perform a short routine that was taught by the majorette advisor during practice earlier in the week. This routine will be choreographed to music and use 1-2 batons. The group will perform the routine together several times for the judges.
 - Dress
 - Hair secured neatly and tightly.
 - No jewelry (small earrings permitted).
 - No nail polish.
 - 2 clean, matching batons with NO caps (minimum for majorette line).
 - Athletic Clothing – Navy blue shorts; white or light grey wide strapped tank top; Tights and/or socks; Clean twirling or dance shoes
 - Results
 - Scores will be ordered from highest to lowest. It is possible for all students trying out to make the majorette line. However, we generally make a cut-off between the largest gaps in scores.
 - Candidates who wish to be considered for a Feature Twirler position must satisfy all the listed requirements, and will be selected as ability dictates. If no one of this quality is found, there will be no feature twirler.
 - Results are posted at the conclusion of the tryouts. The results are final and not open for consideration.
 - Leadership roles and Head Majorette will be chosen by the band staff on the basis of experience, skill level, academic citizenship, and leadership qualities. If no one of this quality is found, there will be no Head Majorette.

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Suggested Baton Tricks – Majorette Line

1. 2 spin catch right hand
2. 2 spin catch left hand
3. 2 spin catch back hand
4. 2 spin catch behind back
5. Vertical Finger Twirls – Twirl through 2 fingers and then back through 2 fingers in a figure 8 motion.
6. Horizontal Finger Twirl – Same as vertical, but go up and down horizontally.
7. Horizontal 2 spin catch right hand
8. Fishtails – 1 count of 8
9. 3 Elbow rolls
10. High toss Illusion
11. Showers (2 baton)
12. Variety of 2 baton tricks

Suggested Baton Tricks – Feature Twirler

1. 5 spin catch right hand
2. 5 spin catch left hand
3. 5 spin catch back hand
4. 4 spin catch on back
5. 4 spin catch blind
6. 10 Continuous elbow rolls
7. 5 Continuous neck rolls
8. 5 Continuous back neck rolls
9. Fishtail double turn into reverse fishtails
10. Horizontal 4 spin
11. High toss double illusion
12. High toss walkover or aerial
13. Variety of 2 baton
14. Variety of 3 baton

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Tryouts – Flag Line

- **March 9th-11th Mandatory Tryout Sessions @ Louisville Middle School Gym**
 - Monday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Thursday 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- After 4 practice sessions, applicants should be able to successfully demonstrate the following:
 - Fundamentals: 25 Drop Spins, Angels, Extensions, Cones, Stick Work (16 counts), Give Me Toss
 - Jazz Runs
 - Marching with roll step 8-5
 - Fight Song Routines (*Across the Field* and *Rampart*) while marking time
 - Fundamental Routine (made up of all Fundamentals) while marking time

Please don't let this list turn you away. We will teach you everything.
- **Dress**
 - All applicants must wear comfortable athletic clothing with athletic shoes.
 - Hair must be pulled up in a ponytail (if long enough) and pulled back out of eyes.
- **Results**
 - Results will be posted on the evening of Thursday, March 11th after the conclusion of Majorette tryouts (around 6:00 p.m.). They will be posted on the window of the high school band room and the door of the middle school band room.

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Color Guard Application

Name:	
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Check the Current Classification			
Eighth (8th) _____	Freshman (9th) _____	Sophomore (10th) _____	Junior (11th) _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s):	
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Student Email Address	Parent Email Address

Address	
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Student Cell Phone #	Parent(s) Phone #

What other sports, clubs or organizations are you involved in both in and out of school?

Will the above activities interfere with Color Guard?	Yes	No
If yes, please explain:		

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Parent Consent Form

Participation in Color Guard Tryouts

Although every precaution will be taken to prevent any accidents, Louisville City Schools will not assume responsibility of any injury your child receives during the color guard tryouts and for the remainder of the year if selected.

_____ and I have discussed the responsibilities of

being on the Color Guard. We have discussed the cost, time involved, job commitment, physical requirements, and performance requirements with my child. I understand her obligations and responsibilities.

I give her permission to participate in the tryouts for the 2020-2021 Color Guard and understand, as well as agree, that the decision of the judges will be final. I agree to support my daughter during the clinic, and, if selected, I will do my part to contribute to this experience.

Any equipment loaned to my daughter will be her responsibility and if not returned at the end of tryouts, I understand a fee will be charged for replacement value.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Candidate

Date

1/10/20

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Student Affirmation Form

Code of Conduct Signature Page for Louisville High School Color Guard

_____ As a participant in the Louisville High School Color Guard, I will conduct myself in a reputable manner. I will cooperate with my directors, advisors, boosters, and my guard members and abide by the band rules in order to bring honor to my school, to my squad and to develop myself to the best of my ability.

Please initial each of the following items:

_____ I will not be involved in the possession or the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or paraphernalia, tobacco or be in the presence of illegal drug/alcohol activity. I will abide by the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Louisville City Schools and the laws of the community at large. I understand that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from the Color Guard.

_____ I have read and understand the Louisville High School Code of conduct for extracurricular activities/athletics and agree to be bound by its provisions.

_____ I understand that my position as a member of the Color Guard and my grade may be jeopardized if I receive any suspensions throughout the year, not just during the marching season. This will be determined by the Administration of the school.

_____ I recognize that participation in Color Guard is a privilege, not a right, and realize the importance of participating in Color Guard as an integral part of the total education process. Therefore, I will willingly give of my time and talents to improve myself and the quality of the Color Guard in my school.

_____ I understand that throughout tryouts, as well as the season if chosen, any equipment or uniform items loaned to me will be my responsibility, and if not returned by the posted deadlines, a fee will be a charge for replacement value.

_____ I understand that my position as a member of the Color Guard and my grade may be jeopardized if I fail to make practice times or fail to know the routine in time for a performance. This will be determined by the Band Directors and Color Guard Advisor.

Signature of Candidate

Date

I acknowledge that I have read through this Affirmation with my daughter.

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Candidate Teacher Evaluations

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(Flags/Majorettes). Each candidate is required to turn in 3 teacher evaluations. Teacher evaluations are an important part of the tryout process. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete this form according to the student's behavior and attitude for the entire year in your class. It is important to remember that the Color Guard members will represent LHS on and off the field. Thank you for your time.

Please return this form to Kris Bleininger's mailbox at Louisville High School OR Sarah Faiello's mailbox at Louisville Middle School in a SEALED envelope by 3:00 p.m. on March 6, 2020.

Please rate the candidate in each category on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being excellent).

Teacher Signature: _____ Course: _____

	POOR	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT
Ability to get along with others	1	2	3	4	5
Attentiveness in class	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of work	1	2	3	4	5
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5
General Disposition	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance Record	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5

Overall, would this person be a good representative for our school?

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