

# COLORGUARD EXPECTATIONS

## CODE OF ETHICS

### **GENERAL**

1. All Fairfax County rules are to be strictly followed.
2. Mr. Panoff is the ultimate person of responsibility.

### **EXPECTATIONS DURING PRACTICES, COMPETITIONS & PERFORMANCES**

1. No talking when the Director or Instructor is speaking. It is rude and disrespectful.
2. Members will listen to and follow instructions of the Director, Instructors, Captains and Section Leaders during practices, competitions and performances.
3. Guard members will be on time for ALL practices, performances and competitions, unless excused by instructors.
4. Every member is required to be at all performances, competitions and practices unless director has approved the absence.

### **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

1. All electronic equipment is to be turned off and turned in prior to all practices, performances and competitions. They will be returned after completion of event.

### **RESPECT**

1. EVERYONE is to be treated with respect, courtesy, dignity and consideration.
2. Guard members will be equally respectful of band members and any other group they may encounter during practices, competitions and performances.
3. The school dress code is in effect for all practices, performances and competitions.
4. Absolutely no promiscuous behavior will be tolerated. Significant others may not travel, or hang out, with the team prior to, during, or after practices, performances or competitions.
5. The Guard has a zero tolerance policy. Absolutely no alcohol, drugs, or tobacco use permitted.
6. Members need to leave all personal problems and school issues at home. Practice is for Practice. Captains, Guard Mom's and Instructors are available for personal discussion outside practice.
7. Members are responsible for reporting problems, destruction of property or equipment, and/or breaking of rules to the instructors or captains immediately.

### **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

1. All equipment must be maintained properly and be at every practice and performance.
2. No member will leave any practice, performance or competition until ALL equipment is properly taken care of.
3. All pieces of the uniform are the responsibility of the individual member and, as such, should be properly maintained and ready and complete for all performances/competitions.

**GUARD CLOSET/EMERGENCY BAG**

1. Captains, instructors and chaperones are the only authorized users of the red emergency bag and guard box.
2. Captains and instructors are the only persons allowed in the guard closet, for any reason.
3. The guard closet is not a personal locker. No personal items are to be left there. Any personal items found will be disposed of.

**COMMUNICATION**

1. There will be four forms of communication:
  - i. Email from Mrs. Peralta
  - ii. For emergency information – Phone Tree – Captains will be responsible for calling their respective list of guard member
  - iii. Yahoo Group – this group has been set up specifically for the passing of information to members of the guard and their parents. Information may be provided by the Captains, Guard Mom’s, Director, or other members of the guard. All guard members are required to sign up for this service. If you haven’t already, please sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/westfieldcolorguard> before signing and returning this form.
  - iv. Facebook

I acknowledge I have read and understand these rules as written.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

Please sign and return by Sunday, August 16, 2009