

## 2021 KHS Band Winter Guard Information Packet

**The 2021 KHS Band Winter Guard will be sponsored by the KHS Band Program and the Wildcat Band Corp.**

The KHS Winter Guard is a group of current KHS students that wish to continue or begin their practice of color guard in the winter months through performances and competitions within the contests set up through the North Texas Colorguard Association. Any and all KHS students (who have/have not been in the KHS Color Guard) who show an interest and skill set/ability to perform may also be selected to be a member of the Winter Guard. Members must be an active student at Kennedale High School in order to maintain membership in the guard.

Membership auditions are by Live Audition only on Tuesday January 19, 2021. **The total fee for membership into the 2021 KHS Winter Guard is \$300.** This fee is to help cover the cost of: T-shirt, Uniform, Instructor costs, and Equipment.

All auditions are closed to the public. Only the perspective members auditioning and judges will be present in the audition room. Results of the audition are to be announced at the conclusion of the live audition. After the Audition Date, no other students will be allowed to audition for the 2021 season unless they are a new student to KHS entering in the Spring semester.

**All students auditioning for the KHS Winter Guard shall pay \$25.00 (cash or check to the WBC) to the KHS Band Directors at the time of the audition.** This deposit will be held in the students name toward their fees. If the student is not selected as a member of the winter guard, their money will be returned to them after the audition results are posted. If a student has paid their deposit, has been selected to the guard, and chooses to leave the group for any reason, this deposit, and any other monies paid to date, will be forfeited and become assets of the Wildcat Band Corp. No refunds will be made to the student or their parents of selected members after 4pm on the day following the audition date.

Students will be selected based not only on their skills and ability to perform the flag routine and dance skills, but also on the judge's evaluation of their past history and performance in the KHS Band or Color Guard program. Past academic ineligibility will be considered as well. Past history of physical ability, conditioning, and stamina will also be a consideration in the audition process.

The KHS Winter Guard is a competitive group, and will follow the UIL eligibility guidelines for performances and competitions. Students should have a history of good academic grades to be a qualified candidate for this group. Previous membership in the KHS Color Guard or Winter Guard does NOT guarantee making the group for the upcoming season. Proper ability, work ethic, attitude, and grade performance must be maintained in order to continue membership.

Auditions for winter guard are typically held in November each year. This year, due to COVID and the lateness of the Fall Marching Band Championships in December 2020, our auditions and practices will begin in January 2021 with performances in February through April 2021. The funds to run the winter guard will come from the student with additional funds from: KISD, the Wildcat Band Booster Club (WBC). The Uniforms and T-shirt will be purchased by the students. The KISD Band Program may donate some flag, rifle, props, flooring, entry fees, and some transportation towards this endeavor. The KHS Winter Guard will be sponsored by the KISD Band Program and the KISD Band Directors. The Band Directors will have final approval on all decisions regarding this group. Rehearsals are all after school and no guard class time in the spring semester will be given for this group. Members are expected to be at every rehearsal, every performance, and must submit all

homework (Pass-Offs) assignments on time in order to maintain their membership within the group. Certain exceptions may be made on a case by case basis regarding missing rehearsals, performances, and homework assignments but must be submitted beforehand.

As the rehearsals progress, and the performance dates get closer, if a member is lacking in any aspect of their performance of the production, they may be removed from a portion or the entire production completely. The performance time will range from four to four and a half minutes.

**Placement on the Winter Guard does not guarantee the performer will perform for the entire length of the competition show. Decisions made on the amount of the show each student will participate are decided by the Winter Guard Instructor on a weekly basis.**

The KHS Winter Guard has a successful history and has created a standard of excellence for themselves. The Kennedale Guard is known around North Texas as “One of the Best” and will continue to create that standard of excellence. With that being said, the members will have high expectations set for them with the possibility of high rewards. A KISD Band Director (or KISD approved adult sponsor) will be on campus at all rehearsals and in attendance at all competitions.

Members of the KHS Winter Guard are required to attend ALL Rehearsals and ALL Performances for the group as set by the directors. Lack of attendance and participation in these dates will mar the effectiveness of the group, and appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken to encourage and motivate members to meet the schedule for the group.

### **Rehearsal Appearance**

Each member will be required to adhere to a specific rehearsal dress code. Cast members are required to wear all black ATHLETIC attire to every rehearsal. All members will be required to pull their hair back in a bun or high ponytail during all rehearsal unless specified otherwise. Cast members will not be allowed to wear articles of clothing that inhibit excellence during rehearsals.

### **Audition Workshop Schedule**

Tue. January 12th 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Wed. January 13th 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Thu. January 14th 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Tue. January 19th 4:00pm-7:00pm (Audition Date)

### **KHS Winter Guard Rehearsals from January 19 to March 31:**

- 1. Tuesdays 4:00pm-7:00pm in KHS Gym B, and Thursdays 4:30pm-7:30pm in JAA GYM (Students must provide their own transportation to and from James Arthur Elem. for Thursday rehearsals)** – Specific Rehearsal Dates subject to change on the calendar after the KHS, KJHS, JAA Gyms Athletic Schedules are set up.
- 2. Rehearsal** - All rehearsals are mandatory. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis. If you will miss a rehearsal you must submit notification at least 24 hours in advance. A personal illness (with doctors note) or death in the family will be automatically excused.

**Performances:** Dates of the specific competitions for NTCA Contests are listed below. These competitions will begin in Feb 2021 and end in April 2021. Some competition performances will be VIRTUAL, we hope to provide several PUBLIC performances before the season ends.

- 4-6 NTCA Competitions (Virtual and In Person-TBA)
- 1 Public Performance at KHS Band Spaghetti Dinner-TBA
- 1 Private Performance for KJHS 8<sup>th</sup> Graders-TBA

### **KHS Band Winter Guard Fee Payment Schedule**

**The total fee for 2020-21 KHS Band Winter Guard is \$300.** The students will pay their first \$25 payment at the time of the audition. The following payment schedule is set up to help parents “spread out the remaining \$275. Checks will be made to the WBC (the Wildcat Band Corp.).

2nd Payment \$75.00 due January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

3rd Payment \$100.00 due February 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

4th Payment \$100 due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (or remaining balance)

In addition to the Guard Fee, the members will be asked to secure/purchase their own dance undergarments, hair accessories, and make-up. The KISD Band and WBC will underwrite the balances needed for show props, flags, flooring, transportation, instructor salaries, etc. Transportation to all of the contests will be provided via School Bus.

A fund raising opportunity may be offered for individual students to assist in paying for their personal fees. Any fundraising opportunities will be group benefitting events where the proceeds will go to cover the costs of the full group’s total. These fundraising efforts will be applied to the last (March) payment only. The deposit and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> payments will not be eligible for any fundraised monies.

### **COVID-19 Quarantine Addendum:**

We are well aware that student members may become quarantined at any time during the winter guard season. We hope to provide a positive and rewarding season to all participants no matter what the attendance reality may be due to future quarantine requirements. All participants are expected/required to meet all required rehearsal/performance/fee payments schedules as much as safely possibly regardless of the future quarantine/attendance realities and how they affect attendance for our students at rehearsals and competitions. We cannot “pro-rate” the guard fees due to absences from rehearsals or performances that are necessitated due to quarantine requirements.

We are looking forward to another great Winter Guard season and we are all excited about this year’s group. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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## **KHS Winter Guard Audition Requirements**

Each person auditioning is required to exhibit certain skills in order to obtain placement on the 2021 Winter Guard. As this is an advanced group there will not be a lot of time given in the workshops to cover the fundamentals (i.e. spinning, tosses, etc.). Unlike marching season, winter guard is more dance and body oriented. There will be times a performer may be asked to dance with and without equipment. As stated previously, earning a place on the Winter Guard does not guarantee the performer will be in for the entire production.

### **For The Audition, Each student shall:**

#### **#1. Perform 1 to 2 minute flag routine**

This will be taught by the Guard Instructor and will be to a specified song. Included in this routine will be flag fundamentals, tosses, and body movement. Character will also be considered during this routine.

(The rifle and saber line performers will be chosen at a later date. The weapon parts within the show will only be granted to those exhibiting the skills required to be placed on one or both lines).

#### **#2. Return Deposit of \$25 and Signed Permission Form to the Band Director by the Audition Date**

#### **#3. Return a Copy of the student's most recent 2020-21 Report Card or Progress Report**

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

## **KHS Winter Guard Student/Parent Signature Page**

I have read the Information in the KHS Winter Guard Information Packet for the 2021 Season. I understand the (time, eligibility, and financial) requirements and commitments required for KHS Students to be a member of this performance organization. I understand that I will need to contact the band directors to let them know about any conflicts with our prior scheduled family events (i.e.: weddings, etc.)

I give my child permission to audition for this Advanced Group and I will support them in this endeavor. If my child is selected to be a member of the 2021 KHS Winter Guard I will be able to pay the set membership fee per the set schedule. I also understand that my child is responsible for paying this fee, whether they are performing in all or any part of the competition season show, per the director's decisions on eligibility for performances based on the student's Skill Level, Attendance, UIL Eligibility, and in person participation (whether or not quarantine allows or not). I also understand that this \$300 fee is to be paid in full by March 31st, 2021.

Parent Name Print \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have read the Information in the KHS Band Winter Guard Information Packet for the 2021 Season. I understand the (time, eligibility, and financial) requirements and commitments required for KHS Students to be a member of this performance organization.

Student Name Print \_\_\_\_\_

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

This Signature Page and the \$25 Deposit and a Copy of the student's latest Report Card must be returned to Mr. Oktay before the student is permitted to audition for the KHS Winter Guard on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.