



WINTER GUARD ENSEMBLE COMMITMENT PACKET 2022-23 SEASON

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Congratulations! You have been selected as an ensemble member of the 2022-23 East Lake High School Winter Guard. We are excited to have you along on our journey this season.

If you are a returning member of the Winter Guard ensemble, the requirement of a commitment packet may feel different than prior years. Winter Guard, and Color Guard beginning in the 2023-24 season, will be held to the same level of standards and expectations as the members of our bands, formalized by a robust code of conduct and uniform requirements consistent with what our student musicians and their parent/guardian are required to agree, and adhere to, as a condition of participation each year. These behavioral and uniform standards are designed to provide every Winter and Color Guard ensemble member a positive and enriching environment in which to flourish and develop; become a strong, cohesive team; make lifelong friendships; and perform as ambassadors of East Lake High School in our community and across the state of Florida.

All Winter Guard Ensemble members and their parent/guardian must read, complete, and sign the enclosed **Information Form, Annual Required Forms for PCS & FHSAA (if applicable), Fair Share Responsibility, Code of Conduct, Uniform Requirements, and Performance Commitment**. Forms must be submitted to either Mrs. Bert, Director Assistant for the East Lake bands, or Irene Claudio, Winter Guard Chair for the East Lake Band Boosters, no later than rehearsal on Tuesday, December 6. Failure to return the signed forms may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

Further, we need parents/guardians to be active within our East Lake Band Booster organization for many activities, including fundraising and supporting year-round events as a Level 1 or Level 2 volunteer. While Fair Share makes up a portion of the Winter Guard budget, the remaining is funded through Band Booster fundraising initiatives. As such, Booster involvement by parents/guardians of our Winter Guard Ensemble Members is critical to our ability to provide an enriching season of skills development, performance, and competition. The East Lake Band Boosters general monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the East Lake High School Band Room. All dates are on the East Lake Band online calendar at www.eastlakeband.com/calendar. Monthly meetings give us the opportunity to regroup and direct ourselves to do what is needed to support our student musicians and performers. Successful music and guard programs around the country are always fueled by a robust booster organization.

If you have any questions about Winter Guard participation, please contact Irene Claudio, Winter Guard Chair of the East Lake Band Boosters. Questions regarding Fair Share should be directed to Jen Trinidad, East Lake Band Boosters A/R Treasurer, at accounting@eastlakeband.com.

Guard Ensemble Member Information

IMPORTANT: Return this page with your ensemble member's Winter Guard Commitment Packet no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

Guard Ensemble Member Information

Name (Print) _____

Grade _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name (Print) _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Home Address (if different from Guard Ensemble Member)

Are you a registered Pinellas County Schools Volunteer? (Circle One)

Yes – Level 1

Yes – Level 2

No, but I'm interested in becoming one. Please contact me to discuss.

No

Guard Member Annual Required Forms for PCS & FHSAA

IMPORTANT: Return the below forms with your ensemble member's Winter Guard Commitment Packet no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

New ensemble members and their parent/guardian are required to complete forms required by both Pinellas County Schools and the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). All forms listed below are online at www.eastlakeband.com/forms.

Please note, a physical is required by FHSAA. If your ensemble member has had one done within the last 12 months, you may ask their physician to complete the required form based on that physical.

REQUIRED BY PCS/FHSAA:

PCS Field Trip Permission (1 pg)

PCS Media Release (1 pg)

PCS High School Participation Packet (13 pgs)

7 sub forms

- FHSAA: Clearance for Participation [GA7] (1 pg)
- PCS Application for Athletic Participation (1 pg)
- PCS Relevant Information Regarding Extracurricular Athletics (1 pg)
- PCS High School Activities Participation form (2 pgs)
- FHSAA: Pre-participation Physical Evaluation [EL2] (3 pgs)
- FHSAA: Consent & Release from Liability Certificate [EL3] (4 pgs)
- Addendum to High School Activities Participation form (1 pg)

Student Accident Insurance Plan (1 pg)

All students participating in Guard are required by School Board Policy to purchase the student accident insurance for each school year. This supplemental insurance will coordinate with any other health insurance you may have. Be sure to purchase the insurance policy for the current school year.

After you have purchased this insurance, print out one copy of the confirmation and include it with the above paperwork packet. If you already have student insurance due to participation in another activity, please provide confirmation of coverage.

NOTE: These forms are ONLY required for NEW guard ensemble members who were neither a member of the East Lake Silver Sound Marching band or another Florida high school athletic program in the Fall 2022-23 season.

- If you/your ensemble member were part of the East Lake Silver Sound Marching Band as either a musician or Color Guard in the fall and provided these completed forms to Mrs. Bert, no further action is required.
- If you/your ensemble member was an active participant in an East Lake athletic program in the Fall 2022-23 season and already completed these forms, please have a copy made and return with your Winter Guard Commitment Packet by the Tuesday, December 6 deadline.

Winter Guard Fair Share Responsibility

Fair Share contributions from participating families is an expectation for both Color Guard (marching) and Winter Guard seasons. Each season requires its own Fair Share contribution, which is determined in partnership between the East Lake Band Boosters Executive Board and the budget submitted by the Guard Director through a combination of factors, including but not limited to, the number of team members, number of performance events, and complexity of program.

We are fortunate to be able to maintain the **2022-23 Winter Guard Fair Share fees at \$425 per ensemble member**, consistent with last year. Fair Share spreads the financial responsibility for the Winter Guard program equally between ensemble members. The Fair Share amount of the Winter Guard ensemble represents only a portion of the actual ensemble cost for participation, with East Lake Band Booster fundraising providing the balance of necessary funds to provide a robust, enriching program. Combined, we can fund an experienced, high-caliber Guard Director; high quality coaches and performance development specialists; competition fees; and key performance needs.

Due to restrictions regarding 501(c)(3) organizations and non-profit Outside Service Organizations (OSOs), paid Fair Share funds are non-refundable, regardless of reason. If your Winter Guard ensemble member becomes inactive at any point after fees are paid, those contributions may either remain attached to your ensemble member's account as a credit toward a future Color/Winter Guard season or considered a direct donation to the East Lake Band Boosters. The East Lake Band Boosters A/R and/or A/P Treasurer will request your choice upon notification of inactivity.

The next page is the form which will include your Winter Guard Fair Share payment selection. **This form must be completed and returned with your ensemble member's Winter Guard commitment packet no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022.** Check payments may be placed in the blue barrel in Mr. Black's office or paid via PayPal to fundraising@eastlakeband.com. If paying by PayPal, please include your ensemble member's name in the comments so we can appropriately credit the account.

Should you have questions, please contact East Lake Band Boosters A/R Treasurer, Jen Trinidad, at accounting@eastlakeband.com.

Winter Guard Fair Share Contribution Selection

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Payment Option	Selection
1. I will be sending \$425.00 for Winter Guard Fair Share by check with my ensemble member no later than Thursday, December 1, 2022.	Yes / No
2. I will be paying \$425.00 for Winter Guard Fair Share via PayPal no later than Thursday, December 1, 2022.	Yes / No
3. I will be paying Winter Guard Fair Share in four equal installments of \$106.25 (December through March), paid in full no later than March 31, 2023.	Yes / No
4. I need financial assistance and would like to discuss my options.	Yes / No

Print Guard Ensemble Member Name _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Guard Ensemble Code of Conduct

IMPORTANT: Return this form with your ensemble member's Winter Guard Commitment Packet no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

	Ensemble Member Initial	Parent/ Guardian Initial
1. Ensemble members agree to approach the duration of every rehearsal with an open mind and positive attitude. Appropriate attire will be worn for every rehearsal, which includes form-fitting dance attire. No jewelry may be worn.		
2. Ensemble members agree to remain coachable by the Guard Director and any/all coaches and/or specialists. Ensemble members and Parents/Guardians understand that these experts are here to help every ensemble member grow and develop as both an individual performer and ensemble member.		
3. Ensemble members and Parents/Guardians agree, and understand, that the Band Director and Guard Director are solely responsible for determining the performance program, including but not limited to choreography, stunts, accessories, props, and all uniform components, including hair styling/color and makeup. Requirements for the current season are listed in the Performance Uniform Requirements of this Packet.		
4. Ensemble members will attend scheduled rehearsals and performances, and follow all procedures related to absences and missed choreography/drill as listed in the Winter Guard Performance Commitment of this Packet.		
5. Bullying of any kind is strictly prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal from the ensemble at the sole discretion of the Band Director and/or Guard Director. This includes bullying of other ensemble members, as well as any other student.		
6. Ensemble members and Parents/Guardians will treat each other and other students, as well as the Band Director, Guard Director, coaches, performance specialists, and all affiliated adults, with respect and dignity.		
7. Ensemble members will carry themselves in a manner which reflects their role as ambassadors of East Lake High School and the East Lake Silver		

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Sound, both in the local community and across the state of Florida, at all events.		
8. Ensemble members and Parents/Guardians will abide by all other rules and expectations set forth by the Band Director and/or Guard Director. Ensemble members and Parents/Guardians will abide by all code of conduct and/or other expectations as applicable and outlined by Pinellas County Schools, the Florida Marching Band Championships (FMBC), Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit (FFCC), and/or any school-specific requirements of East Lake High School.		

I understand that failure to abide by any aspect of the Guard Ensemble Code of Conduct above may result in my/my Ensemble Member's suspension or dismissal from the ensemble at any time, at the sole discretion of the Band Director and/or Guard Director.

Print Guard Ensemble Member Name _____

Guard Ensemble Member Signature _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Winter Guard Performance Uniform Requirements

IMPORTANT: Return this form with your ensemble member's Winter Guard Commitment Packet no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

The following are the uniform requirements for the Winter Guard 2022-2023 season, and must be adhered to for all performances, both competition and exhibition. This means that the uniform look will be worn in full, from the member's arrival at the performance facility until the member's departure from the performance facility.

- Hair colors for performances must be the ensemble member's natural hair color. Highlights, so long as they complement the natural hair color, are permitted. Hair that has been dyed to a color not natural to the ensemble member must be either colored with a natural colored, temporary/washout product, or covered with a natural-looking hairpiece, for all performances.
- Performance hair styling, including, not limited to, look and accessories, will be worn based on the specific template for the performance as determined by the Guard Director.
- No jewelry other than small, stud earrings is permitted.
- Nail polish is not permitted, either on fingers or toes.
- Performance makeup, including, but not limited to, all coloring, products, and styling, will be worn based on the specific template for the performance as determined by the Guard Director.
- All uniform components as selected by the Guard Director will be adhered to in full.
 - Performance uniform, provided through the East Lake Band Boosters Winter Guard budget.
 - For individual purchase:
 - **Performance gloves by DSI, sold by Amazon.** Ever-Dri Performance Gloves by DSI in Tan; available for purchase here: <https://a.co/d/6AKe6Zc>
 - **Guard jacket by Hotz Apparel.** Jackets are to be worn when Guard is not warming up or performing. This jacket is customized with the ensemble member's name ONLY and is available for purchase here: <https://hotzapparel.com/products/elhs-color-guard-track-jacket>.
 - **For Women: Undergarment by Theatricals, sold by Discount Dance.** Adult Seamless Camisole Undergarment Leotard - Light Suntan. Available for purchase here: https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_T704.html?&pid=35399&Shop=Style&&skey=adult+seamless+undergarment&search=true&SortOrder=R&SID=1716682823
 - **For Men: Undergarment by Wear Moi, sold by Discount Dance.** Mens Full Seat Dance Belt – Dark Beige. Available for purchase here:

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https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_WM249.html?&pid=34721&Shop=Style&&skey=mens+full+seat+dance+belt&search=true&SortOrder=R&SID=1716683466

- **Flag Bag by DSI, sold by Drillcomp.** Available purchase here:
<https://www.drillcomp.com/product/dsi-6-foot-personal-flagpole-rifle-sabre-bags-pabafrs/>
 - **Duffel Bag by Everest, sold by Discount Dance.** Crossover Duffel Dance Bag – Black. Available for purchase here:
<https://www.discountdance.com/search/everest-duffle-bag>
- Ensemble members are responsible for the regular care and maintenance of their uniforms. Uniforms should be cleaned regularly, and any visible wear and tear will be mended or fixed prior to performance dates.
 - Ensemble members are responsible for the proper use and care of equipment. All flags should be properly weighted and taped. All rifles must be properly taped with strapping tape and white electrical tape. All sabres must be properly taped with white electrical tape. Equipment should look newly taped prior to each performance.

I understand that failure to abide by any aspect of the Winter Guard Performance Uniform Requirements above may result in my/my Ensemble Member’s suspension or dismissal from the ensemble at any time, at the sole discretion of the Band Director and/or Guard Director.

Print Guard Ensemble Member Name _____

Guard Ensemble Member Signature _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Winter Guard Performance Commitment

IMPORTANT: Return this form with your ensemble member’s Winter Guard Commitment Packet no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

Winter Guard Ensemble members are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances, inclusive of December Winter Guard Camp. Winter Guard Ensemble Members are also required to attend all performances from January – March 2023, inclusive of the Parent and Community Showcase exhibition performance. Performances are specifically choreographed to the number of individuals within the ensemble and their unique skill sets. The absence of any one member is felt by the entire ensemble and is reflected in the strength of performance.

The only exceptions to this policy are solely at the judgement and discretion of the Guard Director and coaching staff. All ensemble members must provide written notification to the Guard Director and coaching staff in advance of any anticipated absence, and the reason for the absence. Missed rehearsals and performances, and/or not knowing the choreography or drill will be handled at the discretion of the directors and may result in sitting out of performances, suspension, and/or dismissal from the ensemble.

In the event of an emergency or illness on the day of the event, ensemble members or their parent/guardian must contact the Guard Director and coaching staff immediately to allow for a timely, safe, and appropriate adjustment to the day’s competition performance. Notifying only the Guard Captains is neither acceptable nor permitted.

Further, transportation to/from all performances is the responsibility of the individual ensemble member. Transportation for Winter Guard is not available through the school, as it is during marching season. Carpooling is strongly recommended where possible due to potential parking limitations at host venues.

All scheduled rehearsals and performances are posted in the Band app, East Lake Guard social media channels, and the main East Lake Silver Sound calendar at www.eastlakeband.com/calendar. Any changes to rehearsals and performances will also be posted here.

I understand that failure to abide by the performance commitment above may result in my/my Ensemble Member’s suspension or dismissal from the ensemble at any time, at the sole discretion of the Band Director and/or Guard Director.

Print Guard Ensemble Member Name _____

Guard Ensemble Member Signature _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____