

Arlington High School Winter Guard 2009

Proposed Schedule & Information

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- Arlington has a long history of winterguard. In fact, the Arlington winter guard in the mid 1980s and mid 1980s was a national finalist. The return of the Arlington winterguard is certain to excite a lot of people in the colorguard community.
- The winterguard season begins in November and ends with the circuit championships during the final weekend of March. Competitions are on Saturday afternoons and evenings. There are 8 formal competitions as well as exhibition performances for marching band recruitment events in the Spring.
- Winterguard shows are much closer to home than marching band shows. The local circuit is the Musical Arts Conference, centered in Connecticut and each show is within an hour and a half from Arlington High School.

Rehearsals

November/December

First Rehearsals: [Thursday, November 6th & Thursday, November 13th]

Starting November 18th: Tuesdays 5:30 – 8:30

Starting November 15th: Saturdays 9:00 – 3:00

*possibly one “camp weekend” with a full day on Saturday

January - March

Tuesdays 5:30 – 8:30

Saturdays 9:00 – @2:00, then travel to show.

Additional Friday evening rehearsals: January 23, February 20, 27, March 27.

Competition Schedule

January 10 - rehearsal only

January 17th –rehearsal only

January 24th – Shelton (59 miles, 1hr20)

January 31st - Brien McMahon □ (55 miles, 1hr18)

February 7th – Newtown (43 miles, 54min)

February 14th – off weekend

February 21st - New Milford □ (25 miles, 48 min)

February 28th – WGI Trumbull H.S. □ (57 miles, 1hr 22)

March 7th – Norwalk (52 miles, 1hr15)

March 14th – Naugatuck (61 miles, 1hr12) □

March 21- rehearsal only

March 28th – MAC Championships @ Trumbull (57 miles, 1hr 22)



- The 2009 Arlington Admiral winterguard is open exclusively to members of the 2008 marching band.
- **It is important to remember that attendance at rehearsals is mandatory. The same policies that govern the marching band govern the winterguard.**
- At Arlington, with very prudent planning and the great support of the Arlington Band Boosters, Inc. as well as the Arlington Central School District, we are able to keep costs at a minimum for our members. The winterguard fee is dependent upon the finalization of the budget but it is anticipated that fees will be similar to the marching band fees for the entire winter season. *No student should opt out due to financial reasons, there are options to help.*
- Participation in the winterguard is optional for those wishing to continue as a member in the marching band in 2009. However, the winterguard provides a tremendous amount of training – specifically in the area of rifle, sabre, and movement – that will greatly add to the success of the marching band.
- Visit: www.wgi.org to see the national winter guard association; visit: youtube and search for: (trumbull winterguard weapon line) [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my9rJ56c5zc>] to see the MAC circuit’s top colorguard’s weapon line.
- Check arlingtonband.com for a winterguard link coming soon. Email: colorguard@arlingtonband.com with your questions.