

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Marching Wildcats Color Guard

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Neuqua Valley Marching Wildcats and especially part of the color guard. We are looking forward to an exciting year and glad that you will be a part of it. Color guard is not a separate unit from the band, rather it is part of the visual interpretation of the music and therefore a section within the marching band. Anything listed as a marching band event will include the guard. Our performances include the Labor Day and Memorial Day parades, home football games, selected pep rallies and school events, marching band concert, and festival performances. A calendar of events is on the music website. In order to prepare for these events we have extensive practices in the late summer and into the fall. This is a group activity that is very much dependent on everyone being present to learn all that is needed to present a high quality halftime show and other performances. The students are affected by the consistency of those around them. If you know of a conflict you have with the schedule please talk to Mrs. Binder and Mrs. Pfeil immediately. Letting the student leaders know would also be helpful. With an appropriate amount of time, arrangements can be worked out for the best possible solution. Last minute notification of an event that has been scheduled for some time can be challenging for all involved. We do understand that emergencies come up, please notify a staff member as quickly as the situation will allow.

Fundies Camp

This is a small camp to introduce the fundamentals of marching band. New members and returning members are required to be there. Throughout the course of the camp the placement of members will be determined. Please refer to the Marching Wildcats Calendar for dates and times.

Summer Expectations

During Fundies we will begin teaching the routines for warm-ups, pregame, and halftime which include the school song and Battle Hymn. Over the summer you will be expected to rehearse your routines the same as those who are playing a musical instrument are expected to memorize their music for the show. As we don't have a way to write the routines down on sheet music, we will be using google classroom to share routines. The captains will also be organizing help sessions so you can get some hands on feedback. While they are not required, we strongly encourage you to attend those sessions if you are in town. The more you memorize correctly and build strength during the summer, the smoother the fall will go.

Band Camp

Band camp is mandatory for all participants in the marching band. It is a lot of hard work but you will also find it is a great deal of fun. Please see the music website at neuquamusic.org under marching band to see the full fall schedule including band camp, rehearsal, and performance dates.

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Music Website

neuquamusic.org

Marching Band Website

<https://www.neuquamusic.org/marching-band>

Color Guard Website

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Google Classroom Code:

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