



Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard



Audition Packet 2015-2016 Season

Welcome to the 2015-2016 Switzerland Point Winterguard Audition Process. Please read through the entire packet to get information about auditions and requirements for each student.

Audition Dates, Attire, and Location

Audition training days will be May 11th from 4:00-6:00 PM and May 12th - May 14th, 2015 from 4:00 to 6:30pm. Students need to wear comfortable black shorts, black t-shirt, and report to the SPMS gym. Please bring a snack and a drink (Your drink **MUST** have a lid). No friends or family will be permitted in the gym during auditions; this is a closed audition process.

Experience and Achievements

Winterguard is an exciting activity that gives students the opportunity to meet new friends, learn a new skill, travel to competitions, and perform in front of crowds many times. During the past eight years of competition the Switzerland Point Winterguard has brought home 4 Gold Medals, 4 Silver Medals, and 1 Bronze Medal from the Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit. This is the highest honor a middle school team can achieve.

Time Requirements

The SPMS Winterguard will practice on a weekly basis during the school year, with the possibility of additional volunteer practices during the spring competitive season. Weekly practices will be set before the 2015-2016 school year begins, but are currently set on Wednesday afternoons, from 1-5:30pm.

August to December is used to write and design the show. January through March is the performance season. During the performance season there will be between 6-9 shows. They will always be on Saturdays, with the exception of Pre-Premier, the date of which will be decided closer to the beginning of the competition season. **It is very important for guard members to be at every practice and EVERY SHOW.** Shows are performed all throughout the State of Florida. Shows can last from 9:00 am to well into the late afternoon, so prepare for an all-day event. **We require that all students remain at the show until awards are given for our class category.**

Financial Requirements

As with any activity, Winterguard requires a certain amount of financial responsibility. Each member will have a "fair share" of the budget that he/she is responsible to uphold. Please plan for a fair share of approximately \$600-\$650 per child, as well as, travel expenses and incidentals. More details will be handed out to SPMS guard members after tryouts.

Academic / Behavior Requirements

Switzerland Point requires that our members maintain a minimum 70% in all classes, display a positive attitude, and model positive behavior at all times. Grade and behavior reports will be required throughout the school year to verify they are maintaining the academic and behavior requirements.

Required Paperwork

Attached are forms that must be completed and returned to Darlene Dowling (SPMS teacher sponsor) the first day of tryouts. If the forms are not completed, the student will not be able to participate in tryouts.

- Parent Information and Approval Sheet
- Student Profile/Bio Sheet
- Teacher Recommendation Sheet (you will need to make additional copies and deliver to each of your academic teachers who will return them back to Mrs. Dowling)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Darlene Dowling, SPMS Winterguard school sponsor, at darlene.dowling@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



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Dear Parents,

This form authorizes your child to audition for the Switzerland Point Winterguard Team. Winterguard is a performance-based activity that starts at the middle school level and extends to high school and beyond. This sport builds teamwork, discipline, character, and coordination in students that are involved.

The audition process consists of a three day evaluation of student ability based upon a rubric developed by the coach. Monday through Wednesday will consist of learning Winterguard techniques. Thursday will be the actual audition day. Each child will be assessed according to, but not limited to performance, ability, academics, and behavior.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school sponsor, Darlene Dowling, at darlene.dowling@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Thank you for your time and dedication to your children's activities.

Switzerland Point Winterguard,
Darlene Dowling, School Sponsor
Evan Black, Director/Coach

Parent Approval Form

I, _____ (parent's name), Parent or Legal Guardian of
_____ (child's name) hereby give authorization for m child to
audition for the Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard under the direction of Evan Black,
Director. I understand that if there is a pre-existing health condition, the school/county and coaches will
not be held liable. I also understand that upon making the team, my child is required to have a physical
turned in by the mandatory Summer Camp the week prior to the start of the school year in August.

Guardian signature

Date

Guardian Name (please print)

Contact Information:

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

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Student Name _____

Student E-mail _____

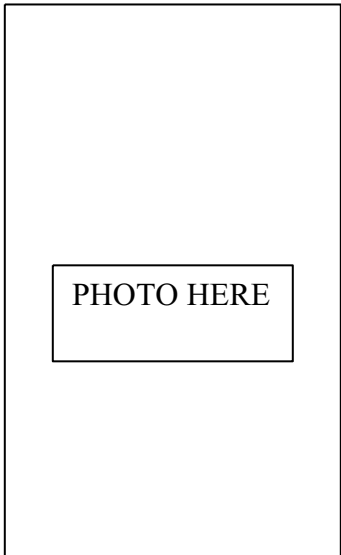
Grade (2015-2016 School Year) _____

Parent Name _____

Parent E-mail _____

Parent Phone _____

Past Experience (winterguard, dance, gymnastics, etc.)



Why do you want to be involved in Winterguard?

*****PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF YOURSELF** *(will not be returned)*

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Teacher Recommendation 2015-2016

Return to Mrs. D. Dowling no later than 5/12/15
(Elementary School Teachers please send through school mail)

Please complete the following academic and behavioral information concerning the student below. Please be honest in your appraisal of the student, you know the student best, and can help determine if this student will be an asset to the SPMS Winterguard team. Members are expected to display positive attitude and model the six pillars of character at all times. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

STUDENT NAME _____
First Last

Teacher _____ **Subject** _____

Student's Overall Grade _____

	Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Trustworthy				
Participation				
Work Ethic				
Attitude				
Works well with others				

Please feel free to list additional comments or concerns:
