2016-2017 OMMS Winter Guard Clinic and Tryout Information

This clinic is for upcoming 7th and 8th grade students who will be attending OMMS next year. Participants with the highest scores and teacher recommendations will be selected. **The exact number of members will be determined by the judges’ break in scores.**

**DATES:**

 May 3rd Clinic from 3:00 until 5:00 in OMMS gym

 May 4th Clinic from 3:00 until 4:40 in OMMS gym

 May 5th Tryouts with judges in cafeteria

**REQUIREMENTS:**

 1. Tryout participants must be currently enrolled 6th or 7th graders.

2. Completed forms to be turned into Mrs. Kennedy in the band or choir room by 7:50am, May 3rd

**Signed Permission Sheet, Physical Evaluation Form (good for one year), OMMS Consent Form, and $20 clinic fee (make checks payable to OMMS).**

 4. Daily clinic attendance

6. Ability to attend regularly scheduled practices that begin in September (date TBA)

7. Ability to attend weekend competitions and floor/equipment preparations on weekends.

8. Acceptance of monetary obligations ($750, made in 3, $250 payments.)

9. At least one parent must attend parent meetings.

**REGISTRATION:** Students may turn in registration packets to Mrs. Kennedy in the band room, choir room, or room B5. All completed forms are necessary to register (see above). Additional forms can be accessed through the school’s website under the *Sports* and then *Winter Guard* link. The cost of clinic is $20 and is non-refundable. Cost covers rental of try-out equipment. Make checks payable to OMMS.

**CLINIC:** Clinic will begin promptly at 3:00 and end at 5:30 and is **closed** to parents. Each girl should be dressed in athletic pants, jazz pants and/or short w/leggings and a t-shirt with appropriate dance or athletic shoes on each day. After changing, each girl should be seated on the gym floor by 3:15pm. All candidates will have two days of clinic to learn and perfect a flag routine. **Pick up time is 5:00 on May 3rd and 4:30 on May 4th**

**TRYOUTS:** Tryouts will be held Thursday, May 5th for both grade levels and is **closed** to parents. For tryouts, the girls will be required to wear an all black athletic outfit with dance or athletic shoes to wear. A panel of qualified judges from outside our area will make the squad selection. These judges will score each girl on performance, sense of rhythm, showmanship, and execution of required skills. Please see attached audition form. The 2015-2016 Winter Guard team will be posted on the OMMS Winter Guard blog by tryout numbers. *Any girl who does not attend at least half the school day (four class periods) will forfeit eligibility.*

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| **2016– 2017 WINTER GUARD FEES** |
| Equipment Rentals/Floor Maintenance/Supplies/Banquet | 300.00 |
| Uniform  | 200.00 |
| Competition  | 250.00 |
| *Fundraising to assist with Competition fees* | --------- |
| **Total** | **$750.00** |

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| Payment Schedule |
| September 1st  | $250.00 |
| October 1st  | $250.00 |
| November 1st  | $250.00 |

\*If you need to set up an alternate schedule, please contact Charlotte Brown in the office.

\*Additional items may need to be purchased for new members (no more than $100.00).

\*If a member is dismissed or quits the team, no money will be refunded.

Clinic and Try-out Permission Sheet

**\*\*\*Turn in at registration\*\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend Winter Guard clinic at OMMS. I have read the rules and regulations regarding clinic and try-outs. As a parent, I accept the responsibility for all obligations involved should my daughter be selected as a member, such as fees, scheduling requirements, etc.

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

As a student, and a potential guard member, I have read the rules and regulations regarding clinic and try-outs. If I am chosen, I agree to accept responsibility for all obligations such as attending practice, performances, etc.

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

Auditions

The OMMS Winter Guard is looking for fun, energetic, hard-working performers. There is a sample score sheet on the next page so you can see exactly how you will be scored. There is no set number of members for the winter guard. **Cuts may occur**.

Auditions will consist of:

* Dance-Candidate will perform a series of dance exercises and across the floor combinations for the judges.
* Flag-Candidates will perform a series of basic flag exercises and a short routine for the judges.
* Performance-Candidates will be judged on how well they performed throughout the audition.

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Important Information

* Flags will be provided for all candidates during clinic and auditions.
* The choreographer will judge the candidates on Wednesday and Thursday on their attitude (See scoring sheet). 3 judges not associated with OMMS will judge the candidates on Wednesday. There is no set number of members for the team.
* ***Current Winter Guard members DO have to re-audition. They are not guaranteed a spot on the team. Cut offs are possible***.
* Judges will not be told candidates grade or name. All candidates will only be known as numbers and will all be judged on the same criteria.
* After all the auditions have concluded, the candidates can check the Winter Guard blog page to see if their number is listed.
* Tentative Winter Guard Competition Schedule:
	+ TBA- Schedule will be released October 2016. Competitions are usually on Saturdays from 10:00am-9:00pm

**Guard Auditions Evaluation Form**

Student Number:

Auditor Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Instructions:

Students will be performing a series of basic skills as well as the fight song which they have learned over the series of 2 rehearsals. We don’t expect them to be perfect. We are mainly looking for potential. Can they hear the beat of the music? Can they perform the routine without watching others too closely? Can they recover after making mistakes? Can they remember the series of moves that make up the routines.

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| **Skill:** | **5 Superior****(Skill and Performance Qualities both present! Great Job!)** | **4****Excellent****(performs skill correct, could use a little detailing or showmanship)** | **3****Good (will get it with a little more work or a little more confidence)** | **2****Fair (struggling, inconsistent, only partially prepared)** | **1****Poor (unprepared for audition, can not perform required task)** |
| **Basic Flag & Drill Skills:** (list skill below) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drop Spins |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pop Toss |  |  |  |  |  |
| Butterflies |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stirs |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Routine/Combination:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student Stays on count when performing routine with the counts |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student Stays on count when performing routine with the music |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can Mark time in step with the music |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can Mark time in step with routine and music |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recovery after making a mistake |  |  |  |  |  |
| Posture and Confidence/Showmanship |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharpness of movements when called for |  |  |  |  |  |
| Memory/recall of routine |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jazz Run  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Attitude:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student shows a positive attitude in learning new skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student responds in a positive manner to corrections |  |  |  |  |  |

Simply observe the prospective member’s audition and rate them in the areas below. You will then be asked to make a recommendation as to whether you believe they are ready to be a member of the Guard. If you have any questions about the audition routines or the proper way that students should be performing a move please don’t hesitate ask the staff.

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_=**

**+Teacher Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Final Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Auditor Recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes! Offer this student a spot on the team!

 \_\_\_\_\_ No. The student is not ready for a position on the team.

**Notes:**