



Smithville Middle School Winter Guard

Winter guard is a performance art form that combines elements of music, dance, and precision. It involves the manipulation (spins, tosses, flips) of equipment while moving the body and moving around the performance space. It is dance, gymnastics, and drama all combined into this unique performance sport. For the members, winter guard is a challenge and an opportunity for growth that develops both the athlete and the artist.

We are bringing the winter guard world to the Smithville Middle School again this year! No tryouts are required. Outlined below are some specifics that you should keep in mind when making your decision to commit to the team.

Practices will be held on Thursdays at SMS from 3-7 pm starting Nov 16th. Practices are mandatory. If practice before a festival is missed, they will not be able to perform at that festival. They also have to be at school the Friday before a festival in order to be able to compete. There will be a weekend camp to learn the routine and may be an occasional Saturday practice as we get closer to the festival season if needed. The middle school guard is open to all 7th and 8th graders. **Privit MUST be completed PRIOR to being allowed on the team (physical included).**

The SMS winter guard will perform at one pep assembly (possibly), community showcase, and winter guard festivals in the Kansas City area. These students will begin to develop a firm foundation in the arts as they learn the correct vocabulary and terminology of dance and learn to execute the moves properly and expand their performance skills. They will also build confidence as they perform, in a group, in front of people. They will learn responsibility and the feeling of success, as they work together as a team.

The winter guard fee will be \$100. The middle school will use guard equipment from the high school. If they choose to purchase a rifle or a practice flag, they can do so but those will not be included in the \$100 cost.

We will have a parents' meeting on Nov. 16th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

If you have any questions, call Kristy Humbard at 816-225-7707 or email at humbardk@smithville.k12.mo.us.

To secure your spot on the guard, fill out the following form and turn it into the office.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Student's Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Has my approval to participate in Winter Guard: _____

(Parent or guardian's signature)

Date: _____