

# **Naugatuck Winter Guard 2024/2025**

## **WELCOME!**

We are so happy to have you as a member of this program. Our vision is for the color guard to develop applicable skills and lifelong memories in a safe, respectful, and engaging environment.

Register on our website: [naugatuckmarchingband.com](http://naugatuckmarchingband.com) to

- 1) Confirm your commitment to the program and
- 2) Acknowledge understanding of the student handbook.

**Check out the Monthly Events Calendar on our website to ensure you have no significant conflicts.**

## **Parents/Guardians:**

It would be great to have as much parent participation as possible. This is an all-hands-on-deck activity, so the more help, the better!

## **Regular season practices:**

**Practices start Tuesday, November 12.**

**Tuesdays: 6-9**

**Thursdays: 6-9**

**Saturdays: 9-9**

All practices and competitions are mandatory. This activity requires the presence of everyone, as each individual plays a vital role in ensuring a successful and complete show.

Although practices start at 6, students are encouraged to arrive 15–20 minutes early. This allows us to set up the floor and gather our equipment, enabling us to begin practice promptly at 6.

If you know of any prior commitments please let us know at the start of the season!

Unexcused absences from a competition or three or more rehearsals will lead to an evaluation by the review board.

## **SECTIONALS:**

Sectionals are student-led practices that allow students to work on their show and technique with their peers one hour before the official practice starts. Sectionals are an excellent way for students to bond with their section and provide/apply individualized feedback before joining the rest of the ensemble at 6 pm.

## **COMPETITIONS:**

February 1: Masuk  
February 8: Camp Day  
February 15: Salem  
February 22: Home Show  
March 1: Camp  
March 8: Newtown  
March 15: Shelton  
March 22: Bunnell  
March 29: Trumbull (Championships)

## **CREDIT AND BEHAVIORAL POLICY:**

### **NHS Fine Arts Credit:**

NHS Students who complete a competitive season without missing a performance or 3 unexcused absences/lateness will be awarded a full fine arts credit.

### **Behavioral Policy:**

Students must always respect the staff, students, and volunteers. Students must follow all NPS Behavior Policy standards.

### **Guide to appropriate conduct:**

- No swearing or inappropriate language
- Listen and follow directions - No talking back
  - Stay in your assigned area at all times
- Always represent the group in a positive way
  - No phones during any practices
  - No vaping

**Students who disrupt the learning environment, or engage in behavior that is against NPS policy, will incur the following repercussions:**

- **First offense:** The student will receive a verbal/written warning depending on the severity of the situation
- **Second offense:** Temporary suspension from the program (all rehearsals & performances) and a meeting with the student, student's parents/ guardians, band director, and an administrator
- **Third offense:** The student may be dismissed from the program. Depending on the severity of the situation, this may happen before the third offense.

### **PURCHASES:**

Mandatory if you do not already have one:

Tracksuits: \$150

Uniforms: \$325

Show socks (black high socks)

### **Hair supplies:**

Sock bun

Hairnet

Bobby pins

Gel

Hairspray

Brush

### **Optional:**

Gloves (if on weapon line): \$25

### **SALEM:**

FEBRUARY 14-16

This year, we will be participating in a WGI regional in Salem, Massachusetts. This is a great experience for the students to have outside of Connecticut. They will have the opportunity to watch world-class color guards they normally would not get the chance to see at MAC competitions.

**Transportation:**

To save a significant amount of money for students and parents, we are asking for a couple of parents to volunteer to drive the students to Salem, Massachusetts for this regional.

**Estimated prices:****Hotel:**

Hotel rooms are estimated to be \$150 a night for 2 nights. The students will be sharing a room and be split four ways. This roughly makes each student's hotel cost \$100 with estimated taxes and fees.

We would recommend each student bring extra spending money with them for the weekend.

This will cover food costs at the competition and merchandise if they would like to buy anything. We are planning on spending the day in Salem on Sunday for team bonding and sightseeing, that money will also cover that.

**Food plans:**

All breakfasts will be included in the hotel.

Friday night we plan on going out for dinner.

Saturday food will be at the school, with price depending on what the students buy. For dinner, we will order pizza at the hotel when we get back from the show.

Sunday we will be having lunch out as we are exploring Salem!

(All food plans are subject to change; this is just a rough outline of what we are thinking.)

**Chaperones:**

Per WGI's new guidelines, any adult who spends more than 2 hours with the group is required to have a background check and safety sports training (\$40 per adult)

**FUNDRAISING:**

This is the season of fundraisers! More information regarding fundraisers will be subject to come as the season starts. Every student is required to participate for a maximized outcome!

**-Thank you!!!!**

**Jennie, Marissa, and Genesis**

# WINTER SEASON CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Practice : 6-9 Parent meeting 8	13	14 Practice : 6-9	15	16 Practice : 10-9 Commitment forms due
17	18	19 Practice : 6-9	20	21 Practice : 6-9	22	23 Practice : 10-4
24	25	26 Practice : 6-9	27	28 No Practice	29	30 Practice : 10-9

## DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Practice: 6-9	4	5 Practice: 6-9	6	7 Practice: 10-4 Show reveal (subject to change)
8	9	10 Practice : 6-9	11	12 Practice : 6-9	13	14 Practice : 10-9
15	16	17 Practice : 6-9	18	19 Practice : 6-9	20	21 Practice : 10-4
22	23	24 No Practice	25	26 No Practice	27	28 No practice
29	30	31 No Practice	1	2 Practice : 6-9	3	4 Practice : 10-9

## JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 No Practice	1	2 Practice : 6-9	3	4 Practice : 10-9  Secret Santa
5	6	7 Practice : 6-9	8	9 Practice : 6-9	10	11 Practice : 10-4
12	13	14 Practice : 6-9	15	16 Practice : 6-9	17	18 Practice : 10-9
19	20	21 Practice : 6-9	22	23 Practice : 6-9	24	25 Practice : 10-4
26	27	28 Practice : 6-9	29	30 Practice : 6-9	31	1  Masuk Competition



## FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 Practice : 6-9	29	30 Practice : 6-9	31	1 Masuk Competition
2	3	4 Practice : 6-9	5	6 Practice : 6-9	7	8 CAMP DAY Practice : 10-9
9	10	11 Practice : 6-9	12	13 Practice : 6-9	14 SALEM	15 SALEM
16 SALEM	17	18 No Practice	19	20 Practice : 6-9	21	22 Home Show
23	24	25 Practice : 6-9	26	27 Practice : 6-9	28	1 CAMP DAY Practice : 10-4

## MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25 No Practice	26	27 Practice : 6-9	28	1 CAMP DAY Practice : 10-4
2	3	4 Practice : 6-9	5	6 Practice : 6-9	7	8 Newtown Competition
9	10	11 Practice : 6-9	12	13 Practice : 6-9	14	15 Shelton Competition
16	17	18 Practice : 6-9	19	20 Practice : 6-9	21	22 Bunnell Competition
23	24	25 Practice : 6-9	26	27 Practice : 6-9	28	29 Trumbull Competition  CHAMPS!
30	31	1	2	3	4	5