

SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTERGUARD



Audition Packet 2017-2018 Season

Welcome to the 2017-2018 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 and tryouts will be held on Wednesday, April 19 (3-6 PM), Wednesday April 26 (3-6 PM), Wednesday May 3 (3-5 PM) – TRYOUTS!!

Students need to wear comfortable black shorts, black t-shirt, and secured hair (bun on tryouts day) 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. We compete against mostly high schools, so this is a high honor for a middle school. In 2016, our team received a Silver Medal for their performance.

Time Requirements

The SPMS Winterguard will practice during the school year, with the possibility of additional voluntary practices during the season. Practices will be set before the school year begins, but are expected to take place weekly on Wednesday afternoons, from 1-5:30pm and Thursday afternoons from 2–5:30pm. Some weeks, we may only have Wednesday practices, but this will be based on need.

August - December is used to learn new skills and write/design the show. January – Early April is the performance season. During the performance season there will be between 6-9 shows. Competitions will always be on Saturdays, with the exception of FFCC Championships, which is usually on Friday. Additionally, we perform at “Nease Night,” SPMS Night of the Arts & SPMS Pre-Premier, which are weeknights. **It is very important for guard members to be at every practice and EVERY SHOW.** Shows are performed throughout the State of Florida, and can last from 8:00am 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 \$650-\$765 per child (based on 2016-2017 budget), as well as travel expenses, makeup and incidentals. More details will be handed out to SPMS guard members after tryouts. **A \$200 non-refundable portion of the fair share, which will be applied to our fixed costs, will be due at the beginning of school. All fair share is due before we purchase uniforms or the member will be cut from the team.** A budget will be presented in August or September, explaining the remainder of the “fair share.”

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 Sarah Lewis (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. Lewis). Science, Math, ELA and Social Studies. Elementary students give it to any core teachers you have.

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

Switzerland Point Middle School

Winterguard

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 five day evaluation of student ability based upon a rubric developed by the coach. The first sessions will consist of learning Winterguard techniques. The last day 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, Sarah Lewis, at Sarah.Lewis@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

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

Switzerland Point Winterguard,
Sarah Lewis, 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 my 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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WINTERGUARD**

Student Name _____

Student E-mail _____

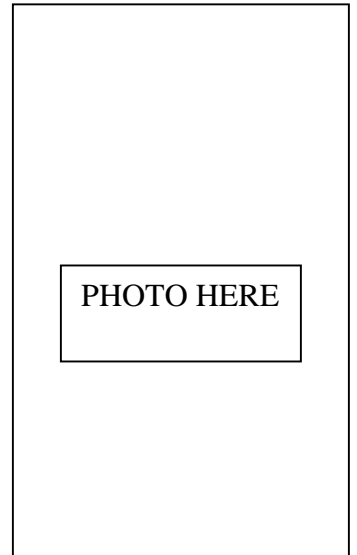
Grade (2016-2017 School Year) _____

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)*

Switzerland Point Middle School Winterguard

Teacher Recommendation 2017-2018

Return to Mrs. Sarah Lewis no later than 5/3/17
(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:
