

## **Lincoln Way Competitive HS Winter Guard**

The competitive team is an auditioned performance group who performs and competes throughout the winter and early spring season. Members are encouraged to push themselves to learn new skills, work towards a competitive goal, and enjoy their experience performing!

### **Season Overview:**

1. “Try-It-Out” - **Thursday, November 21st from 5-7pm**
  - a. This is an opportunity for students to come “try-it-out” and see if guard is an activity they enjoy! This is a low pressure rehearsal with no commitments.
2. Auditions - **Saturday, November 23rd from 8-12pm**
  - a. Auditions will include time spent on flag and dance technique and choreography which will be performed in small groups
  - b. Audition results will be sent via Remind by **Wednesday, November 27th**
3. Parent Meeting - **Tuesday, December 3rd from 6-7:30pm**
  - a. A parent or representative from all invited members should be able to attend this meeting including the student themselves
4. Regular Rehearsals - **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (various times)** at Lincoln Way North High School
  - a. The dates for all rehearsals are listed on [Lincolnwaymusic.com](http://Lincolnwaymusic.com) under LWWG
  - b. It is crucial that you take a look at the calendar ahead of auditions and complete a conflict sheet with any conflicts you may have throughout the season
5. Learning Camps - **December 21st, 22nd, & 23rd and January 18th & 19th** (times on calendar)
  - a. These are crucial rehearsals in which we will be learning our competitive show. These rehearsals are required. Students will receive two breaks during the day for lunch and dinner.
6. Performances - Various dates throughout the season
  - a. All performances are required for members of the competitive winter guard. Students who participate in the group are essential to the success of the program. Review the calendar carefully to ensure you are aware of all performance dates
  - b. WGI Chicago Regional - Hosted at LWE on **March 1st-2nd**
  - c. WGI Mideast Regional - Hosted in Avon, IN on **March 15th-16th**
  - d. Community Performance - Hosted at LWN on **March 28th**
    - i. This includes performances by the LW Independent Drumline, the LW Junior Guard, and the LW Spin Club!
  - e. MWCG Circuit Championships - Hosted at Andrew High School on **March 29th-30th**
  - f. Final Season Trip - WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH on **April 3rd-5th**

## **Winter Guard FAQs:**

**What is Color Guard?** - Winter guard is the indoor version of the marching band which practices throughout the early winter through the spring. Students in the color guard will be trained in dance, flag, and sometimes weapons.

**How much will fees be this year?**- Fees are expected to be anywhere from \$800-\$1,100 this season. This will include much of the expenses for the season including uniforms, equipment, show shirts, travel expenses, show design, props, and instruction. Families are encouraged to fundraise through their Music Department Boosters and the LWMB in order to raise money for their IFA.

**When is the season?** - The season runs from our “Try-It-Out” on November 21st all the way to WGI World Championships from April 3rd-5th

**How much does the color guard rehearse?** - The winterguard will regularly rehearse on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. There are additional rehearsals during the year. Full rehearsal schedules can be found at [Lincolnwaymusic.com](http://Lincolnwaymusic.com)

**How many times do we perform?** - Typically, we will perform at about 5-8 performances. 3-4 are local MWCG Circuit shows. We will attend 2 regional events. MWCG championships happen around late March. Then we will finish our season in Dayton, OH for the WGI World Championships competition

**What I don't want to fully commit to the winter season?** - Don't worry! We will also be having a Spin Club. This group will have a \$50-\$75 club fee to cover instruction and will meet bi-weekly in January and February and weekly in March! During this time you can practice some more challenging skills, prepare yourself for fall, and have fun with your friends who love the sport!

### **What are my next steps if I would like to join? -**

- Join the Remind Chat (info below)
- Attend the “Try-It-Out” from 5pm-7pm on Thursday, November 21st @LWNorth
- Attend Auditions from 8am-12pm on Saturday, November 23rd @LWNorth
- Audition results will be sent via Remind by Wednesday, November 27th
- Parent Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6pm-7:30pm @LWNorth Cafeteria

**How can I get updated rehearsal information?** - Join the color guard interest Remind chat. It's easy to join (simply send the text message below to the number listed). Any updated rehearsal/try-out information will be sent out in this chat. Please join even if you are on the fence about joining. Information may change leading up to auditions and this is the easiest way to communicate those changes:

Send text to the number: 81010

Message should read: @LWWG24

### **How can I get in contact with the coaches? -**

Director: Ms. Michelle Lindeman

Assistant Director: Ms. Susan Liva

Email: [lincolnwayhsguard@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnwayhsguard@gmail.com)

## Conflict Sheet (Required to be submitted with audition on November 23rd)

Please complete this form with all known conflicts by **November 23rd**. Staff will review conflicts and determine if the amount of absences will affect participation in the full show, drill spots, and placement on weapon lines. **It's important that students are present at rehearsal in order to help the team grow and learn together.** Absences should be avoided if possible, but if completely necessary knowing them in advance will help the instructional staff plan accordingly!

	Date Missing	Time Missing from Rehearsal	Reason
Ex:	<i>Can list dates or date ranges</i>	<i>15min late, missing whole time, leave 10min early</i>	<i>Another activity, family vacation, doctor's appointment</i>
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\*\*Please note that after ANY absence, students are required to make up for what they missed by working with a peer/captain, as well as practicing skills on their own. Prearranged conflicts on this sheet do not exempt students from this policy.\*\*

## **Season Calendar**

The most updated calendar will always be found on [Lincolnwaymusic.com](http://Lincolnwaymusic.com) under LWWG