

# P-CEP Winter Programs

2019

## Winter Guard & Winter Percussion Information Packet



2016 WGI Dayton Regional Champs  
2017 WGI PSO Finalist  
2018 WSI PSO Finalist



2016 WGI Flint Regional Champs  
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2017 WGI SO Finalist  
2018 WGI SO Silver Medalist

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## **What we do**

### **Winter Guard**

Winter Guard is the sport of indoor color guard. Modern color guard is a combination of the use of flags, sabers, mock rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance and other interpretive movement. Color guards can be found in high schools, middle schools, some universities, and also some independent organizations sometimes affiliated with drum corps. Guards must contain 40 students or less. Because of this, we may choose to make cuts to keep enrollment under 40 or field multiple guard ensembles.

### **Winter Percussion**

An indoor percussion ensemble, indoor drumline, or winter percussion ensemble consists of the marching percussion (battery) and front ensemble sections of the marching band. Indoor percussion marries the elements of music performance, marching, dance movement, and theater. Although most indoor percussion ensembles are affiliated with high schools, there are also many independent organizations that cater to college aged students. Percussion units have no limitations on the number of participants, because of this, all students will be accepted.

Both ensembles compete in the following competitive circuits:

**MCGC** | Michigan Color Guard Circuit  
[www.mcgc.net](http://www.mcgc.net)

**WGI** | Winter Guard International  
[www.wgi.org](http://www.wgi.org)

The full seasons run from around Thanksgiving until the 2nd-3rd week of April. Competitions generally begin the last weekend of January. Both ensembles rehearse after school per a distributed and published calendar. Each competitive circuit also offers scholarship opportunities for Seniors. Information will be distributed as it becomes available.

### **Competitive Classification**

Units in this activity are divided into 2 divisions:

**Scholastic** | Units whose membership comes from high school students

**Independent** | Units whose members are not necessarily associated with a particular school

The units are then further divided into classes:

**A Class** | The developing level of performer

**Open Class** | The intermediate level of performer

**World Class** | The most advanced level of performer

**For the 2019 season, we will be fielding the following classes:**

**Winter Guard** | Scholastic World  
**Winter Percussion** | Scholastic Open

## **Parent Involvement**

Both of these incredible ensembles require a large amount of parent involvement to ensure their success. With a participating student(s), we expect all families to be involved in some capacity. There are multiple areas in which we need help:

### **Food Crew Parents**

- We will need parents to oversee the organization of potluck style meal(s) during long rehearsal days. Signups for these are generally emailed with a variety of ways to contribute.
- For our overnight trips to regionals and world championships, we will need help with preparing and serving food to the students. This generally includes the creation of a small menu, management of food donations, and food prep/serving using the PCMB Food Crew supplies.

### **Uniform Parents**

- Uniforms will need to be measured for, hemmed after arrival, organized with garment bags/storage, washed throughout the season, and given general care.
- For the Winter Guard, there is also a need for help with make-up, hair, and any other physical aesthetic needed.

### **Carpooling/Chaperone Parents**

- We will need parents to carpool the students to some local and regional competitions. The regional competitions are generally 2-day, overnight trips.
- Participating here will require a small amount of chaperoning at the competition which usually includes moving props and equipment as well. Free Passes are provided for drivers/chaperones.
- A Charter Bus will be provided for both groups for WGI Championships.
- **\*NEW\* for 2019**
  - The Winter Percussion will be taking school busses to our (3) local MCGC Competitions
  - The Winter Guard will be taking a charter bus to their out of state WGI Regionals

### **Prop/Truck/EQ Crew**

- Depending on the show design, we will need parents to help create, build, and maintain props for each ensemble.
- The Winter Guard will need parents with appropriate hitched vehicles to tow the small Guard Truck.
- The Winter Percussion will need parents to reserve, pick-up, drive, and drop-off rental box truck(s). This also requires the installation of a shelving system we have built to maximize space within each truck. The Truck/EQ Crew is also responsible for some loading/unloading of equipment with student help.
- Free Passes are provided for Truck/EQ Crew.

### **General Committee/Guard “Moms”**

- Each ensemble carries its own “General Committee” to oversee the general needs for the programs. This requires email correspondence as well as in person meetings to ensure all aspects of our programs can operate at a high level.

### **Pasta Dinner/MCGC Contest**

- We encourage all families to work in conjunction with the Boosters to oversee and execute two major fundraisers that occur during our seasons: the Pasta Dinner and the MCGC Contest.
- The Pasta Dinner is an event with dinner, desserts, drinks, etc, to serve 600-800 patrons. Help is needed with setting a menu, actively seeking out food donations, food prep, service, incredible community promotion and ticket sales.
- The PCMB leads an MCGC Contest hosting many local programs at Plymouth High School. This is very similar to our Fall GLI Competition but on a little smaller scale. We have a great template in place to make this a very smooth operation.

### **Expectations for Wind Players**

We fully support Wind Players participation in the Winter Guard and Winter Percussion as these ensembles advance them both musically and physically. Wind Students that participate in the Winter Programs will be expected to continue to play their primary instrument in the Marching Band, unless a legitimate physical limitation is presented.

## **Fees**

As with all extra-curricular activities, there is a fee to participate. We work each year to keep the fee as low as possible while still providing an exceptional experience for each student.

For 2019, we are expecting fees to be between **\$1150-\$1500**. Participation Agreements issued by the PCMB will outline the payment schedule and more detailed information.

### **We encourage you to not let fees be the reason you don't participate**

The Music Boosters are extremely supportive and want to help every family have the opportunity for their student to participate in any of our extra-curricular offerings. We encourage you to open up a line of communication so options can be discussed.

The fee goes to cover the following **partial** list:

- Contest Entry Fees and Memberships
- Exceptional Instruction
- Show Music Design
- Show Visual Design
- Show Sound Design
- Custom screen printed Show Tarp
- Custom Show Uniforms
- Member Show theme shirts
- Props
- Rental trucks
- Renting rehearsal space
- Music licensing
- General program specific equipment
- Some meals at local competitions
- Regional and Championships housing
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- Championships Charter Bus rental
- Championships World Class Finals Tickets

Each Ensemble has items that are not covered in the fee. If a student already has one of the items a new one will not be needed. Some of these items include:

#### **Winter Guard**

- Unitard (~ \$36)
- Warm-Up Jacket (~\$63)
- Track Pants (~\$31)
- Hair Supplies

#### **Winter Percussion**

- Track Pants (~\$31)
- Sticks/Mallets for Battery (~\$9-36)
- Mallet Fee for all FE Mallet Players (\$50)
- \*NEW\* Shoe Fee (~\$40-70)

The shoes will be kept by the members at the completion of the season as they will be athletic sneakers, not the traditional marching shoe.