

Winter Guard Parent Meeting
Feb 16, 2023

- The title of this year's show is "Odette" and we are using part of music from Swan Lake.
- We should have the full show ready to perform at the next competition.
- So far we have only had 1 practice this season with everyone here. We would really like to have better attendance. We may need to develop an attendance policy because it is really hard to get ready for performances without everyone at practice.
- Please communicate with coaches if your student is sick and/or will be late or missing.
- We have a no cell phones policy during practices unless there is a specific reason. Please contact the coaches if there is an emergency and your student needs to have access to their phone during practice.
- There will be a show shirt. T-shirt \$15, sweatshirts \$30. Students will all get a free t-shirt. An order form will go out soon to families.
- San Francisco trip (March 24-27): This trip is a great chance to see teams that we wouldn't otherwise. We will leave Friday morning. We plan to sleep in a school gym for a couple of nights to save money. Have reservations for Alcatraz and some free time at the wharf in San Francisco in our schedule. Students should plan to stay in their groups of at least 4 during free time. We should get back around 8 pm on Monday.
- The calendar is available on the [Century Band website](#). We do our best to keep it up to date.
- Sometimes practices move locations last minute because we get access to better space but we don't always have a lot of notice. We will do our best to let everyone know asap.
- Competition schedules (performance times etc) don't come out super early from the organizers of the competitions. We will send those out as soon as we have that information.
- Anthony is caption head. He is in charge of show design and organizing all of the logistics for the group with Mr Dunlop. Nick is the coach officially with HSD and takes care of most of the day-to-day operations.
- We would like to see the parents get more involved with show days
- The band program gives \$7500 to the Winterguard and the fair share fees paid by families makes up the rest of their budget.
- We know that communication has been a bit of an issue. We are working on making that better. All official communication will go out through the band secretary including competition day schedules, volunteer signups, schedule changes, etc.
- We would like to give the team a hot meal on competition days. Sheryl is willing to coordinate but she will need help. There will be a volunteer sign up for future competitions.
 - Food was not planned on in the budget so we will need families to put in a little bit of money to cover it. Sheryl will work out a plan with Mr Dunlop and the coaches. We can ask the treasurers to add a small fee to everyone's accounts.

- Chaperones will also be needed for competition days. That will also be on the signups. Sheryl will talk to Mr Dunlop and the coaches about all of the help that is needed and put together a signup to be sent out.
- There will be a friends and family performance at the end of the season. It is not on the schedule yet because we need to book a space. No tickets will be needed. We will add that to the calendar when the details are worked out so that you can invite friends, family neighbors, ...
- The coaches are great about responding so if you have questions feel free to reach out to them.
- Ray Severns from Seattle Cascades came to talk about their group and suggest that our students consider joining them for the summer.
 - Seattle Cascades is a drum and bugle corps.
 - Their members are students aged 15-24 yrs.
 - They go on a national tour to compete in the summer.
 - June 17 move in, about 3 weeks of practice
 - They will have a show in Portland on July 1 and some other shows in July in Washington and Idaho.
 - They will do 24 shows over the summer.
 - They travel with ~50 adults and ~150 students
 - The cost is ~\$5000 for the summer, also an audition fee
 - Anthony is the guard captain head for them. He is willing to help Century students with audition fees. Reach out to him if you are interested.
 - The students work hard and perform at a very high level.
 - They would love to have more Century Students!