

# 2018 MCHS Colorguard Information

March 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

Your child has shown an interest in learning more about joining the Montezuma-Cortez High School Colorguard. This organization functions as part of the state finalist MCHS Marching Band, and is preparing to hold try-outs for the 2018 team.

Colorguard membership is available to all incoming 9th-12th graders for the 2018-2019 school year. Although current 7th grade students are not able to try out this spring, they are welcome to attend practices to get a better sense about what colorguard is. All students interested in joining the team are invited to attend a series of after-school clinics which will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to the final auditions on **Tuesday, May 8th** (please see reverse for a complete clinic schedule). Clinics will be held in the Montezuma-Cortez High School band room, and lead by colorguard coach Kait Doolen and upperclassmen high school team members. Students are encouraged to attend as many clinics as possible to improve their chances of making the team. Although attendance at each clinic is not mandatory, student commitment to practice will be taken into consideration during tryouts. Students are encouraged to communicate any anticipated conflicts with Miss Doolen or Miss Zdanowski in advance.

Students selected for the team will enroll in first period colorguard class next fall, and will rehearse, perform, compete, and travel with the MCHS Marching Panthers throughout the fall season. This group rehearses in the mornings before school as well as during first hour, and performs at all local parades, home football games, and regional/state competitions. Students involved with the group are expected to maintain academic eligibility throughout the school year, and abide by a strict behavioral code at all band-related events and activities. Financial obligations for membership in the group can vary from student to student, and students are given multiple opportunities throughout the year to fundraise their band fees. Families with financial concerns should contact band director Katie Zdanowski at [kzdanowski@cortez.k12.co.us](mailto:kzdanowski@cortez.k12.co.us)

Colorguard is a fantastic opportunity for students to work hard, meet new people, travel, and perform at a high level of achievement within an organization with a long-standing reputation of excellence. All students are encouraged to attend the clinics to get a better idea of what this activity is about!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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# FAQs

**What is colorguard?** The Montezuma-Cortez High School Colorguard is a group of students who rehearse and perform as part of the MCHS Marching Panthers, the school's state finalist marching band. This auditioned group rehearses with coaches Kait Doolen and Peter Gomez, and contributes to the band's overall visual presentation through choreography with flags, rifles, sabres, and other equipment. Students accepted into the colorguard will enroll in first period Colorguard class at the high school, and travel with the band to participate in all performances and competitions during the fall.

**Who can join?** Colorguard membership is open by audition to all incoming 9th-12th grade students for the 2018-2019 school year. Although current 7th grade students cannot try-out this year, they are welcome to attend practices to get a head start for next year. Students accepted onto the team are expected to maintain academic eligibility and abide by a strict behavioral code throughout the fall season.

**How do I join?** Students interested in participating are invited to attend weekly clinic practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to final tryouts on Tuesday, May 8th. Student commitment to practice, attendance, attitude, improvement, and effort will all be taken into consideration at the final tryouts. The final try-out will determine whether or not a student is accepted into the group.

**What will it cost?** Clinics and auditions are free, and all interested students will be temporarily supplied with all necessary materials to practice at home. Students who successfully audition into the group will be required to pay band fees, which will be discussed at a mandatory parent meeting in May.

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## Clinic Schedule

	Thursday March 15th
Tuesday March 20th	Thursday March 22nd
NO REHEARSALS the week of March 26th due to SPRING BREAK	
Tuesday April 3rd	Thursday April 5th
Tuesday April 10th	NO REHEARSAL Thursday April 12th due to CHSAA
Tuesday April 17th	Thursday April 19th
Tuesday April 24th	Thursday April 26th
Tuesday May 1st	Thursday May 3rd

**When:** All clinics will take place from 5pm to 6:30pm

**Where:** All practices will take place in the MCHS Band Room unless otherwise announced.

**What to bring:** Colorguard is an athletic activity, so students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle and/or snacks. No jeans allowed.

# Student Information Form

Please complete this form and return to Miss Doolen or Miss Zdanowski

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Information

(this portion will be kept private, and accessed only in the event of an emergency)

Do you have any known allergies or health issues that might have an impact on your ability to do colorguard? If so, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of your doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## More About You

Are you involved in any other extracurricular activities? If so, please list here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a job? If so, where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Semester GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else we should know about you? \_\_\_\_\_

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