SHERANDO H.S. WINTER GUARD



Welcome!
Please scan and fill out the sign in sheet.

Overview

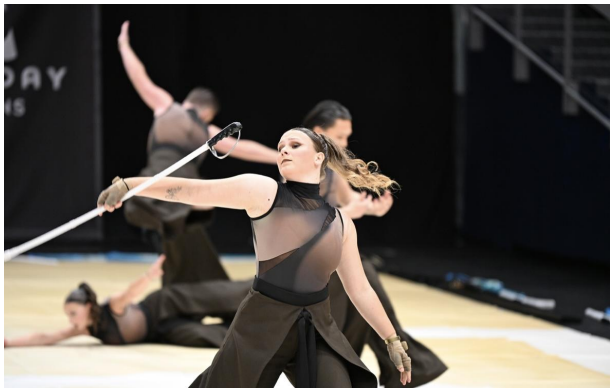
- Continue to grow color guard, performance, & movement skills
- Be a part of a strong team culture w/ a high success rate
- Make lifelong friends here at SHS & connect with groups all over the state/region
  - Day camps/contests including championships at Hampton Coliseum
  - Sherando Showcase–Percussion & Winds
  - Indoor Community Night
  - Apple Blossom Parade & Festivities







Staff Intros



Anneka Nestvogel



Kayla Wright



Sophie Stitcher

Attendance

Extracurricular activity

- All evening rehearsals, day camps, contest days, & parades are mandatory
  - Missed rehearsals, tardiness, or leaving early dates must be entered into Absence Form by Nov 21st, 2026
    - *Unplanned emergencies must be communicated to Kayla ASAP through Student Square or email whether tardy or absent*
    - If a winter guard contest schedule coincides with a District Band/Assessment/Honor Band, the student may need to make arrangements to travel to winter guard contest on their own in order to make the winter guard performance
      - *We have a final schedule 2 weeks in advance for winter guard performance times*
    - **Must make up what you missed before the next rehearsal**
    - A missed rehearsal/day camp may result in limited to no performance time
    - Work is NOT an excused absence. Please plan appointments accordingly as well
- Team sport—must be present and attentive to grow
- Any winter guard participant will be required to march in both Firefi[illegible] & Apple Blossom parade—playing in band or spinning with color guard

Rehearsal Etiquette

- Being on time is 10 min early. Being on time is late. Being late is unacceptable.
- Attire: black leggings/shorts; t-shirts or tank tops; hair out of face; NO JEANS; athletic tennis shoes
- Minimal talking, positive attitude, leave all drama at home---Guard is for guard.
  - If an issue arises during “guard time”, please address to Kayla/staff immediately. All will be handled on an individual basis.
- Show respect to all team members, staff, parents, & other guards

- If you have a prior injury, please let know Kayla know & take care as needed (ice at night, wear a brace, etc.)

Auditions

ALL students interested in winter guard must audition.
- In order to audition for weapon, students must have 2 seasons with SHS guard (fall and/or winter guard)

- Thursday, Oct 22nd: 5-7pm
  - Learn dance & flag choreography routine
  - Rifles–review technique
  - Fitted for uniforms

- Thursday, Oct 29th: 5-7pm
  - Students selected randomly to perform in groups.
  - Begin with movement & flag choreography, then weapon auditions.
  - Auditions will be recorded for judging panel unable to attend.

- Monday, November 2nd: Students will receive email & member list posted on Guard Room door

Auditions

SHS Winter Guard Audition Criteria 2027

Dance & Flag Choreography	Rifle Technique
Movement execution	Spin Exercise (includes L & R drop spins, flourishes, thumb fips, and backhands
Performance	Singles-Quads
Musicality	Parallel and angle toss

Does not Understand	Sometimes Understands	Consistently Understands
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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Guard Rehearsal 3:00-7:00 pm	2 Football Game	3 BOA Boot Camp 9:00 am-5:00 pm
4	5	6 Guard Rehearsal 5-7pm	7 Band Booster Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9 Setup-Safe Halloween Event 3:00 pm	10
11 Safe Halloween Event	12	13 Guard Rehearsal 5-7pm	14	15 Guard Rehearsal 3:00-7:00 pm	16 Football Game	17 BOA Mid-Atlantic Regionals
18	19 No School	20 Guard Rehearsal 5-7pm ***Winter Guard Interest Meeting 7pm***	21	22 Guard Rehearsal 3:00-4:30pm **Winter Guard Review Rehearsal 5-7pm**	23	24 JMU Parade of Champions
25	26	27 Guard Rehearsal 5-7pm	28	29 Guard Rehearsal 3:00-4:30pm **Winter Guard Auditions 5-7pm**	30 Football Game Senior Night	31 Marching Assessment

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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School	3 No School	4 Band Booster Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Guard Rehearsal 3:00-7:00 pm	6	7 Marching Competition- VMBC State Champs
8	9	10	11 Sherando Showcase Committee Meeting 6pm	12	13	14
15	16 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-8pm**	17	18 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-8pm** **Payment 1-Due**	19 Xmas Parade Rehearsal 5-6:30pm	20	21 ****Potential 8am-12pm**
22	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30 Winchester Holiday Parade (Tentative)					

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December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	3 Winter Band Concert	4	5 **Day Camp 8-5pm**
6 Middletown Christmas Parade (Tentative)	7 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	8	9 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	10	11	12 **Day Camp 8-5pm**
13	14 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	15 Sherando Showcase Committee Meeting 6pm	16 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm** **Payment 2-Due**	17	18	19 **Day Camp 8-5pm**
20	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School		

Day camps ideally on Saturdays 8am-5pm; however, we may have to switch to Sundays or Saturday evenings

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January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School	2
3	4 No School	5 No School	6 Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	7	8	9 Day Camp 8-5pm Payment 3-Due
10	11 Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	12	13 Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	15	15	16 Day Camp 8-5pm
17	18 No School Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	19	20 Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	21	22	23 Garfield Contest
24	25 Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	26 Sherando Showcase Committee Meeting 6pm	27 Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm	28	29	30 Day Camp 8-5pm

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February 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	2	3 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	4	5	6 Freedom HS Contest
7	8 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	9	10 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	11	12 No School ****Potential rehearsal**	13 Forest Park Contest
14	15 No School	16 Sherando Showcase Committee Meeting 6pm (if needed)	17 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	18	19	20 **Day Camp 8-5pm**
21	22 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	23	24 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	25 Pre-Assessment Concert	26 Sherando Showcase Set Up	27 Sherando Showcase (Perc) **Tuscarora Contest (Guard)**
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March 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	2	3 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	4	5 No School	6
7	8 No School	9	10 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	11	12	13 South County Contest?? VBODA Assessment Concert
14	15 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	16	17 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	18	19	20 Mt. Vernon Contest
21	22 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm**	23	24 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 7-10pm**	25	26	27
28 Spring Trip	29 Spring Trip No School	30 Spring Trip No School	31 Spring Trip No School			

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April 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **Winter Guard Rehearsal 5-7:30pm** ***8pm Champs Send off***	2 No School ****Potential evening rehearsal**	3 **AIA Champs**
4 **AIA Champs**	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 AB Rehearsal 5-6:30pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 No School Firefighter's Parade	5/1 Apple Blossom Parade

Fees/Expenses

- $350 Winter Guard
  - Includes show design, staff, transportation costs, registration fees, equipment/uniforms, props
- *Additional championship hotel fee will be determined in Jan/Feb.*
- Fundraising opportunities
  - T-shirt sponsorships, Guard Equipment sheet, Raise Right
  - Payment plans–$115 due 11/18/26, $115 due 12/16/26; $120 due 01/9/27
    - $250 band fee must be paid in order to participate in indoor season
    - All fees are nonrefundable
- Students will be responsible for purchasing the following: foundation, mascara/eyeliner, hair supplies, black attire (leggings, t-shirt/tank top), and Guard Jacket (for new members)

**Weekly payment plans are available!

2026-2027 Sherando Winter Guard Fundraiser

SPONSOR MY INDOOR SEASON!

$5 - FLAG LEVEL, $10 - RIFLE LEVEL, $20 - SABRE LEVEL

ALL DONATION SPOTS ADD UP TO THE REQUIRED $350 WINTER GUARD PARTICIPATION FEE

GUARD MEMBER: _____

PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTED:
CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO "SHSBBA"







T-Shirt Sponsorships



- $50 for business name listed on the back of Winter Guard Show Shirt _____
- $150 for small size business logo on Winter Guard Show Shirt _____
- $250 for medium size business logo on Winter Guard Show Shirt _____
- $500 for large size business logo on Winter Guard Show Shirt and Group Photo to display at your business ____

- Due January 9th, 2027

$50 Level "SHS Bands" (text only)
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$150 Level WARRIORS
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$250 Level WARRIORS
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$500 Level WARRIORS
+ Photo for Business

****Logos will be printed in black & white unless otherwise noted

Volunteering



- **Transport 6’X12’ trailer to and from contests**
  - **Potentially to/from Aylor**
- Prop volunteers
- Bus chaperones
- Volunteers for fundraisers
- Attend Band Booster meetings/on the board

Communication

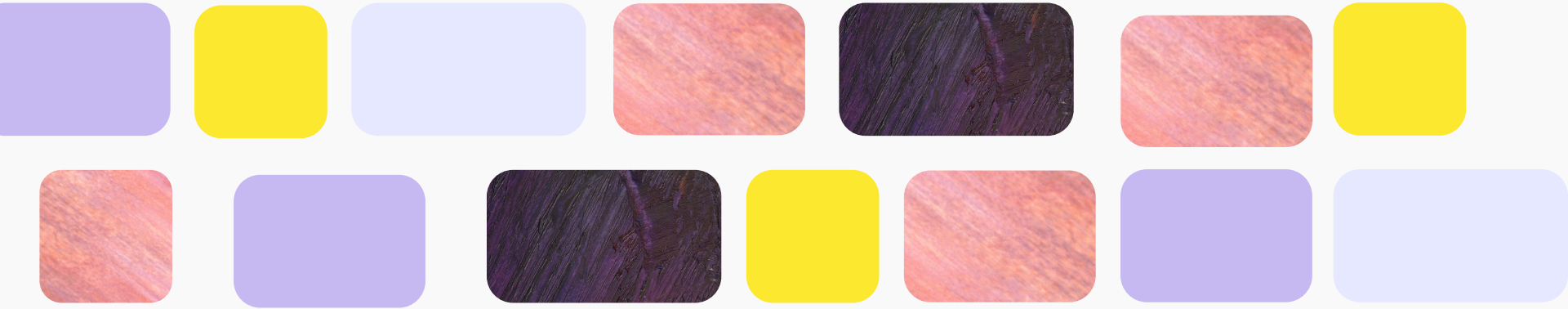
- Band website: www.sherandoband.org
- Email–Kayla Wright wrightk@fcpsk12.net
- Parent/Student Square
- Students-Google Classroom

Next Steps…

- Complete sign-in/information form
- Check out equipment & review technique videos
- Attend Thursday, 10/22/26 5-7pm rehearsal to learn audition routines
- Auditions- Thursday, 10/29/26 5-7pm in the auditorium
- Contracts distributed to students by 11/2/26
  - Contracts due by 11/16/2026

2027 show is.....

Once Upon A Candyland




START

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

1. Pure Imagination-Josh Groban
2. I Want Candy-Aaron Carter
3. Peppermint Twist-Joey Dee & The Starliters
4. Lollipop-The Chordettes
5. SURPRISE
6. Candyman-Zedd & Aloe Blacc