

Crescenta Valley High School
Visual and Performing Arts Department
Student Handbook 2020-2021
COLOR GUARD

Welcome to the 2020-21 Guard program at Crescenta Valley High School! You are part of one of the most dynamic, energetic, and active groups at this school. As Color Guard, we are a part of Marching Band, and in a normal year we would perform at football games, spirit assemblies, and other school functions, as well as events for the local community. We would also compete at numerous local field show competitions and band reviews.

However, this year is different! We will be starting out separated, in the Virtual, on Zoom. It WILL look like a different process, but our principles and attitudes will be the same. Respect, discipline, camaraderie will continue despite the distance we need to maintain! Situations will likely change along the way, and we are prepared to change with them, and always keep moving forward!

Please read this handbook with your parents, fill in and sign the Acknowledgment sheet and turn in to Mr. Schick.

General Student Expectations for this class

Attitude is perhaps the single most important thing that a person can have in order to be successful. A person with a good attitude will succeed and win the respect and admiration of those around him or her. If you do not have a good attitude, no matter how talented you are, success will always be a struggle.

Students are responsible for the following: Please adjust your thinking to “Zoom” sessions classroom.

- Be on time. You should have your equipment ready, video ON, mute ON, and be logged in ready to participate at the start time of a session.
- Always be properly dressed for any session in comfortable stretchy athletic clothing, and hair pulled back from face in a slick ponytail or bun.
- Learn your skills. Practice daily. Use good technique at all times. Not only is it safer, but also how you practice is how you will perform!
- Listen, and follow directions the FIRST time. Raise your (virtual) hand if you have questions.
- Use your Captain and officers as resources. Respect them and help make them better.
- When the leader is working on a part other than yours, watch quietly or practice. DO NOT TALK or distract others.
- Don't touch equipment or instruments that are not Guard's. (i.e. band instruments, percussion items)
- The use of tobacco, alcohol, or any other drug is strictly prohibited and, along with stealing, will be cause for potential dismissal from the group and severe consequences.
- Profanity, heckling, mean comments, or name-calling will not be allowed towards each other at any time. Be kind!
- Remember, even if you are at a home zoom session -- you are “in class”, and all CVHS and Class rules apply.
- Each member will at all times present himself/herself in a respectable manner and be courteous and considerate of others. Remember that you represent Crescenta Valley High School, the Guard program, and yourself.

Fundraising expectations

In order for our programs to succeed, we depend on a tremendous amount of fundraising. Expenses include things like bus transportation, equipment purchase & repair, performance fees, supplies, scholarships, and more. With everyone helping to raise money, our programs will continue to grow and thrive. As part of the Instrumental Music / Visual and Performing Arts Department, Guard members are expected to participate in all Instrumental Department Fundraisers, which include selling tickets and working at events such as car washes, See's Candy Sales, etc.

COSTS: Please fill out the Sizing & Order form, and Equipment Use form, so we know your needs and have your information.

CVHS GUARD PROGRAM CANNOT REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO PAY FEES, EVEN THOUGH GUARD EXPENSES ARE NOT COVERED BY THE SCHOOL OR DISTRICT.

*The continued growth and success of the CVHS Guard program depends on VOLUNTARY contributions from student's families.
All contributions are tax deductible.*

Virtual Classroom Expectations

- Your home is now your classroom! Keep your equipment put away when you are not using it.
- Make sure your gear is all accounted for before putting it away.
- Keep your equipment and supplies neatly organized.
- Do not eat or drink (except water) during a session.
- Be considerate of other family members and neighbors.

Crescenta Valley High Instrumental Department Grading Policy.

Grades are based on Attendance, Attitude, Improvement, and Participation.

There will be frequent performance evaluation and skills proficiency reviews by your leaders.

ZOOM Sessions are graded events, and attendance is mandatory.

As other opportunities come up, I will try to post new information as quickly as possible.

It is your responsibility to check Guard's BAND App and Remind and stay informed!

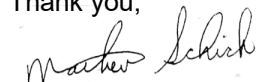
Absences –

If you will have to miss a Zoom session, please text the Captain or coach and let them know. If you will need to miss an extended series of sessions, please email Mr. Schick and let him know.

These are rapidly changing times -- Please read the weekly email newsletter and visit www.falconmusic.org for all the latest news and information regarding the Instrumental and Guard programs. I send out emails once a week to inform students and parents about events and it is important that I have your correct email address so that you may be informed. Please take the time to review all the information provided.

Thank you again for being a member of the Guard, and a part of the Crescenta Valley High Instrumental Music, Visual and Performing Arts Department!

Thank you,



Mathew Schick
Instrumental Music Director, Guard Advisor