***WELCOME TO NEW HARTFORD***

Welcome and thank you for choosing to participate in the New Hartford Winterguard ColorBurst Competition being held on January 29th, 2022. Here is some important information we would like to share with you.

Our main doors will open at the time of the first guard to check in. A sheet will be brought down to the front entrance from guard check-in as everyone floor crew/chaperone members will need to be checked in and stamped.

**COVID 19 PROTOCOLS:**

**Masks are required to be worn at all times.** Performers may remove masks if drinking but must put back on immediately once done. Spectators are to wear their masks at all times and no food or drinks are allowed.

All students, staff, floor crew and judges will be required to maintain **3 feet distance** at all times.

When sitting in the bleachers, everyone will need to be sitting at a marked area 6 feet apart (New Hartford Protocol).

Competing groups will need to gather belongings and depart from school following the completion of their show.

Judges will be in a marked-off 6x6 square area in the bleachers throughout the competition.

Bathrooms are to be occupied by no more than 2 persons at a time.

**Tickets:** There will be no admission charge to get into the show due to COVID 19 protocols but donations are greatly appreciated to help out our programs.

**Check in:** *The designated check-in area will be shown by a sign that states “Guard Check In” which will be in front of Bradley Elementary on Oxford Road. Buses will want to enter the roundabout off of Oxford Rd. Buses will then be directed from there where to park during competition. Guards will need to bring floor crew sign in sheets (****3 copies****) at that time to verify entrance of floor crew/chaperone entrance. Each group will be allowed a maximum of 15 people on their Floor Crew/Chaperone sign in due to COVID-19 protocols at New Hartford Central Schools.* **Guard Check-in times are indicated on the show schedule. These times are VERY IMPORTANT to keep an efficient flow of traffic and to minimize any potential exposures. Please plan so that you will arrive at your specified check-in time.**

**Please note only guard students, instructors and a list of no more than 15 floor crew/chaperones will be allowed into the school. NO SPECTATORS.** When in the guard area, students, instructors and floor crew will need to keep masks on **at all times** and will need to stay at a **3 feet distance**.Students will be given a designated space in the second floor hall to store items needed for the competition. Students will need to come to school **FULLY IN UNIFORM/MAKE UP** as there will not be changing areas for them once at the school. Group check-in is an hour prior to pick up for warm up, so please plan accordingly to schedule.

**Pre-Performance Announcements:** All announcements should be typed and clearly labeled with your guard name and the time of your performance. Announcements should be turned in immediately upon check in. Please clarify wording with the announcer when you do your sound check. You may also email announcements to Ryan Gerling at rgerlin89@gmail.com

**Bus Parking:** Once your guard has been dropped off at the guard check in area, your buses will be instructed by our security staff on where to go to unload props and park. We are asking all buses and equipment vehicles to park in the side lot (pool lot), as there will be no parking on the circle during the show. Buses will be allowed in to pick up your guard after **THEIR GROUPS PERFORMANCE** at the front entrance of the elementary school.

**Equipment:** All equipment MUST be carefully padded with special attention to all sabers. All equipment may be inspected before entering the gym. Please look for signs for prop drop off.

**Props will be checked in at the same time as students. Floor Crews will need to stay with equipment in designated areas in the cafeteria hall.**

**Prop Check in:** all props will be checked in at the side entrance of Bradley Elementary. This is a separate entrance from where the students will enter. Please look for signs when arriving off of Oxford Road.

**SOUND Music is being supplied by Bob English Sound Checks:** Sound checks will be allowed prior to the performances of each rotation. They will be allowed from:

* 2:30pm-3:00pm for Rotation 1
* 3:30pm-4:00pm for Rotation 2
* 4:30pm-5:00pm for Rotation 3
* 6:00pm-6:30pm for Rotation 4
* 7:00pm-7:30pm for Rotation 5

You can pick up your CD’s, etc. from the announcer.

**Guides:** Your group will be escorted from the classroom to your warm up area. It's the director’s responsibility to have groups ready for pick-up.

**Warm Ups:** There will be a combined 16 minute equipment warm up period prior to your performance time. There is an A and B warmup area this year as we are utilizing half of our new cafeteria space. Masks will be worn **at all times** during warm up unless in need of a drink.

**A=Elementary Gym**

**B= Cafeteria**

**Floors:** If you are a **SINGLE COMPETING GROUP** from your school,you will function as a normal set up and tear down. Once you are done your floor and props will go down the senior high hallway to be taken apart right away and loaded onto your equipment trailer/truck. If you have **MORE THEN ONE** competing group from your school you will have ten minutes to load your props into the back of the gym in show order. Once done your floor crews will have ten minutes to bring floors and props down the senior high hallway, break them down and put on trucks to go home. The guards will be entering the gym from the left side of the gym. Once single performance or grouping performances are done all floors and props will need to immediately leave the gym to be loaded onto equipment trucks for immediate departure. When you are folding your floor mat, you will drop it along the left side and pull across to the right.

**Video:** We will be supporting the new Mid-York Colorguard Circuit rule that prohibits videotaping of any performance due to copyright laws.

**Cafeteria: There will be no concessions due to COVID 19 protocols.** The NHMB Parents will be providing pre-packaged snack boxes for the ride home. These boxes will be 5 dollars a box. If your group would like to utilize this option please send an email with the number of boxes needed and on the day of competition cash or check made out to New Hartford Marching Band Inc.

**Seating:** Due to COVID-19 Protocols at New Hartford Central School, competing teams and floor crews will only be allowed into the gym during their performance time. When in the gym there will be markings on the bleachers for people to sit while watching their team perform. Our protocol is that any staff or crew/chaperones in seats will need to be at a **6 foot distance with masks on at all times.** Once competing schools are done they are to exit gym **IMMEDIATELY** and depart from the school. We are taking the health of all our students, instructors, and floor crews very seriously with these protocols.

**Score Sheets:** The circuit is using Competition Suite and comments will be sent to you through your phone, computer or other digital device. Your Groups Score sheet can be picked up at the end of the Show. (This will allow Judges to verify scores before handing out to avoid past issues). You can pick them up at the Library.

**Retreat:** There will be no retreat due to COVID-19. Scores will be posted following the competition on the MYCGC website, facebook and instagram.

**Post Contest Meeting:** will be held in the Library down the hall from the café. *NOTE IF YOU WILL NOT BE PRESENT FOR CRITIQUE PLEASE MAKE THE CHIEF JUDGE IS AWARE SO WE CAN KEEP GROUPS MOVING FORWARD.* ***MASKS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING THESE MEETINGS, THE SAME AS ANY OTHER LOCATION IN THE SCHOOL.*** *Chairs and judges will be socially distant at 3 feet at all times.* If you have any special requests regarding critique, please contact Ryan Gerling no later than January 21, 2021. We will be using the format that has been requested by Mid-York.

**Smoking:** There is **No Smoking Permitted** on school grounds. Please remind your parents and floor crew of this important rule.

**Please understand that due to the ever-evolving nature of COVID-19, the protocols in this document are subject to change up to the date of the show.**

**GPS Directions:** New Hartford High School 33 Oxford Rd New Hartford, NY

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** If you need to contact us the day of the show, we can be reached at the following numbers. Ryan Gerling-Director and Show Coordinator 315-525-8628 or by email Rgerlin89@gmail.com

Barbie Mooney-Parents

Chairperson 315-269-6094

***Good Luck to All and Enjoy the Show!***

Sincerely,

Ryan Gerling

New Hartford Color Guard Director

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