

Grand Blanc High School Winter Guard

“Music brought to life through performance while promoting an educational and competitive environment.”



2017

Student Information Hand Book & Contract

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Rehearsal Schedule

Regional A Team Mon & Wed from 6:00 pm til 9:00pm @ Perry Center Gym

Scholastic A Team Thur from 6:00pm till 9:00pm @ Perry Center Gym
Sat from 12:00pm til 6:00pm @ Perry Center Gym

We are very fortunate to be able to use the Perry Center facility and we need to be respectful of the staff and children in the building at all times. If there are people in the gym when you arrive, please wait quietly in the front lobby until a guard staff member gives you permission to enter. Also be conscience of the restrooms, hallways and gym and do not leave a mess. We have a designated area to leave equipment and it needs to be clean and neat when we leave.

Performance Schedule (Both Teams)

January	Saturday	14th	Flushing HS MCGC Field Day	Time TBA
February	Saturday	4th	W Bloomfield HS MCGC Show	Time TBA
	Saturday	18th	Chippewa Valley HS MCGC SHow	Time TBA
March	Saturday	11th	WGI Regional @ GBHS	Time TBA
	Saturday	25th	Troy Athens HS MCGC Show	Time TBA
	Friday	31st	GBHS Friends & Family Show	Time 7:30pm
April	Saturday	1st	Color Guard MCGC Championships @ Saginaw Valley State University	Time TBA

What you should expect from the staff

When you come to a rehearsal you will find a staff that is eager and willing to do whatever it takes for you to understand the basic technique. We will break every detail down into its smallest form and build up from there. The instructional staff will have meetings prior to a rehearsal to set all goals for that particular rehearsal and another meeting will take place directly after the rehearsal to discuss what our initial reactions are to your abilities and toward the pace of the rehearsal.

What we expect from you

- ✓ Arrive on time to every rehearsal to set up and be prepared to stay up to 15 minutes after the ending time to clean up.
- ✓ Be in warm-up block at the start of rehearsal.
- ✓ Attend **All** rehearsals/performances. Sitting out is not allowed and missing a rehearsal could lead to you not attending a performance.
- ✓ Come to rehearsal excited and focused for a great rehearsal.

Winter guard can be very demanding on each student. It can be time consuming, and takes a great deal of dedication to be successful. We also believe that students must also be successful in their classes outside of winter guard. We do check students grades weekly and those not passing, will be notified. For this reason, the following educational areas will be considered before any one is accepted as a member.

Musical/Physical Aptitude Attendance Discipline Attitude Grades

Membership Dues

Students may only apply to be a member of this team if the have no unpaid fees or items not

turned into the GBHS Instrumental Music program. Please check your Charms account or see Mr. Hutchison or Mr. Goncz.

Membership dues for the 2017 season are \$440.00. This fee includes costuming, instruction, competition fees, equipment (anyone spinning rifle will have to purchase their own.), and students entrance into events. **All payments are non-refundable. If a member decides to quit after signing a commitment contract, they are still responsible for the full winter guard fees. Any unpaid dues will be turned into the school office for collection.**

Payments are broken down to four payments of \$110.00 each or you may pay the balance off at any time. Payments are due on Dec. 1st, Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st and Mar 1st, 2017.

Check should be made out to the Grand Blanc Band Boosters. Payments are to be deposited in the High School Band Room script box or paid thru PaySchool. Middle school students can see Kari Clark to make their payments if need be.

Other fees that are not mandatory include:

- Grand Blanc Instrumental Music Jacket are available in the Charms Store on the band website.
- Extra 2015 Show T-Shirts for friends and family - \$TBA
- Students choosing to spin rifle will have to purchase their own. They are \$48.00 each and can be ordered in Charms.

Rehearsal Attendance

Missing a rehearsal could result in not participating at the next scheduled performance and ultimately could mean removal from the group. All absences will be reviewed by the Guard and Band Directors. The following are considered EXCUSED absences:

- Death in the family
- Illness (absence from school is a requirement)
- Religious observance
- Legal Proceedings
- School related event cleared in advance.

The success of this team is based in large part on participation. Participation includes, dancing, running, strenuous exercise, muscle building and stretching. If a student becomes unable to participate due to an injury or excessive absences, they may be written out of the show or replaced at the discretion of the Guard Director and Band Director. Additionally, those students who become sick during rehearsal will be asked to call home to be picked up.

What to wear

- **Black** yoga or stretch pants (capri style or shorts) that **DO NOT** cover your foot. No Sofee or shorty-shorts unless you wear tights underneath.
- **Black** shirts that are compliant with the dress code of GBHS. It is better to overdress and peel off layers.

Students will be asked to call home for clothing if they wear any article of clothing that is not school appropriate.

What you should bring to every rehearsal

- Your guard bag
 - Water bottle
 - Guard Gloves
 - Snacks
 - (1) roll of white and (1) roll of black vinyl electrical tape. Found at Home Depot or other hardware stores.
 - Hair ties and pins
 - Towel or yoga mat.
 - Anything else you may need to be comfortable throughout the day.

Rehearsal Etiquette

In order to have the most productive rehearsals possible, the instructional staff and student leaders have established guidelines for etiquette during rehearsals. Below are a few guidelines are absolutely necessary to avoid wasting time and lack of concentration.

- It is essential that the majority of the talking is limited to the staff. Questions are expected and encouraged under proper circumstances; simply raise your hand.
- When you are given a break, please take it! You need to drink water at every break!
- We will NOT alter our rehearsal schedule so that you can learn what you missed. You must catch-up on your own time.
- Maintaining focus is crucial in the winter guard activity simply because there is so much information being shared, from many different people at the same time. We don't want you missing out on important information.
- Do not second-guess the staff. If you have a problem, voice it after rehearsal is over. Do not let it affect your performance quality or attitude during that rehearsal. That would be a total waste of everyone's time. NEVER walk off the field in anger. You may not be allowed back in.
- The definition of "TEAM" is a group of players forming one side in a competitive format. Bringing, creating or spreading drama or rumors will hurt that team atmosphere the staff is trying to create.

Performance Uniform Code

The uniform code are to make us look like a group. The following rules are not meant to cramp your style, but to show respect for all of those individuals in the past, that got you where you are today. You will not be able to perform if you do not follow the uniform code.

- No earrings, eyebrow, or face piercing will be worn at any time.
- Hair will be worn as instructed by the staff.
- Make up will be worn as instructed by the staff and designed to be seen from a distance.
- Your uniform should never be left lying around. It is either on the hanger on the uniform cart, or on you. Never leave your uniform unattended.
- No eating or drinking anything other than water in full uniform.
- Do not spray any perfumes, hairsprays, use any lotions or body sprays once in uniform.

Color Guard Equipment

Guard equipment will be purchased by the band program, with the exception of rifles, which are student purchased. This equipment can be very expensive. Students must take excellent care of their assigned equipment. We will provide a locked storage area for flags when not rehearsing. Weapons are your responsibility. You will be responsible for the cost for mismanaged equipment. At no time should anyone outside the GBHSWG program be allowed to use your equipment.

Please review the paragraph in the contract that refers to the use and care of all equipment that is owned by the Grand Blanc Instrumental Music Program.

- All practice flags and their poles are to be kept in “show” condition. They should be free of stickers or excess tape. Check the tape often and repair them outside of rehearsals.
- All equipment and props are the property of the GBHS Instrumental Music program and must be returned in the condition they were received or you could be charged a replacement fee.

Your Attitude and Actions

The following is a list of things that we do in Grand Blanc to make us different.

- **NEVER** run while in uniform.
- **NEVER** go somewhere by yourself. This is for your protection.
- **NEVER** walk out of step with the person next to you if you are in uniform. We always try to look as good as possible. This is a band tradition started years ago.
- **NEVER** talk negatively about other teams, your team members, staff or parents. This includes comments made in-person or on social media. We only say positive things when representing GBHS.
- **NEVER** break ranks with other teams.
- **ALWAYS** congratulate other teams for their fine performance.
- **ALWAYS** keep your voice at a socially acceptable level.
- **ALWAYS** look organized and professional. You never know who may be watching.
- **ALWAYS** know where you should be at all times.

GRAND BLANC HIGH SCHOOL is the team that leaves people talking about their strong performance, sharp look, professional attitude, and above allTHEIR GRACE!

***** RETURN BY 11/28/2016 *****

2017 WINTER COLOR GUARD CONTRACT

NAME _____

Please read and check each statement below. The student, parent and director must sign and date this contract. A copy will be provided to you.

ATTENDANCE

- I understand that even though winter guard is NOT a class but attendance will be taken and may affect your participation.
- I understand that participation includes running and strenuous exercise and any student unable to participate due to an injury or excessive absences, may be replaced.
- I understand that all rehearsals and performances are mandatory. (Illness excluded)

CONDUCT

- I understand that even though winter guard is NOT a class, that all Grand Blanc High School rules apply in regards to conduct and appearance.
- I understand that I will be expected to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times while I am associated with the winter guard. This includes on social media and at performances.
- I understand that the director(s) can decide who performs at each performance. Students may be told they can not perform based on their attendance, performance and/or behavior.

FINANCES

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- I understand that I must properly take care of all equipment and uniforms.
- I understand that all equipment must be returned at the end of the season.
- I understand that if I lose or damage any equipment, I am responsible for the replacement cost of the item.

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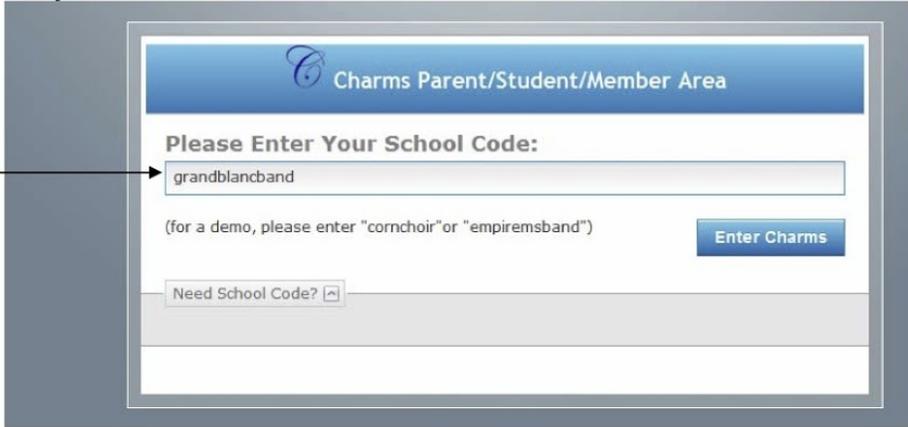
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Charms Guide for Parents

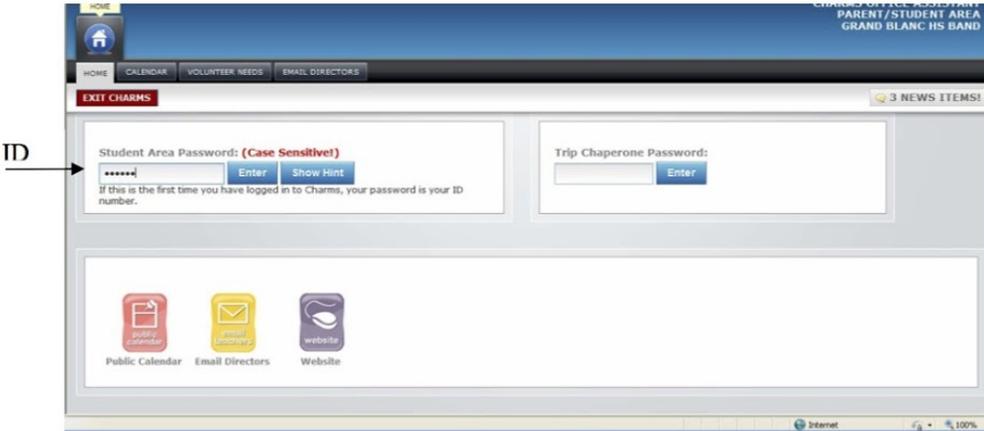
Charms is the system used by GBHS Bands to provide information for students and parents on everything you need to know for the band/guard program. There are several ways to access Charms. The most direct option is to go to this link:

<http://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/plogin.asp>

(suggestion: add this link to your “favorites” section on your computer.) This link will take you to this screen.

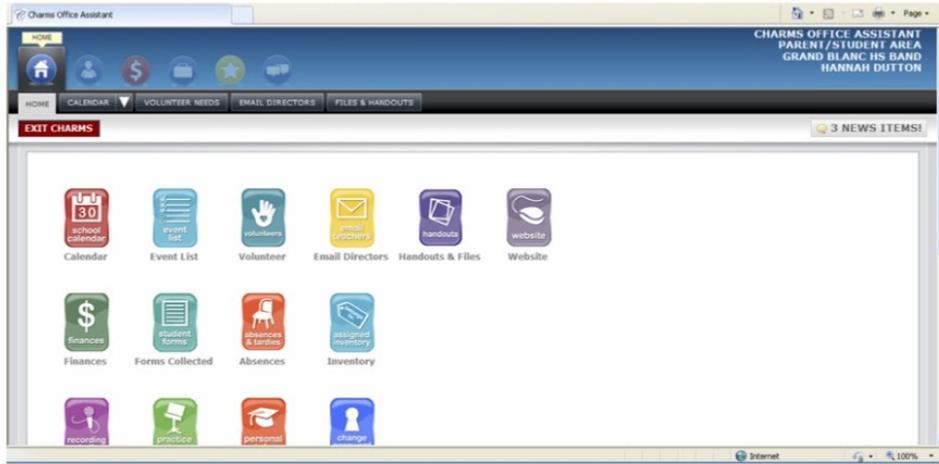


Type **grandblancband** (lowercase) for the School Code. Hit Enter. This will take you to this screen.

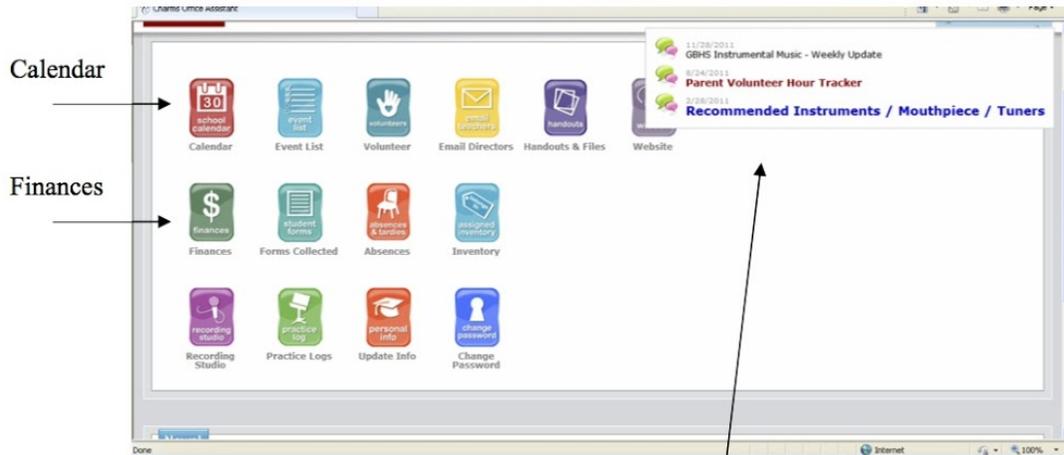


Enter your student’s 6 digit ID number (same one used for calling in absences). Make sure that you use the lead 00’s and keep it lowercase. Click on **Enter**.

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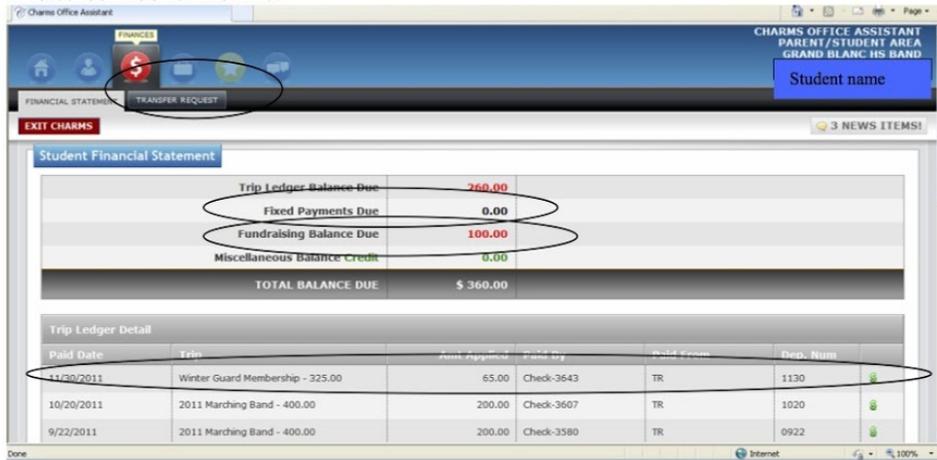


Key areas on this screen are:



Volunteer hours for chaperoning can be entered via this link.

Click on the icon to enter the area you want. The finance area is used most by parents.
The screen looks like this:



If you scroll through the screen you will see listing for fundraising detail, payments due, payments owed, etc. To transfer money earned from fundraisers to your student's account click on **Transfer Request** and follow the directions on that screen.

To exit Charms, click on the **Exit Charms** button located at the top of the screen.