

“Wings of Fire” Flag Squad – Nansemond River High School “Virtual 100” Magnificent Marching Warriors

The Flag Squad is an auxiliary group within the Magnificent Marching Warriors of Nansemond River High School in Suffolk, VA. The Flags are a part of the auxiliary squad and serve to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the marching band’s music through the art of flag twirling.

Audition requirements:

- **Candidates are selected based on talent, artistic awareness, potential and technical skills. They must be at least a rising 9th grader at the time of audition.**
- **Candidates must live within the zone or have written permission to attend Nansemond River High School at the start of Summer Band Camp in August of each year.**
- **You must submit a signed parental /guardian permission slip.**
- **Candidates should be dressed appropriately. No tank tops, scarfs, jeans or hot pants.**

Try outs will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at Nansemond River High School. **Spring camp tryouts are TBA.** Each year there are many young ladies with the desire to be a flag twirler in high school. Most plan to audition for flag without considering the possibility of what may happen if the student does not make the squad. I recommend that any student taking an audition should sit down and talk with their parents through all of the potential scenarios. Any audition process can bring on added stress and pressure to the student. The audition process at NRH has been pre-planned to ensure that we have the best possible candidates to add a quality visual artistry to the musical element which is the total marching band. Many students ask “what happens if I don’t make the squad?” This is something that only you and your parents can answer before committing to audition for the squad. I can assure you that it will probably affect your feelings more than it will your future career if you are a true student of flag twirling. Frankly, I hardly know a color guard (flag) candidate who hasn’t been turned down by a school, a college, or a band program of some sort. The most important thing is that you have decided to take a step toward fulfilling a personal goal or dream. History (and the odds) tells us that, as an artist, you will face the unfavorable end of auditions far more often than the favorable end. It's part of the system. Little good comes from fretting over it. None of the judges stand to gain anything from not selecting a student who auditions. Remember, that the **director** is going to select what is best for the band.

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the “Wings of Fire” flag squad and I wish you all the best in your endeavor.

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Director of Bands and Orchestra, NRH

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Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Current Grade point average : _____

Address: _____

City : _____ **State:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email address: _____

Do you currently live in the zone to attend Nansemond River? Yes / No

I give my student permission to audition for a flag position in the marching band at Nansemond River High School. I understand that my student must be picked up from school on Thursday, August 1 no later than 4 p.m. The results of the audition are the decision of the band director and are final.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____