

Journey Middle School  
Color Guard  
Try Out Packet  
2025-2026



All forms are due no later  
than March 24, 2025

## **Who We Are**

The Journey Middle School Color Guard Team is on a "Journey to Excellence"! Our dedicated and passionate team of young athletes is proud to represent our school at local and regional competitions and to energize the crowd at our school's football games.

**Our Mission:** We aim to inspire, unite, and empower our fellow students while promoting school spirit, sportsmanship, and teamwork. We strive to be role models on and off the field, emphasizing dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence. We aim to create memorable experiences and lasting friendships through our performances and community involvement.

**Our Journey to Success:** The Journey Middle School Color Guard Team is more than just a group of athletes; we are a family. We work tirelessly to master our routines and support each other every step of the way. Our journey to success is filled with hard work, determination, and the unwavering belief that we can achieve greatness together.

## **What We Do**

**Football Games:** You'll find us on the sidelines at home school football games and select away games, cheering on our team and creating an electrifying atmosphere. Our dances and flag routines are designed to boost school spirit.

**Community Engagement:** We believe in giving back to our community. We engage in various community service projects throughout the year, supporting local charities and organizations. We want to make a positive impact beyond the field.

## **Join Our Journey**

Are you interested in joining our spirited team? Whether you're an experienced color guard member or just getting started, we welcome all enthusiastic individuals willing to work hard, learn, and share in our passion for color guard.

Please read on for more information about our upcoming color guard clinic and tryouts for the 2025-2026 season. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Go, Jags!!!

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Color Guard Coach

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## 2024-2025 Color Guard Clinic and Tryouts

**Who:** Any upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who will attend Journey Middle School during the 2024-2025 school year is interested in being a part of the color.

**When:** Clinic: March 25th - 26th, 3:30-5:30 Closed Tryout: March 27th, 3:30-5:30

**Where:** JMS Gym (You will be notified via email if the location changes).

**Attire:** Clinic Day: t-shirt, athletic shorts, and tennis shoes

Tryout (Friday): White shirt, black shorts, ankle socks, tennis shoe, hair is worn out of face.

To participate in the clinic and tryouts, each color guard candidate must have the following forms filled out in their entirety by March 24th.

1. Sign up for Tryouts via the Google Form (Scan the QR Code below or visit the link on our page of the JMS website)
2. Sign up for our team on Dragonfly Max
  - a. Go to dragonflymax.com. Log in to your account or sign up for free. Enter your name and email address, and enter code A84BAG to join JMS. Select your sport (Color Guard) and enter the following information:
    - i. Updated medical & demographic information for 2024-2025
    - ii. Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form
3. Complete three Teacher Recommendation Forms. These will be sent from the coaches directly to teachers when candidates complete the Google Form. Candidates should ask teachers before attaching their names to the Google Form.

All forms should be complete by March 24th. Failure to do so will result in a candidate being deemed ineligible for tryouts.

Scan the QR Code below to sign-up for tryouts!



## **Requirements for 2025-2026 Color Guard Team**

Students/Parents,

Please read the following requirements carefully. Failure to meet the needs could result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

1. All color guard candidates must be physically able to try out.
2. All color guard candidates must turn in all required forms and paperwork in Dragonfly by March 24th, 2025.
3. All color guard members must be a Journey Middle School student entering either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2025-2026 school year
4. All color guard members must maintain a 70 overall average in each subject area. This average must be kept in all classes in order to remain an active color guard member.
5. All color guard members must be able to attend at least one clinic day before tryouts. We recommend attending both days to feel the most confident and prepared for tryouts.
6. All color guard members must attend all summer practices. (Dates to be announced at parent meeting on April 2nd, typically the last week of July. )
7. All color guard members must attend all selected JMS football games and selected JMS basketball games.
8. Color guard members must attend all in-season practices unless a parent notice and valid excuse have been given in advance.
9. Color guard members must abide by the Journey Middle School Student-Athlete Contract (can be found on the JMS website under Athletic Forms)
10. Color guard members must agree to abide by the 2025-2026 Spirit Team Demerit System. Color guard members must understand that the accumulation of too many demerits can result in dismissal from the team.
11. Parents of color guard members must accept all monetary obligations.
12. Parents of color guard members must be willing to work a designated number of times in the JMS Concession Stand, if needed.
13. Parents of color guard members must be willing to participate in a carpool to/from selected away games.

## Projected Monetary Commitments

Please be sure to review all payment details and due dates before committing to trying out. Once a color guard member makes the team, coaches will assume parents are agreeing to monetary requirements. All costs are subject to change depending on vendors and circumstances. No refunds or returns will be issued should a color guard member quit or be removed from the team. Monetary Expectations will be reviewed in detail at the mandatory parent meeting on **Wednesday, April 2nd at 5 PM.**

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<b>Estimates for 2025-2026 JMS Color Guard</b>		
	<b>25-26 Budget</b>	
	<b>Individual</b>	<b>TEAM***</b>
<b>Up Front Costs (due immediately)</b>		
Uniform Usage/Cleaning Fee	\$175	
<b>Uniforms &amp; Supplies</b>		
Fill in Uniform Pieces		\$300.00
Silks/Poles		\$500.00
Other Equipment		\$150.00
<b>Required Clothing and Accessories</b>		
Jazz Shoes (x2)	\$50	
Black Uniform Sleeves	\$30	
T-shirts	\$65	
Unifrom Bra	\$50	
Bow	\$15	
Sweatshirt	\$40	
Bag w/ Monogramming	\$60	
Jacket w/ Monogramming	\$60	
<b>Game Day</b>		
Game Day Food/Snacks	\$50	
Spirit Supplies		\$200
<b>Coaching Expenses</b>		
Coach Cards		\$25.00
<b>Coach Courses</b>		\$120.00
Asst. Coaching Fees (include taxes)		\$500.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Banquet Supplies		\$30
Professional Photos	\$50	
<b>Required Fundraising</b>	175	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$820</b>	<b>\$1,825</b>
**These amounts are estimates and may change.		
***Team amount is raised using fundraisers whenever possible		