



NORTON INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Thomas Chiera, Director of Bands
Charles A. Kaufman, Assistant Director
4128 South Cleveland-Massillon Road
Norton, Ohio 44203-5697
(330) 825-7277; Fax (330) 825-4275
www.nortonbands.org

To: Superintendent Mr. Addis and Norton City Schools Board of Education
From: Kirstin Shatzer, Tom Chiera, Chuck Kaufman

What: Winter Guard overnight trip to Winter Guard International Regional

When: Regional – March 24-25, 2018

Where: Cintas Center, Xavier University, Cincinnati OH

I am requesting to take the Norton Varsity Winter Guard Ensemble on a trip that will involve us staying overnight. The trip is to a Winter Guard International (WGI) regional competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is the closest regional that fits the restraints of our schedule. For this trip we will be leaving Saturday, March 24th in the morning to perform in our preliminary competition at The Cintas Center at Xavier University. We will then stay at the Baymont Inn and Suites, Cincinnati for the finalist competition on Sunday, March 25th, returning in the evening on this day. We are planning to take a school bus to transport our 13 members, 3 chaperones, and 4 staff members. School employees include myself and either Chuck Kaufman or Tom Chiera. The students will not need to miss any school in order to participate. We will be paying for this trip with the funds that we have raised throughout the past year as well as the gracious help of our music booster program. This competition weekend includes many of the best color guard programs from the Midwest. Last year at our WGI Regional in Pennsylvania we placed 9th making us a finalist and receiving national recognition for our success. Along with the competitive nature of the weekend, students will also be able to learn and grow as performers and athletes as they are exposed to the highest level of color guard in the nation. Your support would allow the students and our program to compete at the level they are capable of and allow us to continue building the successful legacy as ambassadors of our school district and community.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Shatzer
Director of Color Guards