



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek Memorial's Winter Guard blazing new trail



The Goose Creek Memorial High School Winter Guard, front row, from left, are Samantha White, Courtney Harvey, and Haley Hackney. In the back row are Kirsten Oliver, Taylor Pursley, Shameika Wilson, Terra Hicks, and Elizabeth Cone. Not pictured is Dezirae Young.

The Goose Creek Memorial High School Winter Guard is off to a great start in its inaugural year, earning a first place and second place finish in its first two competitions.

After completing their first season with the Patriot Marching Band, they decided to move forward and compete as a Winter Guard in the Texas Color Guard Circuit (TCGC).

Simply put, Winter Guard is the sport of indoor color guard. Competitive color guard teams perform routines to pieces of music, routines that include the twirling, throwing and catching of props like flags, sabers and wood rifles, as well as dance and other interpretive movement.

The Goose Creek Memorial troupe practices during first period daily, and then they have two after school practices a week.

"It is really amazing that our students in Color Guard who had zero experience before this year have been able to perform at this level against established Color Guard programs, said Richard Lewis, Goose Creek Memorial Band Director. "We are so proud of them."

On Jan. 16, the Guard competed in its first contest at Morton Ranch High School, bringing home second-place honors.

On Feb. 6, the guard experienced the taste of victory and brought home first place. The Guard's next contest will be on March 6 at Clear Springs High School. Down the road, the group hopes to win the Novice Division at the state tournament in San Marcos.

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