

COLOR GUARD

THE SPORT OF THE ARTS



Ella Haberman, 12, said, "Guard allows people to express themselves while doing it with people you grow to love, which makes it a lot of fun."



Avery Romney, 9,
"My first season was fun. It was busy at first, but I really enjoyed it."



Lizzie Blouin, 9,
"Guard made me a better person because of perseverance and work ethic."



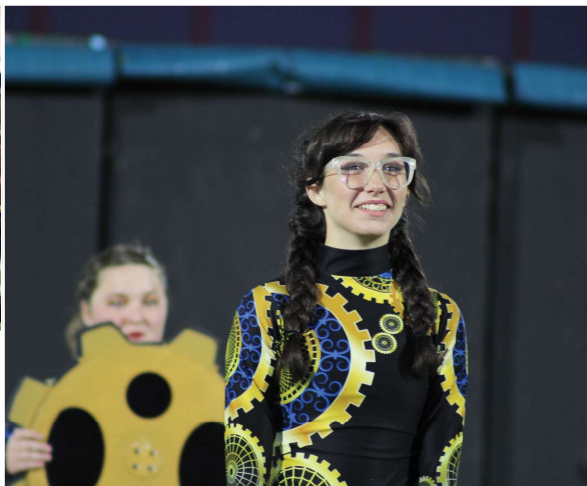
Madison DeLuca, 9,
"Color guard helps me calm down. It's my happy place."



Mariah Fortin, 9,
"Guard was a great experience. You just create friendships randomly."



Cadence Hopkins, 9, said, "It was really nice having a team that you know is there for you, and I built some really strong bonds. I had something to look forward to at the end of the day and people that I knew I could talk to if I needed anything."



Amelia Makowsky, 12, said, "I like competitions. I like getting the adrenaline rush before almost passing out because I'm so energized. And even if we don't get the score we want, we scream until we lose our voices. It doesn't even matter what we score, we have fun."



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The Vista Ridge Color Guard performed their marching show titled, "Into the Machine," in the fall. They performed their winter guard show, "Be Our Guest," during second semester.

1. **Catherine Utley, 11**, said, "When you're working with people so closely as a team, you get really close to people really fast. Guard gives me something to be confident about."

2. **Lillyann Koepp, 10**, said, "Guard made me more open-minded. It stands out because the environment is laid back and demanding at the same time. It's challenging, but you have to work through it."

3. **Jasmine Turner, 10**, said, "Guard has been super fun. I got super close to a bunch of girls on the team. It's made me open up more. Guard isn't as easy as most people think it is. It's hard but worth it."

EQUIPMENT HIGHLIGHT



LILYANN KOEPP, 10, IS ON RIFLE LINE FOR THEIR SECOND WINTER GUARD SEASON. THEY SAID, "RIFLE IS CHALLENGING. YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO PICK IT UP AND BE AMAZING AT IT. YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH IT AND OVER TIME YOU GET USED TO IT. MAKING MEMORIES AT COMPETITIONS HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF GUARD."

MADISON DELUCA, 9, LEARNED TO SPIN FLAGS FOR HER FIRST GUARD SEASON. SHE SAID, "FLAG IS HARD AT FIRST BUT ONCE YOU GET IT, IT'S MUCH EASIER. GUARD WAS GREAT. I GOT TO MEET SO MANY NEW PEOPLE. YOU HAVE STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR TEAMMATES."

