



DANCE TEAM TRYOUT PACKET

DANCE TEAM CLINIC AND TRYOUT DATES

Optional Clinic

Saturday
March 24th
9:30am – 12pm
MHS Gym

Mandatory Clinic

Tuesday & Wednesday
March 27th & 28th
3:30pm – 6pm
MHS Gym

TRYOUTS

Thursday
March 29th
3:30pm – 6pm
MHS Gym

We are very excited that you have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the MHS Spinnakers dance team for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are selected, there are certain personal and financial responsibilities and obligations which you and your parents must assume in order to qualify as a member in good standing. Please read this information carefully with your parents before you decide to try out. In order to tryout, both parent/guardian and student must be present at a **mandatory informational meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 6:00pm** in the MHS Library.

Membership on this team is a yearlong commitment and will begin this spring with team officer interviews on **Monday, April 9th from 3:00pm-4:30pm**, and a mandatory team/parent meeting & uniform fitting on **Tuesday, April 10th from 5:30pm-7:30pm** at MHS. Team practice will begin on **Tuesday, April 10th** and will continue **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm – 5:30pm** through the end of school. **Additional practices will be scheduled to prepare for UDA camp in June.** There will be a **mandatory UDA Convention Camp at the Hilton Hotel in New Orleans June 3rd – 6th** and a **Mini Fundraiser Camp June 11th – 14th**. If you cannot attend UDA camp, please do not try out. You will be dismissed from the team.

Starting in August, practice will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:40pm – 4:30pm. A suggested jazz technique class will be offered for the Spinnakers on Wednesdays from 3:30pm – 5:00pm at Kelli's Kreative Dance in Mandeville. The classes will be offered April 2018 – March 2019 (excluding June and July). **Monday practices will be added the first week in September, and weekend practices will be scheduled as needed. Weekly ballet class is strongly encouraged for Spinnakers who are interested in being a part of our competition routines. This class may be taken be at the dance studio of their choice.** The team will perform at MHS football games, basketball games, pep rallies and at UDA & American All-Star state (January 2019) and national (February 2019) dance competitions. Students will not be able to participate in any sport or extracurricular with a conflicting time schedule.

Optional Tryout Clinic:

An optional clinic for Spinnaker tryouts will be held on **Saturday, March 24th** from **9:30am-12pm** in the MHS gym. This clinic is open to anyone interested in trying out for the 2018-2019 team. Although not required, candidates are encouraged to attend

this clinic to get a sneak peek on how team practices are run and what will be expected at tryouts. There is a \$10 charge to attend this clinic; please make sure to bring payment with you on the day of the clinic. It's encouraged that each Spinnaker candidate come dressed as if they were going to audition. (*Payments can be made in the form of cash or checks. Please make checks payable to MHS Spinnakers*).

Candidate Requirements:

- * Candidates must have a clean discipline record, and a 1.5 grade point average.
- * All candidates trying-out must presently be a student of MHS, or an incoming ninth grader from any MHS feeder school, except for those transferring from other schools. Transferring students need documentation confirming the transfer from the St. Tammany Parish School Board.
- * If selected to be a Spinnaker, the student **MUST** have a **physical signed by a doctor** before the team leaves for camp in the summer stating that she is in good physical condition for this type of activity.
- * A candidate **must not owe** any fines or fees to **Mandeville High School, the Spinnakers**, or to any club, team or other organization at MHS.
- * Each candidate will receive a copy of the **MHS SPINNAKER DANCE TEAM RULES** (constitution) which must be signed by the student and parent/guardian during. Dance team members are expected to meet high standards of conduct and academics.

CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND ALL DAYS OF THE TRYOUT CLINIC, SUBMIT ALL PAPERWORK ON TIME, AND PAY THE TRYOUT FEE OF \$25 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRYOUTS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MHS SPINNAKERS.

Tryout Packets: Due to MHS school office by **Thursday, March 22nd**.

***Registration Form:**

This must be signed by a parent/guardian to try-out and participate if selected. The permission slip will release the school and sponsors of liability in case of injury.

***Teacher Recommendation Forms:**

Teacher recommendation forms must be given to **all teachers and coaches/sponsors. These forms must be returned in a sealed envelope with the corresponding teacher's signature across the seal.** Any forms received via alternate methods will not be accepted, and the score will count as a 0. PLEASE PRINT NAME BEFORE DISTRIBUTING.

***Report Card:**

A copy of your most recent report card must accompany this application.

***Registration Fee:**

\$25.00 – This can be in the form of cash or checks. Please make checks payable to MHS Spinnakers.

Tryout Apparel:

Plain black Leotard, black shorts, hot shorts or skirt, jazz shoes, hair in high ponytail or bun off of face and performance makeup on day of try-outs. Flesh colored tights are optional. ****No jewelry, tennis shoes, black soled shoes, hair down or bright colored sports bras****

Tryout Evaluations Include:

Turns – Chaines, Piques, Attitude, Double & Triple Pirouettes, A le secondes (leg second), Coupe

Jumps/Leaps – Jete, Second Leap, Calypso, Toe Touch, Turning Disc

Kicks – Straight, Fan, Pitch

Misc. – Right, Left and Center Splits

Judges:

Judges are independently hired professionals and will evaluate participants and record their scores. These scores will be added to teacher recommendation scores to calculate total points.

Tryout Process:

Candidates will be identified by a number given out the first day of the clinic. Judges will score candidates anonymously by their audition number. Once score tabulations are complete, all participants will receive a letter stating the results of the audition. The numbers of those who have made the team will be also posted at online by 7pm. There will be a brief welcome meeting immediately following posting of results at an off campus location. Numbers of those who have made the team will also be posted here: <http://schoolwires.stpsb.org/Page/16408>

***DANCE TEAM TRYOUT CLINIC AND TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO ALL SPECTATORS!
Parents and spectators must remain outside until tryouts are concluded.***

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

The *estimated* financial obligation to be a member of this team is **\$1,800.00***. This amount covers the cost of all uniforms, camp, and accessories but **does not include state & national competition fees due in November. Estimated cost for State & National Competition will be approximately \$1,450.00* per girl however, there will be ample opportunity to fundraise throughout the year.** The Spinnaker dance team also offers a suggested technique class one day a week at Kelli's Kreative Dance. The cost for this is \$330 for the YEAR. This is due in monthly payments made payable to Kelli's Kreative Dance.

Fees will be due on the following dates:

April 10, 2018 – New member: \$850*

Returning member: \$550*

Vendors: Varsity and Buzy Bodies

Includes: informal uniform, practice uniforms, outerwear and accessories

May 1, 2018 - New member: \$500*

Returning member: TBD

Vendor: Buzy Bodies and Mandeville High School

Includes: Buzy Bodies balance, formal uniform rental fee, and accessories

June 1, 2017 – All members: \$440*

Vendors: Mandeville High School

Includes: camp fees

**These prices are subject to change and may not include shipping and/or tax.*

***Spinnakers may pay the full balance in advance if preferred.*

Please fill out the necessary information on the following pages and return it to the MHS school office by **Thursday, March 22nd**. We look forward to seeing you all at tryouts! If you have any questions, please email Allie Munster at allison.munster@stpsb.org or Brittany Schenck at brittany.schenck@stpsb.org.



2018 – 2019 DANCE TEAM APPLICATION
DUE TO MHS FRONT OFFICE THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

NAME _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ FATHER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL(parent) _____ EMAIL(applicant) _____

HOME NUMBER _____ PARENT CELL _____

STUDENT CELL _____ STUDENT AGE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HEIGHT _____

GRADE NEXT YEAR _____ CURRENT SCHOOL _____

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL CUMULATIVE GPA: (if applicable) _____

Previous Dance or Dance Team Experience: _____

_____ HAS MY PERMISSION TO TRY-OUT FOR THE
 MANDEVILLE HIGH SPINNAKERS DANCE TEAM. I HAVE READ THE LIST OF
 REQUIREMENTS, REVIEWED THE DATES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. I AGREE
 TO ALL CONDITIONS, AND SHOULD MY CHILD BE SELECTED, I WILL SUPPORT
 THE GROUP IN ALL OF ITS ACTIVITIES. I RELEASE THE SCHOOL AND SPONSORS
 FROM ANY LIABILITY IN CASE OF INJURY.

SIGNATURE _____
 (PARENT/GUARDIAN)

SIGNATURE _____
 (CANDIDATE)

Please fill out the health insurance information completely or attach a copy of the card.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER/COMPANY: _____

COMPANY POLICY NUMBER: _____

Does your daughter have a medical condition? _____

If yes, please state the condition & explain if necessary: _____

Doctor's Name _____

Doctor's Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relation _____

Hm Number _____ Wk Number _____

If the applicant is not currently covered by a health insurance organization, please read and sign:

I AGREE TO PURCHASE SCHOOL OR OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR _____ IF SHE SHOULD MAKE THE 2018 – 2019 MANDEVILLE HIGH SPINNAKERS DANCE TEAM.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



MHS SPINNAKER DANCE TEAM TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

PLEASE RETURN TO STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ACROSS THE SEAL BY THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018.

MHS teachers may place recommendation forms in Ms. Munster or Mrs. Schenck's mailboxes.

Candidate Name _____

Please rate the student in the following categories using a scale of 0 to 5. Feel free to make any additional comments on the bottom of this sheet. Thank you for all that you do!

0 = DOES NOT POSSESS OR EXEMPLIFY THIS TRAIT.

1 = POOR

2 = FAIR

3 = AVERAGE

4 = GOOD

5 = EXCELLENT (Would you like to work closely with this student on a daily basis?)

1. LEADERSHIP _____

2. RESPONSIBILITY _____

3. HONESTY & INTEGRITY _____

4. COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE & BEHAVIOR _____

5. RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY & RULES _____

6. ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY _____

7. WORK ETHIC _____

8. PERSEVERANCE & DEDICATION _____

TOTAL SCORE @ 40 points _____

Additional comments: _____

TEACHER NAME (please print) _____

TEACHER SIGNATURE _____