



# MHS Dance Team Tryouts

## Spinnakers – Varsity

## Mariners - JV



### **Mandatory meeting**

Wednesday  
February 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm  
MHS Library

### **Optional clinic**

Thursday  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:00-4:30pm  
MHS Commons

### **Mandatory clinic**

Wednesday  
March 8<sup>th</sup>  
3:15pm – 5:30pm  
MHS Gym

### **Tryouts**

Thursday  
March 9<sup>th</sup>  
3:30pm – 6:00pm  
MHS Gym

We are very excited that you have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the MHS Spinnakers and/or Mariners dance teams for the 2023-2024 school year. Spinnakers is a varsity team comprised of MHS students in grades 9-12. Mariners is a junior varsity team comprised of students in grades 9-10. If you are selected for either team, 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 try out, both parent/guardian and dancer must be present at a **mandatory informational meeting on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in the MHS Library. Membership is a yearlong commitment and begins this spring with a **mandatory parent meeting and fitting** for both teams on **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Spinnakers important dates**

- **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening**
  - New team celebration
- **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm**
  - Mandatory parent and dancer meeting/fitting
- **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**
  - Officer tryouts with first team practice
  - Tuesday & Thursday practices begin
- **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Mandatory fundraiser Kiddie Kamp at MHS
- **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - UDA Masters Camp in New Orleans
- **Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Choreo week for competition & field routines (attendance varies based upon participation)

### **Mariners important dates**

- **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening**
  - New team celebration
- **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**
  - Mandatory parent and dancer meeting/fitting
- **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Monday & Thursday practices begin/continue until camp
  - Officer tryouts - Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Mandatory fundraiser Kiddie Kamp at MHS
- **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - UDA Convention Camp in New Orleans
- **Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - Choreo week for competition & field routines

Teams will begin practicing in the **spring on Mondays (Mariners), Tuesdays (Spinnakers), and Thursdays (both)** to prepare for UDA camp. **Additional practices may be scheduled to prepare for UDA camp. UDA camp is MANDATORY** for both teams. Please see the dates listed above. **If you cannot attend UDA camp, please do not try out. You will be dismissed from the team.** There will

also be a fundraiser camp that both teams must attend at MHS. If you cannot attend, you will receive demerits.

Starting in August, practices for both teams will be on Mondays (Mariners), Tuesdays (Spinnakers), and Thursdays (both) from 2:40pm – 4:30pm. Practice will go until 5:00 in January to prepare for competition. Off-campus technique practices for Mariners will be held on Mondays. Technique for Spinnakers will be held on Wednesdays starting in August. It will be hosted at a local studio, and payments will be made directly to the host.

**For Spinnakers, Monday practices will be added in the fall as competition season approaches, and weekend practices will be scheduled as needed.** Weekly ballet class is strongly encouraged for all dancers. This class may be taken at the dance studio of their choice. Although students are encouraged to be active within the MHS community, dancers will not be able to participate in any sport or extracurricular with a conflicting time schedule.

### **Spinnakers performances**

- **Kiddie Kamp**
  - May 2023
- **UDA Masters Camp in New Orleans**
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>
- **All varsity football games**
  - Friday nights (August-November)
- **Pep rallies (approx. 3)**
  - During the school day (Fall 2023)
- **DTU Regional Competition**
  - January 2024
- **UDA regional and national competitions**
  - November 2023/January-February 204
- **2-3 basketball game performances**
  - December 2023/ January 2024
- **Select local Mardi Gras parades**
  - February 2024

### **Mariners performances**

- **Kiddie Kamp**
  - May 2023
- **UDA Overnight Camp in Baton Rouge**
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>
- **All home JV football games (approx. 4)**
  - Wednesday nights (September-October)
- **Stand routine performances with Spinnakers**
  - Two varsity football games (including Homecoming & 8<sup>th</sup> grade night) Friday nights fall 2023
- **Pep rallies (approx. 3)**
  - During the school day (Fall 2023)
  - Perform sidelines routines for all pep rallies & full routine at Homecoming pep rally
- **2 basketball game performances**
  - December 2023/January 2024
- **UDA & DTU regional competitions**
  - January 2024
- **Select local Mardi Gras parades**
  - February 2024

### **Candidate Requirements:**

- Candidates must have a clean discipline record and a 2.0 grade point average with no semester failing grades.
- 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 proof of residency within MHS's district.
- If selected to be a Spinnaker or Mariner, the student **MUST** have a **physical signed by a doctor** before the team leaves for camp in the summer.

- A candidate **must not owe** any fines or fees to **Mandeville High School, the Spinnakers, the Mariners**, or to any club, team or other organization at MHS or their own school.
- Each candidate will receive a copy of the **MHS Spinnakers & Mariners Constitution** (rules) which must be signed by the student and parent/guardian before tryouts. Constitutions will be distributed at the parent/dancer pre-tryout meeting. 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 \$20 to be eligible for tryouts.**

### **Tryout apparel:**

**Plain** black leotard, black skirt, shorts, hot shorts or skirt, jazz shoes, hair in 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** – chaînes, piques, attitude, double & triple pirouettes, à la secondes (leg second), Coupé

**Jumps/leaps** – jeté, second leap, calypso, toe touch, turning disc

**Misc.** – straight, fan & pitch kicks, splits

\*Please note: these skills are not mandatory to make the teams; however, each team will perform routines including these throughout the year.

### **Tryout process:**

Judges are independently hired professionals who will evaluate participants and record their scores. These scores will be added to teacher recommendation scores to calculate total points. If a dancer has less than 7 teacher recommendations, 0s will be added in place of the missing recommendations to calculate the score. Candidates may have more than 7 recommendations.

Candidates will be identified by a number given out at the clinic. Judges will score candidates anonymously by their audition number. The top 70% of each team will consist solely of judges' scores. The remaining 30% of each team will be selected based upon judges' scores and how the dancers fit in with the abilities of the top 70%.

Candidates will be scored on game day, jazz, pom and hip-hop technique, as well as leaps, turns, and kicks. Call backs will be utilized as needed.

Both teams will have welcome parties (dates listed above). Members are expected to attend, and parents are invited to join!

***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 the Spinnakers team is **\$2,000.00\***. The *estimated* financial obligation to be a member of the Mariners team is **\$1,600.00\***. This amount covers the cost of all uniforms, camp, and accessories but ***does not include regional & national competition fees due in December.*** Competition is optional for Spinnakers and for Mariners. **Estimated cost for Spinnakers state & national competition will be approximately \$2,500.00\* per girl. Estimated competition cost for Mariners state competitions are \$500\* per girl;** however, there will be ample opportunity to fundraise throughout the year.

### **Fees will be due on the following dates:**

- **March 14, 2023**
  - Full Varsity balance & Buzy Bodies deposit
- **April 4, 2023**
  - Buzy Bodies balance
- **May 2, 2023**
  - UDA Camp fees

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

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

Please return the information below to the MHS school office by **Thursday, March 2nd by 3:00pm.** We look forward to seeing you at tryouts! If you have any questions, please email Allie Munster at [allison.munster@stpsb.org](mailto:allison.munster@stpsb.org).

### **Tryout packet checklist:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dance team application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance form (back of dance team application)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of first semester (2022-2023) report card
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clearance slip from MHS office (or current school office showing no fees owed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee of \$20 (cash or check – Make all checks payable to MHS.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed constitution contract page (distributed at meeting on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seven teacher recommendations & coach for veteran members in sealed envelopes with teachers' signatures across the seals. Teachers may send these directly to Ms. Munster.



**2023 – 2024 Dance team application**  
**Due to the MHS Student Services office Thursday,**  
**March 2, 2023. No exceptions.**



**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **FATHER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL(parent)** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL(applicant)** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER CELL** \_\_\_\_\_ **FATHER CELL** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT CELL** \_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT AGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE NEXT YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL CUMULATIVE GPA (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous dance or dance team experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check only one below:**

**I wish to try out for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Only Spinnakers** \_\_\_\_\_ **Only Mariners\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Both teams\***

**\*Note: Only incoming 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to make either team. Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are only eligible to make Spinnakers.**

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to try out for the Mandeville High School Spinnakers and/or Mariners dance teams. 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 child 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 insurances for \_\_\_\_\_ if  
s/he should make the 2023-2024 Mandeville High Spinnakers or Mariners dance teams.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# MHS Spinnakers and Mariners Dance Teams Teacher Recommendations

Please return to student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal or  
 send via courier by Thursday, March 2, 2023.  
 MHS teachers may place recommendation forms in Ms. Munster's mailbox.

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please rate the student in the following categories using the scale below. 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 = Needs improvement**
- 3 = Average**
- 5 = Excellent (Would you like to work closely with this student on a daily basis?)**

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|------------------------------------|-------|
| 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     \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*\*\*\*Please be sure to only use the scale listed above.

**Additional comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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TEACHER NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_