



The Star Spangled Girls Dance Team

Starlets JV Dance Team

Tryouts 2022

Homewood High School
1901 South Lakeshore Drive
Homewood, AL 35209

The Star Spangled Girls are a precision dance team and are part of the Homewood Patriot Marching Band. They perform at all of our football half-time shows, pep rallies, some basketball games and band concerts. The girls are also called upon by civic groups and businesses to do special event performances. They have been featured in the Macy's Christmas Parade, the Dallas Cowboy's half-time show, the Atlanta Falcon's half-time show, and the St. Patrick's Day festivities in Limerick and Dublin. The girls have also performed in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade in London; George Bush's Presidential Inaugural Parade; and the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C.

The Star Spangled Girls continue a tradition of excellence that began in 1972. In 1995, 1998, and 2004 they participated in the Fiesta Bowl Parade in Phoenix, Arizona. They participated in the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami, Florida in 1999. In January of 2001 they marched in George W. Bush's Inaugural Parade. They have also made appearances in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving parade and the Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parade. In 2018, the SSGs marched and performed in their 9th Macy's Parade. This past school year was the SSG's 5th appearance in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California!!

As you can see, with such an active lifestyle, it is important that all students are in excellent health and physically fit; dance ability and presentation are very important. The girls must show confidence and skill in the audition. A panel of qualified judges will select the girls. Tryout clinic will be March 21-24. The auditions will be held on March 25 after school. Each day we will meet in the gym from 3:30-5p.m. The results of tryouts will be on Homewood's web page Friday afternoon, after school hours.

Students who meet the criteria as described in the Homewood High School Eligibility for Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities may try out. SSGs who have all bills clear may re-try out.

If your child should be selected, she will need to buy the prescribed outfits. There will be some fundraising projects to assist with these expenses for those who participate in the group; however, most expenses are the responsibility of the individual.

In order to maintain this record of accomplishments, it is necessary for the SSG, your child, to follow a demanding schedule of rehearsals. If your child is selected, it is necessary for her to spend three weeks in July and all of August in rehearsal. She will be expected to practice every day after school until 5:30 during football season. Part-time jobs and appointments are to be scheduled so they will not interfere with practice. Star Spangled Girl practice should be one of her top priorities.

Each Star Spangled Girl will be required to look nice on a daily basis since she represents the line. Her appearance, along with keeping the uniforms in excellent condition, are a part of her responsibilities.

This year we are starting a new and exciting group of JV dancers, called the Starlets. This group will have the opportunity to dance at JV football games, JV basketball games, parades, pep rallies, The Holiday Spectacular, The Spring Dance Recital, and more! Rising 9th graders(current 8th grade) have the opportunity to audition for the Starlet JV Team. Rising 10-12 graders are eligible to make either SSG or the Starlet JV Team. Students will be given the opportunity to decline being a part of the JV team if they wish. We cannot take everyone who auditions for these teams. All expectations of the Starlets Dance Team will be the same as that of the Star Spangled Girls.

All forms, money, and pictures for auditions are due by Monday, March 7.

We wish your child good luck and thank you for allowing her to audition for these dance teams.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ayers

Director of the Star Spangled Girls
Director of the Starlets JV Dance Team

Amy Horton

Assistant Director of the Star Spangled Girls

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Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Student Cell _____ Parent Cell _____

Parent e-mail _____

Student e-mail _____

Current Height _____

PLEASE ATTACH CURRENT PICTURE BELOW

(picture should be a full body shot of student in tryout outfit)

There is a \$20.00 entry fee to cover the cost of judges. It is not refundable after the first day of clinic.

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Please fill in and sign after reading the attached sheet.

Name of student _____ Grade _____

Current Class Schedule

CLASS (period)	TEACHER
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

Overall average for the 1st semester(letter grade) _____

Birthdate (month, date, year)_____

Previous dance training, where??_____

How many years??_____

Any school activities in which you are presently involved:

My daughter has my permission to try out for Star Spangled Girls/Starlets. I have read the attached letter and am aware of the responsibilities of being a Star Spangled Girl. I am also aware that my daughter will participate in money raising projects.

Signature of parent/guardian

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(place copy of insurance card here)

HEALTH INFORMATION 2022

Name _____

Birthdate _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Present Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Parent Cell _____ Student Cell _____

Name _____ Phone Numbers _____
(person to be contacted in case of emergency if parent is not available)

Health History: Diabetes _____ Epilepsy _____ Asthma _____ Operation _____
(within the last year)

Allergies _____
(please include insects and drug allergies)

Tetanus (last injection) _____

Any special health problems _____

Medications student is presently taking _____

Is students under medical treatment at this time? _____ If yes, please give reason

Family physician _____ phone _____

Insurance Company _____ Contract Number _____

Group Number _____ Phone Number _____

I, the undersigned parent, do hereby give permission to Chris Cooper/Jennifer Ayers/Amy Horton, representatives of Homewood High School staff, to seek and obtain medical care and attention that may be necessary for my child that is in their custody, and I hereby release and hold harmless the aforementioned staff for any and all claims which may arise.

Parent Signature

Date



SSG TRYOUTS PARENT INFORMATION 2022

- Completed SSG forms should be turned in NO later than Monday, **March 7**. Include picture and copy of online payment made. Information about picture is on the form. Please only include one full body picture, preferably standing.
 - Please also include health form with your information.
 - **INCOMPLETE FORMS will NOT be accepted.**
- Extra help sessions (optional) will be in the HHS Dance Room from 3:30-4:30 on March 9, 16
- Tryout Clinic runs March 21-24 at 3:30 in the gym and is over promptly at 5:00. Please pick up your child in the gym parking lot. Friday, March 25 - Tryout Day
- The dance will be choreographed by Jennifer Ayers. Mrs. Ayers and the senior SSGs will teach it to all the students. Clinic is CLOSED to ALL visitors, including parents and other students! Do NOT wait for your child in the gym. No taking video of the clinic!
- After clinic times SSG seniors are NOT allowed to help anyone outside of clinic. Students may practice with current SSGs who are trying out again. Please try to work in your groups of four. Several places locally may be available for your child to go practice. Please understand that they are NOT school sponsored activities and no certified Homewood personnel will be there to supervise your child. These locations are NOT mandatory! However, if they are available, at your discretion, they could be very helpful.
- Tryout outfit: sleeveless leotard, short shorts (gym shorts, hot pants), toast tights, black jazz shoes, high pony tail sprayed back makeup and lipstick.
- Tryout groups will consist of 4 girls chosen by Mrs. Ayers according to height. There will be at least one returning SSG trying out in each group. The groups will try out in 8 minute appointments starting at 3:30 p.m. 8th graders who are trying out will audition separately at the end of the tryout. 8th graders can ONLY make the JV Team for their freshman year at HHS.
- On tryout day girls should arrive 15 minutes early and ready to go!! Students who miss their tryout appointment will wait until the last group has gone and perform with a group of senior SSGs.
- No parents are allowed in the building on the tryout day. Please wait for your child in the parking lot. Please take her home immediately after her tryout.

- No checking out the day of tryouts. You are expected to be in school.
- There are 4 judges - Ron Pence (former band director) and three outside judges with 100+ collective years' experience in dance and judging tryouts for the Star Spangled Girls/Starlets. These judges will not know any of the students trying out. The judges will score the girls individually on poise, showmanship, coordination, flexibility, showmanship, memory, technique. Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Horton have no input in tryout scores.
- The students will also receive a percentage of their score based on teacher evaluations. 20% of their score will be based on how they participate in the classroom environment. SSG is a leadership opportunity and it is important that these young ladies are leaders and good role models in all their classes.
- The number of SSGs picked for the next school year is determined primarily by a significant break in the scores. There is not a certain number to be picked. However, we cannot take more than 28 students. The Starlets JV squad will be determined by the next significant break in the scores. We CANNOT not take everyone who auditions. Your student will need to decide whether or not she wishes to be chosen as a part of the Starlets JV Team before auditions.
- I will remind your child this week that the judges are looking for performance potential. This is just as important as their ability to execute skills. Confidence, exciting faces, attitude, good posture, are all very important for them to practice as they review the tryout material.
- Results will be posted on the Homewood web page on Friday afternoon, March 25, after tryouts are completed.
- Please encourage your child this week. Tryout week is very draining, both mentally and physically. There will be frustration and probably tears... It is a tremendous opportunity to grow as young ladies, and I hope that you will encourage your child to persevere to the end. She will experience success just to make it to the end of the week and will be much stronger because of it!

Some of the SSG responsibilities during the year

- All-Stars Camp - July 21-24 Southern Miss
- Summer practice (intense dance practice) - July 11-20, times TBA
- Studio Dance Classes (TBA) group lessons
- Band practice(learning field show) July 25 week and later dates
- After school responsibilities - Tuesday -Thursday after school until 5:30
- Friday - football games
- Pep rallies, parades
- Holiday Spectacular, Spring Dance Recital
- Pecan Fundraiser (additional fundraisers through the band)
- SSG Dance Clinics (one in fall and one in spring)
- Optional trip with band to Disney World
- Local volunteer opportunities
- Approximate dues for the school year \$1200-\$1400 not including optional trips

Some of the Starlets (JV Dancers) responsibilities during the year

- Summer Camp -TBD
- Summer practice - TBD
- Studio Dance Classes (TBD)
- After school responsibilities (2 weekly practices after school until 5:00) most likely Monday and Tuesday after school
- Freedom to still be in marching band OR SSG Manager (minimal conflicts)
- JV football home games
- JV basketball home games
- pep rallies, parades
- Holiday Spectacular
- Spring Dance Recital
- Fundraising Opportunities
- SSG Dance Clinics
- Local volunteer opportunities
- Approximate dues for the school year TBD



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Please sign and return this form:

I have read and understand the information provided.

I give my daughter _____
permission to audition for the Star Spangled Girls/Starlets JV Dance Teams.

Parent Signature

Date

I have read and understand the information provided.

Student Signature

Date

**If NOT chosen for SSG, I would like to be considered for the
Starlets JV Dance Team**

**If NOT chosen for SSG, I would NOT like to be considered for the
Starlets JV Dance Team**

(please check ONE option)