

## 2023-2024 Wentzville Middle School Dance Team

### TRYOUT PACKET

Please read through all information contained in this packet and complete the forms by Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in order to participate in tryouts.

Dear Participants,

I am so pleased that you are interested in becoming a part of the Wentzville Middle School Dance Team. The following information is to familiarize you with the tryout procedures, expectations, obligations of the program, and the individual commitment BEFORE signing the attached document. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at [michelecalvin@wsdr4.org](mailto:michelecalvin@wsdr4.org).

Sincerely,

*Michele Calvin*

WMS Dance Coach

### IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- 1. In order to be eligible to try out, each student must have a current physical on file (physicals are good for 24 months). Physical packets can be found on the district's website and can be turned into our registrar, Kristin Nicotra.**

2. The tryout packet must be turned in along with the **parent permission slip** allowing your student to try out for the 23-24 WMS Dance Team.

CLINIC DATES: Please report promptly each day! All clinic days will run from

- Thursday, Sept. 21st from 2:35 – 3:30 pm (*WMS Small Gym*)
- Friday, Sept. 22nd from 2:35 – 3:30 pm (*WMS Small Gym*)

*Students are required to attend **ALL** clinic dates, as well as the tryout (**unless otherwise approved by the coach**).*

TRYOUT DATE INFORMATION:

- **Friday, Sept. 22th from 2:35- 3:30 pm** (*WMS Small Gym*)
- Tryouts will begin promptly at 2:35. Be dressed and ready to go!
- Students **are permitted to leave after their tryout is complete.**
- The list of students who are selected as members of the WMS Dance Team for the 23-24 school year, will be sent out via email **no later than 9 pm on Friday.**

ATTIRE FOR THE CLINIC DAYS:

- Please wear comfortable, athletic clothes for the clinic days (ex: athletic shorts, t-shirt tennis shoes that tie or dance shoes. (NO JEANS))
- Hair must be pulled up off of the face
- NO jewelry or wristwatches
- NO gum

ATTIRE FOR TRYOUT DAY:

Each student trying out must wear ***dark-colored athletic/ cotton shorts or leggings, WMS t-shirt, or a plain white t-shirt, along with tennis shoes that tie or dance shoes.*** (NO JEANS).

Each student will receive a number to pin to their t-shirt in order to be identified by the judges.

The number and pin will be provided for students to try out.

- Hair must be pulled up off of the face
- NO jewelry or wristwatches
- NO gum

How do Tryouts Work?

Participants will be placed into groups to perform the material they were taught during the clinic days. Each group will perform for a set of judges and then will exit the gym and be allowed to leave at that point.

During tryouts, students will be judged on the standards of the score sheet. \*\*\*The final decision takes into account all of the following categories: academics, citizenship, and fundamentals of dance.

WMS Dance Team Expectations: Please review the following expectations and make sure you are able to commit to following each one.

- Academics:
  - ACADEMICS ALWAYS COME FIRST!! All athletes MUST maintain good academic status according to MSHSAA rules.
  - Grades will be checked each morning through Tyler SIS to determine participation in practices/ games for that day.
  - If an athlete has an F at the time grades are checked, the athlete will be required to sit out from games and practices until the grade is at a D or above.
  - If an athlete is required to sit out for a practice/ game, the athlete must still attend the practice/ game and work on assignments to improve their grade.
  - All athletes must be in full uniform for every game even when benched.
- Fundamentals of Dance:
  - As a member of the WMS Dance Team, you must participate in all aspects of dance. These are included, but are not limited to: crowd engagement, showmanship, jumps, and various styles of dance.
- Citizenship:
  - WMS Dancers must maintain a positive, respectful attitude and follow school rules during school hours, at practices, and while attending games.
  - WMS Dancers need to be friendly, trustworthy, leaders, hardworking, responsible, and committed.
  - WMS Dancers need to show commitment to their school and team members. If a team member has other outside commitments, please discuss these commitments with the coach prior to trying out.
- Discipline:
  - If for any reason a team member is assigned ISS, the team member may not practice/ perform at a game on the day on which ISS is served.
  - If for any reason a team member is assigned OSS, there may be a meeting with parents, coaches, and the athletic director to discuss the consequences.
  - The coaches reserve the right to remove a team member from a game for any behavior that is deemed inappropriate.

- Absences:
  - Failure to be at a game or practice will result in sitting out the following game unless it is excused due to one of the following reasons: family emergency, illness (either verified by parent/ doctor's note), or injury (verified by a parent and a doctor's note) will be the only exceptions.
  - THE COACH MUST BE NOTIFIED ABOUT ANY ABSENCES FROM A PRACTICE/ GAME, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME OR PRACTICE.
- Other Extra-Curricular Activities:
  - The WMS Dance Team, being an MSHAA sanctioned sport, should have the first priority in your child's extra-curricular activity schedule. If you have obligations such as outside employment, music or dance lessons, other athletic practices (non-school related), clubs, or other lessons, etc. the WMS Dance Team practices and performances must be scheduled and attended first. Please contact me with questions.

## Financial Obligations and Fundraising:

If your student makes the 2023/2024 WMS Dance Team, there will be a **financial obligation**.

### **Fundraising:**

- **We will hold One major fundraiser each year, which will be Tj's Pizza. We strongly suggest each Pomer to sell 10 Tj's pizza's. Each Dancer will receive 30% of their sells which will go towards their uniforms. The other 10% will go into our dance account which will be for supplies, uniforms, poms, end the season party etc...**

## Parent Meeting and Uniform Fitting:

- There will be a **parent meeting as well as a uniform fitting** for all team members on **Thursday, October 5th from 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm**

## **WMS Dance Team Permission Slip**

I give my student, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to try out for the Wentzville Middle School Dance Team for the 2023/2024 school year. I understand and agree to all responsibilities and requirements should my student become a WMS Dance Team member. I understand that attendance at all events for the season(s) in which my student has committed, is a requirement unless excused under the MSHSAA guidelines. I understand if chosen, there will be a financial obligation for which I will be responsible. Finally, I understand that it is not a guarantee that my child will make the squad. I have read this permission form fully and understand its terms.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Guardian Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Emergency Contact Information (If parent/guardian is unable to be reached)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_