

**John Horn High School**

**2019-2020**

**Varsity Drill Team**

**Audition Information & Application**

**Director: Whitney Cook**

**972-882-5245 or WCook@mesquiteisd.org**

Dear Scarlet Sweetheart and JV Candidate Parents,

I am pleased that your daughter is interested in auditioning for the JHHS Drill Team Program. It is an organization that has established an excellent tradition, and I am truly proud to be a part of it. Being a drill team member has been the highlight of many young ladies’ high school memories. It affords the opportunity for self-development in many areas; goal setting, high standards, morals, maturity, responsibility, dependability, and self-discipline. Members will also learn the value of hard work, conformity, and sacrifice. As a parent of a prospective Scarlet Sweetheart, it is important that you realize the ***commitment and dedication required for all young ladies once they make the team***. Membership requires a ***sincere commitment from the family of a member as well***. You will be asked to be both supportive and positive. ***Parent support is essential to the success of this organization. Much will be expected of both you and your daughter.***

The Scarlet Sweethearts is a precision dance/ drill team that serves as a school support group, as well as a community service organization. A prerequisite for membership is auditions. Candidates will be taught all that they need to know for the actual audition process at the workshops; however, dance ability whether natural or acquired through training is a necessary factor.

Drill team auditions can be a very stressful time for some girls. For those who are extremely concerned about being accepted, the pressure can be tremendous. I understand this and will try to keep things calm on this end, and I hope that you will do the same.

You should discuss with your daughter the possibility of not being accepted on to the drill team. Help her keep her life in perspective. Although drill team may look glamorous from the outside looking in, there is a great deal of dedication and time involved in membership. Please do not encourage your daughter to try out without seriously thinking about this decision and knowing that your family is ready to make at least a ***full one-year commitment to this organization***. I encourage you to take the time with your daughter to read over all the following information. Please discuss the advantages and disadvantages of auditioning and of membership to an extracurricular organization. Be sure she is emotionally prepared for the outcome of auditions, whatever it may be.

In order for you and your daughter to better understand the audition procedure, I have prepared the following information packet for you. Please note important dates and forms that need to be filled out and returned in proper order **on time**. Also, please note that **AUDITIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO OBSERVERS** and there will be **NO VIDEO CAMERAS ALLOWED IN THE GYM**. ***Parents are to wait outside the BUILDING when picking up their daughter after rehearsals and auditions.***

I wish you and your Scarlet Sweethearts and JV Drill Candidate the best of luck!! If you have any questions, please call me at my office (972) 882-5245 or e-mail: WCook@mesquiteisd.org.

Sincerely,

Whitney Cook

Scarlet Sweethearts Director

***Important Dates:***

**Monday, Feb. 11th Varsity tryout meeting in JHHS Cafeteria at 6pm.** Will discuss all details of packet, pricing and dates.

**Friday, Feb. 15th Application with attached copy of your first semester report card, and the CD (optional) is due by** **4pm**. Turn in directly to Ms. Cook or her mailbox in the front office. NO LATE applications will be accepted.

**Friday, March 1st** \*Varsity: Preliminary Score Sheets must be picked up by candidate after school 3:45pm in Front Office. **SCHOOL** **ID REQUIRED**.DO NOT LOSE these sheets. You must return them signed on the tryout week!

**Mon-Wed March 4-6** **Choreography Workshop 4:00-6:30 pm. If you are not at workshop, you will NOT be allowed to audition. Signed Score Sheet Due Monday- No late sheets will be accepted. Optional CD/USB will be handed out at the end of clinic.**

New member candidates should come dressed to dance and meet in the gym at JHHS. Shorts (Nike or Soffee), or yoga pants and a form fitting t-shirt or tank top (no spaghetti straps) are acceptable. Sports bra underneath if needed but no bra straps. Hair MUST be pulled back and NO jewelry is allowed. Please wear jazz shoes. Bring a water bottle. You or a parent may video the routine at 6:15pm for practice purposes. **Audition clinic is closed to parents until it is time to film.**

**Thursday, March 7th Mock Try-Outs 4:00 p.m.-?** Closed to the public.

***Friday, March 8th Try-Outs 4 -? ONLY candidates will be allowed in the building. Results will be posted by 10:00 p.m. on the web at jhhssweethearts.weebly.com. No results will be posted on campus.***

***\*Tuesday, April 16th* MANDATORY PARENT/SWEETHEART MEETING!** All details of organization will be discussed at this meeting. **Be prepared that the funds will add up to be $650 that will be due NO LATER than May 30 of 2019. Cash, money order, cashiers check are accepted; made out to JHHS DRILL. NO personal checks.**

**\*Wednesday, April 17th \* All** NEW VARSITY MEMBERS: **Mandatory** **Fitting** forall members from 4:30-6:00pm in the dance room. Can collect funds at this time.

**Friday, April 26th**  **FIRST EARLY REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE**. **All new varsity members** will arrive at the auditorium on time to practice the tryout routine. Practice will be from **7am-8am** then once again after school at **4pm**. Performance will start promptly at **7pm.** This performance will be open to the public. All new members and veterans will perform in the evening. **All details will be discussed at the April 16th meeting.**

**May: 1,7, 9, 13, 15, 21, 23** DATES **ARE NOT** SET YET. **Will be advised in April 16th meeting**. Please keep these dates open! NEW VARSITY TEAM PRACTICE; 4:30-6:00pm in Horn GYM

Wear ALL black form fitting clothes with black jazz shoes and tennis shoes.

**Mon-Wed, June 3-5** \* **VARSITY LINE CAMP. Physicals are due on the first day of summer practice.**. It is **mandatory** that each member attends summer camp! **You must adjust work schedules, vacations, etc. around this time period.**

**Mon-Thurs, Aug. 12-16 VARSITY WORK WEEK. Practice will be held from 4pm-6pm at JHHS GYM the week before school. All practices are MANDETORY.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

###### **\*Candidates** will perform a dance that encompasses **kick and dance technique.**

###### **Member Candidates**: Required attire (listed below) and hair pulled back. No jewelry or nail polish. Look your best!! Look professional!! Feature enhancing makeup is suggested!!

\*\*\*\*If you would like to have a copy of the music: attach a BLANK CD-R or USB with YOUR NAME and “Varsity” written on it. Make sure it is in a sealed plastic bag attached to the back of the audition application. \*\*\*\* JHHS is not held responsible if your music will not play on the CD you provide. To prevent this, make sure you bring a new CD-R.

**TRYOUT WEEK ATTIRE**

**MONDAY – WEDNESDAY Workshop:**

Bottoms: Shorts (Nike shorts, soffee shorts), tights (yoga pants)

Tops: Form fitting t-shirt, tank top (no spaghetti straps) sports bra underneath if needed no bra straps

Shoes: Jazz shoes (can be bought at Walmart/Academy or online)

**\*\*\*Be sure to bring plenty of water and snacks for the week\*\*\***

**\*\*\*NO JEWELRY WHATSOEVER! \*\*\***

**THURSDAY – Mock tryout:**

You will wear your actual try out attire for this day. (Listed below)

**FRIDAY – Tryout Day:**

You are to wear the following on **FRIDAY March 8th:**

* BLACK leggings
* BLACK form fitted tank top and black sports bra – No bra straps showing
* BLACK Jazz shoes (can be bought online or at Walmart or Academy)
* Hair pulled back in a pony tail – out of face completely
* Makeup – look presentable!!
* **No jewelry**

**Drill Team Application**

**Checklist**

* \_\_\_\_\_ Application complete.
* \_\_\_\_\_Your picture on the top right hand corner of application.
* \_\_\_\_\_ First Semester report card attached to back of application. Make sure all conduct grades are filled in.
* \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic bag with blank CD-R, or USB (**optional**) (with your Name & Varsity or JV written on it) attached to application.
* \_\_\_\_\_ Everything turned in NO LATER than **4pm on** **Friday, February 15th.**

**Due Friday, Feb. 15th by 4pm**

Attach Picture Here

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# Varsity Drill Team

Application for Membership

Please follow application directions

Name Birth date: Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, TX Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Work#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person (other than parent)

Name Relationship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle the Drill Team Level you will be trying out for:**

Varsity (10th, 11th & 12th grade)

**10th grade only**: I want to be on JV if I do NOT make varsity. I will attend the JV tryouts March 18-21

Yes or No

Please attach a picture of yourself on the **top right hand corner of application** and a copy of your First Semester report card on the **back**. Picture must be professional (ex: no snap-chat filters). Please make sure all blanks, even citizenship grades, are filled in and signed by appropriate teacher. These will not be returned to you. You must have all **application items in** **order** before it will be considered. NO EXCUSES!!

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I understand the commitment involved in my becoming a Varsity Drill Team member, I do understand that as a member of the team, I am expected to abide by the guidelines, approved by the district, and I must attend all performances, which may occur throughout the year.

Candidate’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I understand the commitment involved in my daughter becoming a Varsity Drill Team member, and I do give my permission for my daughter to audition for the organization. I do understand that as a member of the team, she is expected to abide by the guidelines, approved by the district, and she must attend all performances, which may occur throughout the year.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT TECHNIQUES TO EXPECT FOR AUDTIONS**

* RIGHT DOUBLE PIROUETTE
* RIGHT SINGLE COUPE TURN
* RIGHT TURNING JETE
* RIGHT TURNING CALYPSO
* RIGHT LEAP
* RIGHT RUSSIAN
* PROPER HIGH KICKS (above waist level)
* PROPER FAN KICKS
* RIGHT AND LEFT FULL SPLIT