

Dear Parents,

Your child has indicated a desire to become a member of the dance team (the Dazzlers) at Crestview High School. There will be an informational parent meeting on **Monday, March 27, 2017 in the CHS Media Center at 5:30.**

The attached packet of materials has been put together to give you an understanding of the personal and financial responsibilities of becoming a dance team member. Please read all of the information regarding costs and policies with your child. Your signature is required to signify that you have read and understood the policies. In this packet, you will find:

- CLINIC AND TRYOUT INFORMATION
- TENTATIVE SUMMER PRACTICE AND CAMP SCHEDULES
- DANCER INFORMATION SHEET
- GENERAL EXPENSES INCURRED DURING DANCE SEASON
- PHYSICAL FORM AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION
- DANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS /DEMERITS SHEET

A clinic to prepare your student for tryouts will be held in the CHS gym on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>h</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tryouts will be held Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the CHS Gym. Cost for the clinic is \$35.00. This fee will include judges' fee and music sent to them via email. Clinic and tryouts will be **closed** to spectators. Please be aware that your child must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average from the first semester of the 2016-2017 and a current non- cumulative 2.0 grade point average to be eligible to try out. The tryout fee is non-refundable for those whom coaches deem ineligible due to GPA.

Members of the team will be selected based on the following criteria: fifty percent judges' scores on a learned routine and fifty percent judges' scores on technique. The decision of the judges will be considered final.

**All** forms, along with a \$35.00 non-refundable check made payable to Crestview High School, are due by Friday, April 21, 2017. You may drop off forms and money in the front office of CHS. **No** late paperwork will be accepted.

After tryouts, there will be a **mandatory parent and Dazzler meeting on May 2, 2017 at 5:30 for the 2017-2018 team in the Cheer/Dance Room at CHS (located on the bus ramp). Also, the first payment of \$300 will be due and the Varsity representative will be there for girls' fitting.**

I look forward to meeting you and wish you the best of luck at tryouts!

Sincerely,

Scherie Knopes  
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CHS Dazzlers  
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**Crestview High School Dazzler Dance Team  
Information Sheet**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian (1)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian (2)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in Competition** \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Concerns** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt Size** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Information

Clinic Dates: April 25-26, 2017

Clinic Time: 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the CHS Gym

Clinic Clothing: Tights, black hot shorts or black jazz pants, black tank top/shirt, dance shoes, ponytail, and no jewelry (ear, body, or facial)

Tryout Date: Thursday April 27, 2017 in the CHS Gym

Tryout Time: 4:00 p.m. in the CHS Gym (TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED.)

Tryout Uniform: Tights, black hot shorts or black jazz pants, black tank top/shirt, dance shoes, ponytail, and no jewelry (ear, body, or facial)

Final scores come from the following:

Technique (splits, leaps, pirouettes, etc.)	50%
Routine Performance (learned at clinic) (see sample score sheets that are attached)	50%

## Tryout Paperwork Checklist

In order to participate in clinic and tryouts for the 2017-2018 dance season, the following paperwork must be completed and turned in **no** later than Friday, April 21, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tryout fee of \$35.00 (make checks payable to Crestview High School)

\_\_\_\_\_ Physical Form (must be signed by physician)

\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical Authorization Form (must be signed, dated, and notarized) Can be found on CHS website under Athletics

\_\_\_\_\_ Dancer information sheet

\_\_\_\_\_ Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Can be found on CHS website under Athletics)

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of your report card showing your 1<sup>st</sup> semester GPA of 2016-2017 as well as a copy of your current grades.

## Technique Score Sheet

(Must be completed and signed in ink)

Participant # \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Flexibility \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

    Left Split

    Right Split

    Middle Split

Double Pirouette \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Triple Pirouette \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Turns in Second \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Battement Combo \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Right Leap \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Left Leap \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Leap in 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Calypso \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Head Spring \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Trick of Choice \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 110

Comments/Suggestions

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**Dance Score Sheet**  
(Must be completed and signed in ink)

**Participant #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge** \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory** \_\_\_\_\_ / 5

**Confidence** \_\_\_\_\_ / 5

**Facials** \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Execution of Moves** \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Timing and Rhythm** \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Pom/Jazz Performance** \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Hip Hop Performance** \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Overall performance** \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ / 70

**X 2**

\_\_\_\_\_ / 140

**Comments/Suggestions**

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## Dance Team Expenses:

The following is a list of general expenses for the dance season. These numbers are only estimates from the preceding year's expenses.

- Summer Camp Fees \$510.00
- Clothing, shoes, & accessories \$815.00  
(sports bras, Capri, home routine costume, jazz pants, capris, warm-ups, and replacement items not included)
- Dance bags \$ 50.00
- Uniform rental \$ 50.00
  
- Technique instruction (paid to CHS) \$ 40.00 (monthly)  
(May- February)

Total estimated cost for the regular dance season (excluding studio technique class & Competition) is \$1,425.00.

Not included above: The cost of enrolling in the competition/s, additional shoes, socks, additional performance costumes, and props possibly used during a performance. If prepared, we may be competing in a few competitions. Some or all competition expenses MAY be defrayed through fundraising and sponsorships.

Payment should be made in the following manner:

Installment Plan:

May 2nd	1 <sup>st</sup> payment (due at parent meeting)	\$300.00
June 1 <sup>st</sup> -	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment	\$300.00
July 1 <sup>st</sup> -	4 <sup>th</sup> payment	\$275.00
August 1 <sup>st</sup> -	5 <sup>th</sup> payment	\$200.00
September 1 <sup>st</sup> -	final payment	\$200.00
October 1 <sup>st</sup> -	final payment	\$150.00

(Account Balance must be paid in full)

**The expenses noted above are designed to include all expenses except competition expenses.** Make checks payable to Crestview High School and include your student's name and phone number on the check. There will be other expenses later in the year that will need to be paid as competition season draws near. Some or all competition expenses MAY be defrayed through fundraising and sponsorships.

# **Crestview High School Dazzlers By-laws and Policies**

## **I. ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. **Insurance:** Parents or guardians must assume responsibility for a candidate's health, medical, and accident insurance. Proof of insurance must be on file at the school before the first day of clinic.
- B. **Physical Exam:** Each candidate must have a complete physical examination, by a physician of choice, to be paid for by the parents or guardians. This form must be on file before participant can begin participating.
- C. **Grades:** You must have an un-weighted GPA of 2.0 to try out and must maintain a 2.0 GPA the entire dance season. If a member falls below 2.5 during the season tutoring will be encouraged and provided by the school.
- D. **Financial:** Any school account balances must be paid in full.

## **II. RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. **Conduct:** Because you have been selected as a leader and a representative of Crestview High School's BEST, it is imperative that each of you display exemplary behavior at all times. Any conduct, by any dance team member that is deemed detrimental to the image of Crestview High School, such as smoking, drinking, fighting, truancy, etc., may result in permanent suspension from the team. Inappropriate comments, pictures or statuses on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or any other social media will not be tolerated. This includes (but is not limited to): the use of profanity and pictures of the dance team member drinking smoking, making vulgar gestures, making extremely rude/malicious/demeaning/threatening comments about others will result in demerits and/or the immediate removal of the dancer from the next performance/or team.
- B. **Attendance:** Missing dance activities (including games, practice, and other assigned duties) will result in demerits. If a dance team member has an activity which counts as a grade (such as a chorus concert) and it conflicts with dance, he or she must make prior arrangements with the dance team sponsor to be excused from the dance event. If a team member misses the practice before the performance, then that team member will not be allowed to perform at the performance. Based on the reason for absence, demerits will be given.
- C. **Captains:** The method of selecting captains shall be left to the discretion of the director. Captains will be chosen based on attitude, performance, knowledge, and responsibility. Captains will remain in this position as long as they exhibit the qualities listed above. The captains will be asked to include their discipline record and grades as a determinant as to whether they are allowed to serve as a captain of the team. Dancers will not be allowed to serve as a captain if they have a discipline record that includes time in in-school or out-of-school suspension during the 2016-2017 school year. The captain's grades must also be and remain 2.0 or above in order to be considered and continue to serve as captain.
- D. **Returning Members:** Members will tryout each year regardless of years on previous CHS teams.

**E. Competition Team: Everyone that makes the CHS Dazzlers competition team understands that there will be additional costs for competition. If the dancers are deemed ready for competition by the coach, a parent meeting will be called to discuss if the dancers may compete in competitions.**

**F. Uniforms:** Uniforms will be selected by the director. Dance team members are responsible for the cost of personal uniform articles. Rental articles that are damaged must be paid for in full by the dance team member. All uniform articles are only to be worn during dance team functions. Dance team members have certain behaviors deemed inappropriate while in uniform such as public displays of affection or posting of inappropriate images on the internet. While all of these behaviors are not written, they are clearly expressed, and inappropriate actions of dance team members while in uniform or any CHS attire may result in demerits or removal from the squad.

**G. Camp and Summer Practice:** Summer Camp attendance at the expense of the dance team member is **required**. Because the majority of dance routines for the year are taught at camp, failure to attend summer camp will be justification for suspension/removal from the team for the year. Summer practice is required and dance team members will receive demerits for missed practice days. Summer practice dates will be handed out at first parent meeting.

**H. Important Dates:** Summer Camp (Late July)(TBA)

Summer – Sponsorships Due June 30th (50% in individual accounts) Fall –  
Homecoming T-shirt Sales  
January – Little Dazzlers Dance Clinic  
February – CHS Dazzlers Showcase TBA  
– Candy/Bake Sales  
Beef O’ Brady’s Fundraiser  
Ace Hardware Car Wash  
Parking @ Football Games

**I. Practice: ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY!** There will be at least one day each week when there is no after school practice. That designated “off” day might change from month to month. Medical and Dental appointments should be scheduled for those days. If a team member misses the practice before the performance, then that team member will not be allowed to perform at the performance. Based on the reason for absence, demerits will be given.

**J. School Attendance:** Dance team is a demanding extra-curricular activity which requires a tremendous amount of time and effort. In order to participate, a student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative/non-cumulative G.P.A. If a student’s GPA falls below 2.5 during the season, tutoring will be encouraged and provided by the school. In addition, a student cannot participate in after school activities if he/she is not present in school. Therefore, we must monitor student attendance. Truancy will not be tolerated. The student will be required to attend events and sit with the sponsor even if they have been temporarily suspended from the dance team due to attendance violations set up by the school. Demerits will also be given.

**K. Financial:** All dance team members must make their first initial payment of \$300.00 at the first parent meeting. Parents will receive a monthly account statement at the beginning of each month starting in June. Payments are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, this includes the separate monthly technique instruction expense. **If a dance team member is removed from the team,**



**all financial responsibilities incurred will remain.** This includes deposits and total balances if amounts are non-refundable. Dance team members who fall more than 10 days behind on payments may be suspended from the squad until dues are made current. **Dance team members who do not pay their accounts in full will not be allowed to try out the following year.**

**L. Fundraising:**

- Fundraising for the general account is mandatory. Any dance team member may choose to opt out of a mandatory fundraiser and not receive demerits by donating \$25 towards the general account. (Examples of general account expenses include but are not limited to team banners, office supplies, misc. camp expenses, homecoming activities, Christmas activities, senior awards, year-end banquet, etc.)
- Dance team members who do not fully participate in mandatory fundraisers for the general account, and do not opt out, will receive demerits. Money earned helps cover costs such as summer funding and other general dance team expenses.
- Fundraising for personal dance team member accounts are optional. Dance team members may opt out of any of these fundraising projects without penalty. Money earned is applied to individual accounts to cover costs incurred by the dance team member such as dance uniforms, shoes, etc. Example: sponsorships

**M. Grades:** A GPA of 2.0 cumulative and non-cumulative must be maintained through the entire dance season. Any member whose GPA falls below 2.0 will be suspended from the team until their grades can be improved or completely dismissed from the team for failure to maintain or improve their grades. The student will be required to attend events in full uniform and sit with the sponsor even if they have been temporarily suspended from the dance team due to non-compliance of grades. If a student is maintaining a 2.0 GPA but making an F on his/her report card, he/she will sit for one game with sponsor in full uniform and receive 2 demerits. If the student makes two F's on his/her report card, he/she will sit out two games in full uniform with the sponsor and receive 3 demerits. If the students make 3 F's or more on his or her report card, he/she will sit until adequate progress is being made in the classroom and documented by the student's teacher and receive 5 demerits.

**N. Demerits:** Team members will start each season with zero demerits. If a member acquires 20 demerits in one season, he/she will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the school. Also, if a student quits the team, he/she will not be eligible to try out the following year. Demerits start on the day after tryouts and ends on the day before tryouts the following year. Dancers will be asked to sign a demerit sheet acknowledging that he/she has received demerits.

**O. Performance:** During the year, it might be that not every member of the team will perform every dance. There may be times when we have tryouts for individual dances because not everyone is strong in every area of dance.

**P. Appearance:** During all activities that involve the team as a whole or partial (this includes but not limited to practice, performances, fundraisers, school spirit days, and camp) will be required to dress and style as a team. No extra jewelry (body/facial/ear, etc.) will be worn and all tattoos must be covered (flesh colored band aids/make-up provided by dancer not the team/coach).

## CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF DEMERIT POINTS 2017-2018

1. Missed Practice* with doctor's note	2
2. Missed Practice* without a doctor's note	3
3. Missed Practice* without notifying director	5
4. Missed Fundraiser for General Account	5 or \$25
5. Missed Performance with doctor's note (i.e. Injury)	2
6. Missed Performance without doctor's note	5
7. Missed Performance without notifying director	10
8. Tardy to any practice, performance, or fundraiser	2
9. Missing all or part of correct uniform at a performance/practice	2
10. Disrespect to director or technique coach depending on the severity)	5-15
11. Inappropriate behavior in or out of school(social/media)	5-15
12. Treating teammates in a way that is hurtful or disrespectful (gossip, twitter, belittling, profanity, yelling, etc.)	5-15

## **Dazzler Dancer Information**

Please turn this in with your check, try-out forms check list sheet, and all completed forms.

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE RECEIVED, READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND RULES FOR CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM MEMBERS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE COSTS INVOLVED AND MY RESPONSIBILITY IN PAYING THESE COSTS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dexter Day, Principal

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scherie Knopes, Director

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

Date