

## **Hello Dancers & Parents,**

Thank you for your interest in the 2020-2021 dance season for the JMMS Stars. We have gone through a rough few months with the introduction of COVID-19, and I'm sure this upcoming season will be met with changes and disappointments compared to what a typical season is like. However, I hope to give the girls some semblance of a normal dance season. We will have to appreciate whatever we get this year!

As with any year, there is a high level of time and financial commitment from both dancers and parents. We will review those commitments at our first meeting. I know these commitments may be scary, but I encourage you to attend the meeting; you can always back out of tryouts after hearing the information.

Please present the following by the first scheduled clinic practice:

- 1) A current physical. You can NOT participate without it!!
- 2) Four teacher/coach recommendations. 3 must be school teachers, 1 must be a coach or instructor. Recommendations should be emailed to me, directly from coach or teacher.
- 3) Copy of most recent report card. No failing grades!
- 4) Signed constitution agreement.
- 5) Sign-out sheet.

### **TRYOUT INFO**

- Mandatory Parent/ Guardian Meeting – Virtual via Zoom
  - **Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.**
  - Meeting info will be texted 15 minutes prior to start time.
  - Dancers should attend as well.
- Clinics
  - TU 8/25, TH 8/27, TU 9/1 from 6-8pm.
- Tryouts
  - TH 9/3 from 5-8pm.

### **TEAM SELECTION**

- Team selection will be based on 3 parts: coach evaluation (25%), teacher/coach recommendations (25%), and judges scores the day of tryouts (50%).
- There is no “set number” that will be selected. Cuts will be made where there is the biggest drop-off in scores.
- Selection explanations:
  - **Competition Team** will be eligible to participate in competitions, game day performances, & spirit-led events. All practices are mandatory.
  - **Game Day Team** will be eligible for ball games & spirit-led events. Will be considered for competition team as an “alternate” in the event of injury or illness of a Competition Team Member. All practices are mandatory. May be moved up to Competition Team if progress is substantial.
  - **Stars in Training** will be required to attend Game Day practices only. Performance opportunities will be based on personal improvement week to week. May be cut from Game Day performances at any time and may be moved up to “Game Day Team” if progress is substantial.

- *Your child will not have a choice for which team they are on. Whatever option has been presented to you must be accepted or declined after tryouts. All coaching decisions will be final.*

### **TRYOUT PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

- Athletes need to bring the equivalent of 2 bottles of their own water or sports drink to each practice. NO WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.
- Other items they may need include: sweat towel, sunscreen, personal fan, poncho, tennis shoes, dance shoes & knee pads.
- All practices will be at James Madison Middle School.
- PRACTICES WILL BE OUTDOORS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
  - This is due to Phase restrictions for COVID-19 and suggestions by Hopkins County Board of Education & JMMS administration.
  - Participants need to properly hydrate before practice.
  - I will check the heat index to make sure it's safe to practice outside.
- I will be conducting a fever check at drop-off.
  - Students must remain in vehicle until I conduct the fever check.
  - Anyone with a temperature over 100.5 will not be allowed to stay or will be sent home.
  - Fever check will begin 10-15 minutes prior to practice start time.
- STUDENTS MUST WEAR A MASK WHEN THEY ARE NOT ACTIVE.
  - Have one on at fever check!
- STUDENTS MUST STAY 6 FEET APART AT ALL TIMES.
  - I know some of them are friends; they must follow social distancing protocols while at dance practice.
- **Please prepare for additional rules or cancellations of plans at any time.**

Thank you for your interest! I am excited for this strange new year ahead of us 😊

- Coach Natalia