

San Marcos High School Election of Dance Team Members

Dear Parent/Guardian(s) and Candidates:

Your child has signed up to tryout for the dance team. We feel that, as parents, you should be aware of some of the responsibilities involved with such a position and should give approval for your student to participate.

At SMHS, the Cavalier Dance Team is run the same as the athletic program. The team members must meet the same requirements; sign pledge sheets, and follow the same eligibility standards. We believe these standards are partially responsible for the excellent Cavalier Dance Team on campus. The tryout procedure closely aligns with the athletic team selection. Potential team members will be judged on their knowledge of the material taught, physical ability to do the routines, flexibility, enthusiasm, attitude, cooperation, teamwork, and determination. Coaches will be involved in the selection of the teams.

All questions should be directed to Mrs. Bagheri at bonnie.bagheri@smusd.org or 290-2200 ext. 2244

Specific Regulations for Tryouts:

1. Tryouts will be held for:
All Male Team: **Tuesday, April 29 from 3-5 &**
Female Teams: **Monday, April 28 from 3-5 & Call-Backs Thursday, May 1 from 3-5**
2. The Cavaliers are comprised of two All Female dance groups, a Varsity and JV Team and one All Male troupe. Females and Males will learn different material and styles ranging from Ballet / Jazz to Military / Hip Hop.
3. Neatly completing your application, learning the routine and a positive attitude are an important part of the tryout process.
4. During the tryout process, dress neatly in T-shirts, shorts, and tennis or dance shoes. Please fix your hair so it is out of your face. It is not necessary to buy new clothes.

General Information:

1. All Cavalier Dance members must abide by the SMHS Dance Constitution.
2. All ASB and school rules must be followed:
 - A. Members are encouraged to have an ASB sticker and must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
 - B. Members must have a physical exam.
 - C. Members are expected to attend all home football games, and all parades. Also, they must attend indoor competitions, community performances, and some home basketball games.
 - D. Members are expected to enroll in the physical education or fine arts class first or second period. They must attend a Monday night practice weekly throughout the school year. Other practices will be scheduled as necessary for Fall, Spring, or Cavalcade seasons.
 - E. Uniforms may be loaned from the school. Students must purchase optional items. If you would like the school to purchase personal uniform items such as shoes, tights, sweats, etc., a deposit will be needed at the first parent meeting. Once an item is ordered it is your responsibility to pay for it.
 - F. Other costs- team costs include such things as props, music, recorders, choreographers, clinics, travel and food. The cost varies from year to year. Students and parents need to help us raise this money in order to maintain the program. So, if you have ideas or want to help we would love it! Attending camp is optional and will cost \$60.00 as a camp at SMHS. Varsity Team members may attend camp away which will be around \$300.00.
 - G. There are two types of fundraising in our program. All members need to participate in team projects. Individual projects are an opportunity for team members to earn money they owe for uniforms, food fees, trips, etc. It is possible to raise all of the cost! We have many people who do this consistently.
 - H. Members of the team must remember that they are directly representing SMHS and not themselves. While a Cavalier, they must have proper conduct, attitude and attire to show class because they are a direct reflection of our school, student body and team. Excessive absences, tardies, improper conduct on or off campus will be considered good cause for dismissal.