



**AUDITION  
INFORMATION  
2023-2024**

*Coppell High School Ninth Grade Center  
SILVER STAR JV DRILL TEAM  
Audition Information & Application*

Dear Silver Star Candidate and Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the Coppell High School JV Drill Team, the Silver Stars. Silver Stars is a precision dance/drill team that exemplifies the pride and spirit of the Coppell Cowboys. They are involved in many activities in the school and community, serving as a performance team for entertainment and to represent the school proudly at competitive events.

There is a mandatory parent meeting in-person on **Monday, March 6th at 6:00 pm in the CHS lecture hall**. All candidates must have a parent in attendance.

Tryouts will be held in-person at CHS in the dance gym on the North side of the school. The candidates will audition in front of three judges who are qualified in the field of dance and drill team. Judges will be from outside the Coppell ISD and will not know the candidates. There is no set number of girls on the team. Membership will be determined by a natural break of scores. This will depend on the score variations once all candidates have performed.

The tryout workshop will begin on Monday, March 20th and run through Wednesday, March 22nd, 4:30-6:00 pm in the CHS Gyms (gym locations vary). The audition will be Thursday, March 24th, beginning with the JV candidates in the CHS Dance Gym. Each tryout group will have an assigned time to check-in, warm-up, and audition. No one will be allowed to stay in the building before or after their audition time.

The members of the 2023-2024 Silver Star Drill Team will be posted [Home | CHS Lariettes & Silver Star Website](#) at the conclusion of the tryout Friday night.

Thank you again for your interest in the Silver Stars. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Clark at [hclark@coppellisd.com](mailto:hclark@coppellisd.com)

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "C".

Hillary Clark  
Silver Star JV Drill Team Director

## **MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Prospective members must be entering grades 9<sup>th</sup> at CHS9 or New Tech High.
2. All candidates and their parent(s) must complete the Tryout Application Form following the end of this packet.
3. Prospective members and their parents must be fully aware of the time and expense in becoming a Silver Star member.
4. All candidates must currently reside in Coppell ISD and be enrolled in Coppell schools.
5. The Silver Stars are expected to abide by the Silver Star Constitution and the Guidelines/Student Code of Conduct.
6. To be eligible for membership, a candidate must have a commitment to dancing, supporting athletic teams, and the promotion of loyal school spirit among the student body of CHS9.
7. Each member must maintain a passing grade in all subject areas in order to participate in the JV drill team.
8. Each member is required to participate in all activities in which the organization is involved including performances, competitions, spring shows/events, fundraising and school and community events.
9. Before and after school and summer practice sessions are required by all members.

## **SUMMER CAMPS AND PRACTICES**

In order to prepare for the fall season the Silver Stars will have a team line camp. Line camp will be July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in the CHS9 small gymnasium from 8:30am - 3:30pm. More details to be announced at a later time. Camp is mandatory and the penalty for absences will be placed on alternate status for all the dances that they were not in attendance to learn. Excused absences will need to be cleared with the director in advance and will be limited to personal illness or death in the family.

## **PRACTICE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Silver Stars practice is during 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period every day during the school year. After school practice during football and contest season may be scheduled in advance if the team needs more practice for a performance.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Silver Stars are leaders on campus and should act as such in and out of practice. This means that in the academic classroom their behavior and grades should shine. Silver Stars will follow the same guidelines as all other UIL activities. Silver Stars are expected to maintain a 70 or higher in all classes in order to remain eligible. Failure to do so will result in eligibility and second offense will result in removal.

## **PERFORMANCES**

Silver Stars perform at 6 JV/Freshman home football games, 2 Pep Rallies, march in Coppell 4th of July, Homecoming and Christmas Parade, 1-2 JV basketball games (if contest routines are ready), Lariette/Silver Star Showoffs, 2 local competitions and spring show.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Many of our fundraising events depend on parents willing to volunteer their time to help out the Silver Stars. The Silver Stars participate in two fundraisers a year. Fundraising is the means that we pay for all of the contests, costumes and some of the banquet so it is imperative that all members participate and do their share in reaching the team goal. Parent involvement is very important during fundraising. Being involved in Silver Stars as a parent gives both you and your child something to be proud of. Our biggest fundraiser is our car wash held in August at the 7-11 on Denton Tap and Sandy Lake Rd. We ask that one or both parents work this fundraiser along with your Silver Star. Members will also be involved in the selling of raffle tickets for the Annual Lariette Spaghetti Dinner as well as help on the evening of the event. At the end of the season (March) a banquet committee of parent volunteers will be put together to help with the assembling of this event to honor the Silver Stars and their season.

## **FINANCES**

The Silver Stars organization does not have a booster club due to the consistent change of members year to year. The Silver Stars have an activity fund with the district. All money raised and checks made out to CHS-Silver Stars goes into the activity account. All money is handled by the director and school financial secretary. The director does not have direct access to this activity fund and will fill out the appropriate paperwork to get a check requested or to deposit money.

Below I have listed all items that new members will need to purchase. Most items on the list will roll over into Lariettes, if the Silver Star chooses to continue with the varsity drill team, and if items are taken care of they should not have to be purchased again. **Payments for drill team items will begin in April. Items must be paid in full by line camp in July. If you need to set up a payment plan to extend your financial need please contact Mrs. Clark.**

### **What members must purchase:**

<b>Back Pack</b>	<b>Warm Up Jacket/Joggers</b>	<b>Boots/Poncho</b>
<b>Dance Leggings</b>	<b>Tan Jazz Shoes</b>	<b>Tights/Bra/Earrings</b>
<b>Poms</b>	<b>Field Uniform</b>	<b>Football Ad</b>
<b>Practice Tanks</b>	<b>Team Shirt: Fall &amp; Spring</b>	<b>Yard Sign/Decal</b>

Estimated price for the above required items is about \$700.00 - \$800.00.

## **IMPORTANT AUDITION INFORMATION**

March 6th	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting	CHS Lecture Hall
March 10th	11:59 pm	Applications Due	Google Form
March 20th-22nd	4:30-6:00 pm	Required Workshops	CHS Dance Gym
March 23rd	4:30pm	Audition Day	CHS Dance Gym

## **REQUIRED DANCE SKILLS**

Double Pirouette	Step, Step, Jump Tilt
Right Chasse Step Leap or Calypso	Chasse Step Russian
Battement	Press Leap

## **WHAT TO WEAR TO WORKSHOP**

- T-shirt, tank top, leotard
- Jazz pants, leggings, wind shorts
- Jazz shoes (it is best to practice in what you will wear in tryout)
- Hair must be pulled up in a ponytail and loose hair pinned back.
- NO JEWELRY OR GUM!

## **WHAT TO WEAR TO AUDITION**

- Black top or leotard that covers stomach and hides bra (sports bra ok)
- Full-length black jazz pants or leggings (no sheer or cut-outs)
- Black or Tan jazz shoes
- Hair pulled up in a ponytail, loose hair pinned back
- No Jewelry
- Make-up with red lipstick
- Bring safety pins to attach candidate number

## **FRIDAY AUDITION DAY PROCEDURES**

- 1) Each group will be given an arrival time at the CHS Arena. No one will be admitted before their posted time. Candidates will receive a number to pin to their front with your own safety pins.
- 2) Group will move to a warm-up area to stretch and practice your audition routines.
- 3) Group will move to the On-Deck area in the hallway by the CHS Dance Gym. You may continue to prepare for your audition in this space. If candidates have belongings or a bag, it will stay in the hallway until candidates have completed their audition. Groups will enter and exit through the same gym door.
- 4) Once the group has performed you will be instructed to get your belongings and exit out of the arena. You must immediately leave the building once you have turned in your candidate number.