



Creekside High School

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DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS PACKETS 2019-2020



DUE BY: MAY 13, 2019

****No Later than 4:00 PM****

INCOMPLETE PACKETS OR LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTED!



Creekside High School

Varsity Dance Team Tryouts

2019-2020

Prep Classes:

Every Thursday in April 5:30-6:30pm @ Creekside cafeteria (\$5 each class)

Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting:

Monday, May 13th 6:00-7:00pm @ Creekside cafeteria

Tryout Clinic: You must attend ALL days.

Tuesday, May 14th 4:30-6:30pm @ Creekside cafeteria

Wednesday, May 15th 4:30-6:30pm @ Creekside auditorium

****TRYOUT**:**

Thursday, May 16th 4:30-9pm @ Creekside auditorium

Within this Information packet, you will find the necessary documents needed in order to take part in the dance tryout process. The student athlete as well as the parent/guardian of the student athlete must review all of the information, agree to and complete/sign on the appropriate pages and submit the appropriate pages from the Information Packet.

Dance Team packets are due no later than May 13 @ 4:00 pm.
INCOMPLETE PACKETS OR LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!! The student athlete will NOT be allowed to participate in the Dance tryout clinic or be allowed to tryout for the team if the packet is incomplete!

Information Packet Checklist

- Dance Tryout Application Agreement Form 2019-2020
- Personal Skill Sheet
- Personal Information Sheet
- CHS Dance Contract
- Summer Practice/ Camp Form
- 2 Teacher/ Coach Evaluation Forms (in sealed envelopes)

[Each candidate needs to attach an envelope to the evaluation forms with their name on the outside and the teacher/coach should return the envelope sealed and signed to you to turn in with your other forms.]

- Most Current Grade Report

***If grade report does not meet the necessary requirements [**2.0 minimum G.P.A. and only one "F" and no "U's"**], you may **NOT** tryout. If student athlete becomes ineligible after selected for the squad upon final eligibility check he/she will be removed from squad. ***

EL2 Pre-participation Physical Examination Form (3 pages) Creekside will host an Athletic Fair and Physical Event in April, where they will offer EL2 Physicals. The cost is \$10 for all athletes. Details of the Athletic Fair can be found on the CHS Athletics webpage. Otherwise, CVS, Walgreens, and other convenience clinics complete school physicals without the doctor's office wait.

- EL3 Consent & Release Forms (4 pages)**
- Parent Behavioral Contract

Please return packets to the front office in a sealed envelope, labeled "Dance Team Tryouts - Coach Gassaway".

There is a \$25 tryout fee per dancer, payable in cash. The payment may be enclosed in the tryout packet envelope or paid the first dance clinic day, Tuesday, May 14th.



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CHS Varsity Dance Team

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**Dance Tryout Application Agreement Form
Creekside High School Varsity Dance Team
2019 - 2020**

I, _____, submit this application for a position in the CHS Dance team for the 2019 – 2020 season, my academic grade level will be _____.

By submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following:

I must maintain a 2.0 GPA and will hereby release my academic transcripts to the Head Coach.

I understand that I must be in good standing with my high school or middle school and am not on any type of academic or disciplinary probation.

I must turn in the following paperwork no later than 3:00pm on Monday, May 13th, 2019:

- Dance Tryout Application Agreement Form
- Personal Information Sheet
- CHS Dance Contract
- Summer Practice/ Camp Form
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- Most Current Grade Report
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- EL3 Consent & Release Forms (4 pages)
- Parent Behavioral Contract

I understand that not having all of these will disqualify me from trying out for a team position.

I have no health or physical conditions, which would hinder my ability to tryout for the CHS Dance team or which might cause the tryout process for the CHS Dance team to be unsafe to my health or the health and well-being of others. Creekside High School, St. Johns County School District, and/or Coach Gassaway will not be held responsible for any injuries that may occur during the tryout process.

I accept and understand that the decisions of the judges/coaches will be final.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal Information Sheet
Creekside High School Varsity Dance Team
2019 – 2020



Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone #: _____ Student Cell #: _____
Student Email: _____ Current Age: _____

Current Grade level (Check one):

8th Grade _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Emergency Contact/Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

Dance Information:

How many years have you danced? _____

Where have you danced? (Check all that apply)

Studio (Years of Participation): _____

Dance Team (Years of Participation): _____

Other: _____

In which styles of dance have you received instruction? _____

****Please attach a current photo to this page****

CHS DANCE CONTRACT
Creekside High School Varsity Dance Team
2019 – 2020

If selected and I accept a dance team position, I understand I will be required to attend all scheduled practices, performances, summer camp, sporting events, pep rallies, team meetings, and other functions or duties designated by the head coach. Failure to do so may result in removal from the team.

I have no current health or physical conditions, which would hinder my ability to perform as an CHS Dancer or which might cause performing as an CHS Dancer to be unsafe to my health or the health and well-being of my teammates. The physical demands of being the CHS Dancer require that I maintain a high level of physical fitness and that I pass a complete physical examination **(YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BEGIN PRACTICE WITHOUT THE PHYSICAL FORM TURNED IN.)**

I understand I am agreeing to FALL - SPRING season commitment (2019-2020). If I choose to participate in another sport during either season, I must work with both coaches to create a possible schedule that does not lessen my commitment to the dance team.

Being a CHS Dancer is a major personal commitment of my non-academic time and cannot be placed secondary to any other non-academic activity. I understand that, with the exception of academics, my commitment to the CHS Dance Program takes FIRST priority over all other activities (clubs, organizations, work, etc.) unless prior approval has been granted. Furthermore, I understand that last minute appearances/events may arise in which the dancer must be present (playoff games etc.).

The CHS Dancers play an important role in representing the school and its athletic program. As such, I will always know that I am an official representative of Creekside High School, its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and dance program. I will always conduct myself in a manner to uphold that character, tradition, integrity, and spirit of Creekside High School.

If I quit or am removed from the squad at any point in the season, I will become ineligible of trying out for the following season (2020-2021). I agree to follow any rules the coach sets and understand that any disobedience or problems can result in the removal from the team.

I agree to follow all safety guidelines deemed necessary by the head coach.

I understand that I or my parents must maintain an email account and check it for any information regarding dance. Failure to check for information will not be used as an excuse.

I understand that dance is a team sport. My position on this team is not guaranteed and I may be removed from the routine or the team at any point by the coach's discretion. My position on the team may change throughout the season to best fit the team's needs.

If I do have any concerns throughout the season, I must present these concerns to the head coach immediately. I will share any concerns with the dance program to the head coach first and allow the coach to recognize and address my concerns.

I understand and accept that failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in my disqualification from consideration for a CHS dance team.

**Summer Practices Form
Creekside High School Varsity Dance Team
2019 – 2020**

Summer Practice Dates:

Practices/ practice times are subject to change at any time.

Additional practices may be added at any point throughout summer.

Team members must attend **ALL** scheduled summer practices, and may not show up late or leave early unless excused by coach. (Please refer to the “Absences/Tardiness” section of “General Information”)

Youth camp: June 3rd-June 6th

Practice: July 22th-July 26th

Camp: July 27th- July 30th

Dance Intensive: TBD

Car wash: TBD

Members that make the Dance team need to complete a physical and have it signed by your doctor prior to first day of summer practice.

** If a member does not have their physical completed by the first summer practice, they must sit out from practice until their physical is completed. Each day the member sits out will be an unexcused absence. **

I / We understand and AGREE to ALL of the above terms.

Student Athlete Signature: _____

Student Athlete Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Tryout Information
Creekside High School Varsity Dance Team
2019 – 2020

Attire for Tryouts (INCLUDING tryout week):

Bottoms: Black leggings

Top: Black shirt

Shoes: Jazz shoes

Hair: Secure in a bun, ponytail, or other style off the shoulders.

***Showing up ON TIME in the PROPER ATTIRE is very important.**

All tryout material will be taught during the tryout clinic on May 14th and 15th from 4:30-6:30pm. This material will then be performed during the judged tryout on May 16th. Both the tryout clinic and judged tryouts are closed to parent viewing.

Scheduling Conflicts

Recommended tryout procedures would be attending the official dates in this packet. However, we do understand important scheduling conflicts can occur. If you have a conflict with the tryout dates listed, or, if you are a candidate from out of town, please contact Coach Gassaway for a video audition.

Prep classes will be offered for prospective participants leading up to the final tryouts. Classes will be held in the cafeteria at Creekside High School. Participants are not required to attend prep classes but are highly encouraged. Classes are available at a cost of \$5 per class.

TEAM PLACEMENT

The 2019-2020 team placement will be available Thursday, May 16th at 9pm. Team placement will be final.

New team members and parents will have a mandatory team meeting Friday, May 17th at 6:30pm.

General Information

Absences/ Tardiness

Dance Team is not an individual sport. When a Dance Team member is absent or arrives late, it affects the whole team. When just one person is missing a routine cannot be performed. Every person who is a part of the 2019-2020 CHS Varsity Dance Team will play an important role on the team. It is important that every dancer be committed to attend practices, games, and events and to arrive on time!

It is understandable if an athlete participates in multiple sports and cannot make it to every dance function due to a conflict in sports schedules. If a team member is in multiple sports, you **MUST** work with both coaches to create the least amount of conflict as possible. A team member cannot choose one sport over the other. A dance team member will **NOT** be punished due to participating in other school functions, however if the dancer does miss a practice before an event the dancer may not be able to perform during the routine at that event due to a lack of preparedness.

Every absence must be **PREVIOUSLY** approved by the head coach in order for it to be excused (even for school functions). A team member **MUST** let the coach know **ASAP** if they do have a conflict with the schedule in order for the coach to excuse it. Telling the coach the day of/ day before a conflict in the schedule will not be accepted. Attendance to a dance event without proper shoes, clothes, or uniform will be considered an absence. Participation in other school functions/ or other sports teams, illness, or extreme emergencies are the only valid reasons for missing dance.

*If the majority of the team is late to an event due to some unforeseen event, it is understandable and will not result in what is stated above.

Practices

Practices are mandatory for dance team member to attend (See above for rules regarding absences). Dance team members are **NEVER** allowed to stunt or tumble unless under the supervision of a coach. Team members are expected to be completely ready to start practice on time, in their proper practice wear, with hair up and completely out of their faces. Practices can be changed, dropped, or added throughout the season so please check updated practice schedules.

Games

All games are mandatory for dance team members to attend (see above for rules regarding absences). Dance members will dance at all regular season Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball games. If the teams make it to playoffs, dancers are expected to dance at games within a reasonable distance. Dancers are expected to arrive on time, in the correct attire, with hair properly styled, with poms, ready to warm up for games. Please take into account traffic when estimating travel time for a game in order to arrive on time.

Uniforms

It is extremely important that every CHS dance team member remember that, when wearing their uniform, they are not only representing themselves but representing the school as a whole. Uniforms are only to be worn by the CHS dance team and are not to be loaned out to others. Uniforms should only be worn on game days, rally day, etc. and should not be worn unless otherwise stated. Uniforms should be properly taken care of and kept clean. It is dancer's/ parent's responsibility to purchase clothing that will not be returned (tennis shoes, leggings, T-shirts, anything with dancers name on it, etc.).

**Teacher/ Coach Evaluation Form
Creekside High School Varsity Dance Team
2019 – 2020**

*Dance Team candidates must provide this form **with an envelope sealed** to two current teachers/ coaches. Please note that the participant will need two (2) of these forms completed by 2 different teachers/ coaches.

Dance Team Member Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Class: _____

Teachers/ Coaches: It is the mission of the dancing program at Creekside High School to select athletes that exemplify the highest moral, academic, and athletic standards. We thank you for taking the time to provide an honest evaluation of this candidate. Please place this evaluation in a signed and sealed envelope (that should have been provided by the candidate).

Rating Scale:

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| 5 – Excellent, outstanding | 2 – Fair, needs a lot of work, definitely lacking |
| 4 – Very good, superior | 1 – Poor, inadequate, totally unacceptable |
| 3 – Average, good, could be better | 0 - Unattempted |

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| 0 1 2 3 4 5 | Attendance (skips class, tardy, number of absences) |
| 0 1 2 3 4 5 | Capability of leadership |
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| 0 1 2 3 4 5 | Self-discipline and motivation |
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- _____ / 45 points possible

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Behavioral Contract

These are the expectations for parents of the program. All parents are expected to act appropriately and responsibly. By signing this contract you are agreeing, understanding, and acknowledging each part. Parents must obey the contract and coaches have the ability to deliver consequences if any of the below are not followed. Consequences will be delivered on an individual basis based on the discretion of the coach. Consequences may impact both dance team member and parent.

Practices, games, and school events/ performances are ALL mandatory for the dance team member to attend. Do not make appointments or call your child out of practices, games, or events. Appointments need to be made around dance.

An unexcused absence is NOT acceptable and will result in the dance team member sitting out of the next dance event. This means that the dancer must attend the event, but may not participate.

Attendance to a dance event without proper shoes, clothes, uniform, or hair not put up will be considered absences.

When at dance events, dance team members are required to be with the team. Dancers are not to sit with parents, friends, etc. unless the coach has given permission (ie: during halftime). Parents are not allowed to come out onto the field, sit with the team, or take the dance team member away from the team (unless previously discussed and approved by the coach).

While dancing your child, please respect other spectators and remember to have the upmost respect for coaches, officials, and other spirit teams. You are representing CSH, dance, and your child. No Parent will taunt any member of the opposing team. No dirty looks, chanting, yelling, dancing, or confronting member from the other team (parents, coaches, athletes, or students).

Parents will act respectfully to coaches at all times. Any concerns must be discussed directly with coaches immediately.

Dance team members must behave appropriately while in and out of uniform, along with on social media. Dance Team represents CHS whether in uniform or not. Team members must only use appropriate language in text messages and on social media. All photos that are posted must be appropriate. Any member that does not represent the dance team program/school appropriately may be removed from the squad immediately. Please understand that your child is representing the school when choosing to step into the role of a dance team member.

Dance Team is a team sport. A dance team member's position on the team is not guaranteed. A squad member may be removed from the team at any point in the season by the coach's discretion. A dancer's position on the team may change throughout the season to best fit the team's need. Dance team is not an individual sport. When a dance team member is absent or arrives late, it affects the whole team. When just one person is missing a routine cannot be performed, a stunt cannot go up, or a whole pyramid cannot be done. Every person who is a part of the 2019-2020 CHS Varsity Dance Team will play an important role on the team. It is important that every dance team member be committed to attend practices, games, and events and to arrive on time! It is understandable if an athlete participates in multiple sports and cannot make it to every dance function due to a conflict in sports schedules. If a team member is in multiple sports, the dance team member MUST work with both coaches to create the least amount of conflict as possible. A team member cannot choose one sport over the other. A dancer will NOT be punished due to participating in other school functions, however if the dancer does miss a practice before an event you may not be able to perform during the routine at that event due to it being a safety issue. Every absence MUST be previously approved by the head coach in order for it to be excused (even for school functions). A team member MUST let the coach know ASAP if they do have a conflict with the schedule in order for the coach to excuse it. Telling the coach the day of/ day before a conflict in the schedule will not be accepted. Dance Team members are not to leave events/ practices early, or arrive late. If a dance leader leaves an event/ practice early without it previously being excused, it will be counted as an absence. Arriving on time is extremely important in dance. Stunts/ routines that are not warmed up due to a team member being late will not be performed during dance events. An athlete that is removed from

the team or that quits will be ineligible to tryout for the following season (2020/2021).

Parents MUST refrain from gossip/talk/ and venting about issues regarding dance, dance leaders, coaches, or situations with the program. Coaches are very approachable and are very willing to hear your concerns. Please follow the rules of communication when addressing issues.

I hereby understand that as a parent of CHS Dance Team member, I am here to support my athlete, the coach, and the program as a whole. If I represent the program poorly or break the above contract, the coaches have the right to dismiss myself and my dancer from participation. This is to be a positive experience for the coaches, student athletes, and other parents involved, and I will respect all decisions made by coaches.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____