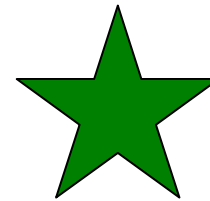




STERLING STARS LINE TRYOUTS  
MAY 9, 2009



**WHAT DO I DO FIRST?**

Fill out the application, attach a picture, make a copy of 5<sup>th</sup> 6-week report card, medical form (**may/may not** require physical), and return to **Ms. Wright's mailbox by Friday, May 1.**

**WHAT IS REQUIRED TO TRYOUT?**

\*You must be at least a freshman

\*You must have chosen Naaman for your first choice on your choice of school form

\*You must turn in the attached medical form.

(A **physical** is only required **if** you check certain areas of the form. Be sure to read the form carefully. If you do require a physical, be sure to have it completed by May 1, when your form is due.)

\*You must turn in a copy of your 5<sup>th</sup> 6-week report card.

\*Attend tryout workshop May 4-May 7, 3:00-4:30, BIG GYM  
May 8, 3:00-4:00, BIG GYM

(Tryout workshop is **not required**, but attendance is encouraged. If you attend, the workshop fee is \$10.00. You may **not** attend workshops if you failed a class the 5<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks, but you may still participate in tryouts on May 9. Mrs. Wright will issue you a tryout number to wear that day.)

Workshop fee is **\$10.00 payable in cash**. Part of this fee is for a tape of all of your tryout music and copies of routine notes, which you will be given during practice.

\*GISD Centralized Varsity Drill Team Tryouts are held on May 9, at Naaman Forest HS. You will arrive at 4:00pm., and your tryouts will be from 4:30-5:30pm.

## **WHAT DO I WEAR?**

### **For Workshop, May 4-May 8:**

dance attire, or any clothes you are comfortable wearing to stretch, dance, and kick. NO GUM!!

### **On Tryout Day:**

- \*any style solid black leotard
- \*Black, lycra or cotton full-length pants (boot-cut)
- \*Black socks
- \*Black jazz shoes (preferred, but not required)  
If you do not have jazz shoes, wear simple white tennis shoes (like Keds)
- \*Hair must be secured in a ponytail without any hair accessories. Bangs longer than your eyebrows must be secured off your face.
- \*Please wear makeup and lipstick. You will want to look alert and energized when you go before the judges.
- \*Cover-ups, jewelry, gum, and nail polish are not permitted on tryout day when you enter the gym to go before the judges.

## **TRYOUT PROCEDURES**

**Parents are not allowed in the building. Please arrange to be dropped off and picked up.**

**You will perform in groups of 3 or 4.**

**First, each group will come out separately and perform the jazz routine and then exit.**

**Then each group will come back out and do right and left splits, the kick routine and then exit. You will be scored on the following areas with these possible points in each area.**

Image & Presence (20)  
Jazz Routine (20)  
Kick Routine (20)  
Overall Technique (20)  
Projection (10)  
Right Splits (10)  
Left Splits (10)

**Total: 110 points possible**

A panel of five professional judges will evaluate you on tryout day. The highest and lowest judges' scores are thrown out. The remaining three scores are totaled. All scores are entered into a computer program that ranks them in order from highest to lowest. A natural break in the scores is determined, and all candidates falling above the natural break will make it.

**Scores will be posted at 7:00pm May 9. (Location will be disclosed on the day of tryouts.)**

## **HOW DO I SEE MY SCORES?**

Bring a self-addressed, stamped letter-sized envelope to practice, **no later than Friday, May 8. Write your tryout number on the back.**

A copy of your scores will be mailed to you the week after tryouts. If you do not turn in an envelope by May 8, your scores will not be available.

## **REQUIREMENTS OF A STERLING STAR:**

Sterling Stars have varsity drill team class 1<sup>st</sup> period on both A and B days. Be sure you will have room in your schedule for both drill team and your required courses. Students earn a PE waiver for enrollment in Varsity Drill Team. The drill team director will inform the counselors of the new members and will arrange for them to be scheduled into the class. Counselors will call students to their offices if they need to see them. Please do not put this class into your schedule before tryouts.

Sterling Stars are expected to maintain passing grades in all courses and exhibit good citizenship, in school and in the community.

Sterling Stars are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the district Varsity Drill Team Constitution, which is given to all new members. (Anyone can see the varsity drill team constitution before tryouts via the GISD website. Go to [www.garlandisd.net](http://www.garlandisd.net), follow the link to Departments and Programs/ Drill Team/Varsity Constitution.)

Summer Camp, Parades, Varsity football games, pep rallies, varsity basketball games, and spring show are mandatory, along with any other guest appearances and performances that are scheduled for you. During the 2008-09 school year, we also performed on national television in the opening number for the Adolphus Christmas Parade in Dallas! We also performed for a Dallas Stars game!

Practices and performances are attended by every member.

Sterling Stars audition for every performance and are expected to meet performance standards in order to perform. Sterling Stars are expected to maintain a high standard of flexibility and technique, and to perform routines with minimal to no memory mistakes.

## **COST:**

Varsity drill team members are required to purchase their own practice attire, warm up, bag, some performance items, and summer camp.

Some pre-owned practice and performance items are available for purchase at “senior sell-backs” which will be held **Tuesday evening, May 12.**

If you don't purchase pre-owned items, you will have to order them brand new.

Orders for all needed brand new items will be placed at a team meeting on **May 13 after school.** There are a few optional items that will also be available for order on that day as well, if you wish to have them. *See last page for estimated cost of ordered items.*

*Other costs:* the booster club helps to raise funds for the budget, which pays for team activities and necessities. Traditionally, booster club opts to have each family pay individual activity fees **instead of** being asked to participate in monthly fundraising.

If that is the method voted upon to fund the booster club budget for 2009-2010, these fees run approx. \$300 per family, and are normally divided up and paid out by a payment plan into the booster club. (This topic will be discussed and voted upon by members at the first booster meeting, May 12.) You will have to join the booster club and pay their membership fee in order to vote.

Sterling Stars are given two opportunities to raise the money to pay for their individual expenses. The money each girl raises for herself is held in an account for her own use. (Individual expenses include but are not limited to: camp, travel, contest fees, pictures, spring show ads, and new orders.)

## **Due dates for payments (all payments must be money order or cash only):**

***Payment 1: May 12 at booster club meeting--\$450.00 (for camp and a deposit for new items ordered)***

***Payment 2: June 29 pre-camp meeting--balance owed to TeamLeader (practice clothes and warm up) Each person's balance will differ based on what she orders***

***Payment 3: Due first day of school, 1<sup>st</sup> period, in drill team class--balance for the rest of your order***

**STERLING STARS APPLICATION (staple your picture to the top right corner)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CLASSIFICATION**      freshman    sophomore    junior

**DANCE/DRILL TEAM EXPERIENCE:**

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A STERLING STAR?**

**ATTACH PHOTO, 5<sup>th</sup> SIX WEEK REPORT CARD, and MEDICAL FORM.**  
**RETURN TO A. WRIGHT'S BOX BY MAY 1.**

**QUESTIONS? 972-675-3091 EXT. 62063 OR email Mrs. Wright:  
acwright@garlandisd.net**

**I have read the tryout packet and permit my child to tryout for Sterling Stars on  
May 9, 2008.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

## SUMMARY

- APRIL 6** INFORMATION MEETING 2:45-3:30 PM—NF STUDIO
- MAY 1** ALL FORMS AND APPLICATIONS DUE
- MAY 4-7** TRYOUT WORKSHOP 3:00-4:30--BIG GYM \$10.00  
(*HOPEFULS ONLY--NO PARENTS ALLOWED, AND NO VIDEO TAPING ALLOWED*)
- MAY 8** TRYOUT WORKSHOP 3:00-4:00—BIG GYM
- MAY 9** TRYOUTS  
*ARRIVE 4:00, TRYOUTS 4:30-5:30*
- MAY 12** BOOSTER CLUB **7:00 PM** AT NFHS (*STARS AND PARENTS*)  
(LOCATION TBA) \$450 DUE
- SENIOR SELL-BACKS **8:00PM** –NF DANCE STUDIO  
Please bring cash. Individuals selling items cannot take personal checks.
- MAY 13** ORDER DAY--SMALL GYM 3:00-5:00 (*STARS ONLY*)
- MAY 18** TEAM MEETING—BIG GYM 2:45-4:00 (*STARS ONLY*)
- MAY 25** POSSIBLE TEAM MEETING--STUDIO 2:45-4:00
- JUNE 29** PRE-CAMP MEETING/BOOSTER CLUB MEETING—  
(Location TBA)  
PRACTICE ATTIRE BALANCE DUE (*STARS AND PARENTS*)
- JULY 6-JULY 9** SUMMER CAMP--RENAISSANCE RICHARDSON HOTEL
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** REPORT TO LOCKER ROOM, DRESSED FOR  
SCHOOL, BALANCE DUE FOR THE REST OF YOUR  
ORDERS

### ESTIMATED COST OF ORDERED ITEMS:

Please note that these are estimates, based on the previous year's prices, and may change minimally. \*\*Some items are traditionally used for 3 years, and will not need to be reordered. Exact pricing will be distributed at the first booster club meeting.

This would be *close* to your first year cost if you were to buy everything brand new. Remember to attend Senior Sell Backs (SSB) to buy these items at used prices. If an item will be available for sale at Senior Sell backs, SSB is noted beside the item. You also may already own some of these items already.

#### Mandatory Items:

Practice clothes        \$350

**5 custom dance tops (ALL are available at SSB.)**

**Black t-back sports bra (SSB)\*\***

**Cotton yoga roll-top pant black (SSB)**

**Yoga Capri, special order (SSB)\*\***

**Cotton boot cut pants, black (SSB)\*\***

**Cotton gaucho pants, black (SSB)**

**Cotton biker shorts black (SSB)\*\***

**Wrap skirt, black (SSB)\*\***

**Tights, matte light toast (SSB)\*\***

**Knee pads, black (SSB)\*\***

**Black slip-on jazz shoe (SSB)\*\***

**Tan slip-on jazz shoe (SSB)\*\***

Team Tshirt            \$25\*\*

Warm up                \$86 (pants, SSB)\*\*

Game-day outfit        \$75 (pants, SSB)\*\*

Performance Boots     \$60\*\*

Performance Hat       \$70\*\*

Team Tote Bag         \$35\*\*

Team Lipstick         \$10 (You will buy a specific brand/color on your own so that you may shop for the best price.)

Summer Camp            \$315

Prop Fee                \$50

#### Optional:

Letter jacket (optional)        \$117\*\*

Drill Team sweatshirt (optional)    \$35 (SSB)\*\*

Team garment bag (optional)    \$20 (SSB)\*\*

Hat storage box (optional)       \$22 (SSB)\*\*

Boot Kote (boot cleaner-optional)    \$17.00\*\*

Practice Hat (optional)         \$40 (SSB)\*\*

Practice Boots (optional)         \$30 (SSB)\*\*