

VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



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2026-2027 AUDITION INFORMATION

The Veterans Memorial High School Starline & Silver Stars are Varsity and Junior Varsity competitive dance teams that strive to be ambassadors on the VMHS campus and Corpus Christi Community. It is with hard work, perseverance, leadership, and passion that this year-round sport continues to thrive. Success does not happen without discipline. These two teams work very hard in order to accomplish their goals. If you are a dancer and a hard worker, then we would love to have you join our team and family!

**THE STARLINE IS UNDER THE
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**THE SILVER STARS IS UNDER THE
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QUALIFICATIONS:

To be eligible for auditions, a candidate must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Present written proof of parent approval as well as written parental approval and acceptance of financial responsibility (Google Form).
 2. May not have any holds due to money, books, or products borrowed from VMHS or any Corpus Christi ISD organization prior to auditions.
 3. Return a completed application for membership by **February 27th** (Google Form).
 4. Must attend an orientation meeting accompanied by a parent/legal guardian **in February**.
 5. Encouraged to have an overall average of 70 from the previous semester in each non-weighted class (per UIL Eligibility).
 6. Must submit a copy of attendance records and most recent report card (2nd six-weeks).
 7. Must attend all summer camps designated by the director. NO EXCEPTIONS!
 8. Both parent and candidate must sign a form indicating that they have read and agree to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations set forth in the Starline Constitution and all rules and regulations set forth in the CCISD Drill Team handbook (Google Form).
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ESTIMATED FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

For a new Starline team member, the estimated financial responsibility is *approximately* **\$2,950**. For a new Silver Star member, the estimated financial responsibility is *approximately* **\$1,080**. This includes team bags, practice wear, performance wear, team wear, dance shoes, UNIFORM, etc.

Items that team members must buy on their own: (not all are listed)

- o Hair accessories
- o Big/little gifts - Varsity only
- o Some performance attire
- o Some practice attire

Every effort is made to keep costs down. Donations and participation for our Fall/Spring fundraisers can help offset expenses. Please be prepared for additional expenses to arise during the school year.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

All payments must be made by CHECK, MONEY ORDER, or TEAM SQUARE. Please make checks out to Starline Booster Club). Payment timeline will be announced at the new team meeting **in January TBD**.

Bring a check to the day of auditions (March 5) to make your first payment of \$200.00. If a payment is not made on March 5 after auditions results have been posted, your child's placement on the team may be in jeopardy.

You must pay off your balance before the ***last day of school***. If you still have a balance during camp, your dancer will not receive their order. No refunds will be given under any circumstances!!

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARENTS TO KNOW

- ✓ Parent involvement is appreciated and encouraged.
- ✓ All practices are closed. Parents will be invited for occasional show-offs and team socials.
- ✓ Performing is a privilege, not a right. Dancers will audition for every performance.
- ✓ We strive for excellence!
- ✓ If you have a specific concern regarding your daughter or another matter, please email Mrs. Ramart or Ms. Melrose.
- ✓ Dancers are required by school policy to travel with the team to and from school events, unless a travel form is approved and signed by their principal for varying circumstances.
- ✓ Dancers must attend EVERY practice unless a fever is present. If your student is absent due to illness, a parent/guardian must email the director and provide a doctor's note to excuse the absence.
- ✓ PARENTS – As the Director, I cannot break the rules for some and not for others; I must stay **consistent**. I am always willing to work with specific situations; however, I can only bend so far and still be consistent with team rules.
- ✓ Please read the CCISD Drill Team Guidelines. **ALL MEMBERS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INFRACTIONS OF THOSE RULES ONCE THEY MAKE THE TEAM AFTER AUDITIONS IN MARCH.**

Important Dates

November 10 or 17	Mandatory parent/candidate orientation meeting @ 6:00 PM in VMHS cafeteria.
February 27	All paperwork must be turned in to Mrs. Ramart by 4:30 PM in to participate in the audition clinic. No exceptions!!
March 2-4	Clinic 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM in VMHS cafeteria.
March 5	Dance/ Drill Team Auditions begin at 5:00 PM. Results will be posted to BAND ONLY following the last audition group. Offer emails will be sent. Your first payment of \$200.00 or

\$400.00 is due following the results.

March 6 MANDATORY JV Sizing Meeting (\$200 deposit due)

April 17-18 Starline Spring Show - "Happiness Is..."

Late June/early July Dance Summer Practice at VMHS // Team Line Camp

Late July/ Early August Starline Summer Training Camp 8:00AM-5:00PM

**KEEP LATE JULY/ALL OF AUGUST OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND REHEARSALS,
INCLUDING WEEKENDS.**

OTHER DATES AND EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Starline & Silver Star rookies will have practice weekly. Exact day/time is TBD

DEAR STARLINE/ SILVER STAR CANDIDATE'S PARENTS,

We are so excited that your student is interested in becoming a member of the Starline Dance Team or Silver Stars Drill Team! It is an amazing experience that will teach each team member proper etiquette, dance technique, time management, responsibility, and many other important life lessons. We suggest that you read through these yourself and with your student in order to know what to expect at auditions and potentially what to expect as a team member, if selected. It is important that both you and your student have a good understanding of what will be expected if selected as a team member **BEFORE** auditions. There will be an audition clinic the week of auditions that candidates will be required to attend. Below you will see more information on the clinic/audition schedules and requirements.

AUDITION CLINIC AND DAY OF AUDITIONS

CLINIC:

- ❖ Each candidate must attend a 3 day clinic held at Veterans Memorial High School.
- ❖ The clinic will be held **March 2-4 from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM** (Mock auditions on the 3rd starting at 4:30PM) **AUDITIONS WILL START AT 5:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH.**
- ❖ Attire: Each candidate must wear form fitting black dance attire during the clinic. Their hair must be pulled back in a ponytail, bangs out of their face, and NO jewelry may be worn.
- ❖ Each candidate will *review* dance technique and learn a jazz/kick routine.
- ❖ The audition clinic and day of the auditions are **closed to the public.**

AUDITIONS:

- ❖ Attire: **All black, form-fitting dancewear with black or tan jazz shoes must be worn during the audition.** The candidate's hair must be pulled back in a bun or ponytail and NO jewelry may be worn. NO TATTOOS OR PIERCINGS!!
- ❖ Each candidate will receive a number that will be pinned to the front of his/her top and will perform the audition routine in a small group. The audition number is to ensure anonymity.
- ❖ All candidates are subject to recalls at the end of auditions. This is not a reflection on his/her performance, but is used to help the judges properly rate each candidate.
- ❖ **Auditions are closed to all spectators.**
- ❖ Three independent judges will judge auditions.
- ❖ Results will be posted after auditions by the candidates audition number.

AUDITION CLINIC SCHEDULE

At the end of each clinic day, a list of audition numbers might be posted on the auditorium door to invite dancers back to the next day of the clinic. If your number is not posted, you will not return the following day.

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

4:00-4:30 Check in
4:30-5:00 Welcome and stretch
5:00-5:30 Technique
5:30-7:25 Learn tryout routine
7:25-7:30 Announcements

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

4:00-4:30 Check in
4:30-5:00 Welcome and stretch
5:00-5:30 Technique
5:30-7:25 Continue working on tryout routine
7:25-7:30 Announcements

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

4:00-4:30 Check in
4:30-5:00 Welcome and stretch
5:00-7:25 Mock Auditions
7:25-7:30 Announcements

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

4:30-5:00 Arrive, finish getting ready, and stretch
5:00 Auditions begin

SINCERELY,
JADE RAMART & LYNDSAY MELROSE
STARLINE DIRECTOR/ SILVER STARS DIRECTOR



Year at a Glance

- FALL Semester -

- Team and Leadership Camp in June
- Work Days in August
- Morning practice every day of the week
- Attend all Varsity Football Games
- Perform in school pep rallies/assemblies
- Dance Dept. Fall Showcase
- Participate in Various Fundraisers
- Participate in Community Service Events
- Participate in team parties and soirees

- SPRING Semester -

- Morning practice every day of the week
- Possible Saturday Practices Prior to Contest
- Team Competes at 2-3 contests with 4 routines and 4 officer routines
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FOOTBALL SEASON

- Eligible Starline dancers will audition for each field routine to determine placement.
- Please make sure to thoroughly look through and understand our practice and performance procedures & guidelines, as these rules are strictly followed.

CONTEST SEASON

- Starline is a competitive team, gaining membership on Starline does not ensure a spot on the competition floor. Spots are earned through a try-out process during contest season.
- If a team skill is not mastered by try-outs, they will be subject to not making competition routines.

PARTIES & SOIREES

- Our booster club and social officers work hard to provide the team with fun experiences. Team bonding and unity is an integral part of the success of our program, therefore all planned parties & soirees are mandatory, except during an extenuating circumstance.

TEAM EXPECTATIONS

- Starline is more than the sparkly outfits. Most days are filled with long hours where you are expected to give 100% to your teammates and directors. In order to achieve excellence, you must provide excellence.
- Being on a Varsity team means having to take more responsibility. Dancers are expected to communicate directly with the directors if they are absent or have any questions. We encourage our students to vocalize any questions or concerns with the directors.
- We support our dancers outside of dance endeavors and try to accommodate conflicts if we can. However, be aware that not all conflicts will be accommodated and dancers are expected to hold Starline as a priority.



MAKING THE TEAM – SILVER STARS

FOOTBALL SEASON

- All eligible Silver Stars will perform in every home Junior Varsity Blue football game, as well as the Homecoming and Kids Clinic Varsity Football Game
- All eligible Silver Stars will perform in 2 pep rallies.
- Please make sure to thoroughly look through and understand our practice and performance procedures & guidelines, as these rules are strictly followed.

CONTEST SEASON

- In the fall, each dancer will try out for contest routines. If a dancer is not up to the Silver Stars team standard during this time, they are not guaranteed a spot on the competition floor.

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TEAM EXPECTATIONS

- If a dancer chooses to be a Silver Star, he/she must put the team and their teammates first. We support our dancers' outside of dance endeavors and try to accommodate conflicts if we can. However, be aware that not all conflicts will be accommodated, and expect our dancers to hold Silver Stars as a priority.