# MHS Dance Team Tryouts

## Spinnakers – Varsity

## Mariners - JV

| **Mandatory meeting** | **Optional clinic** | **Mandatory clinic** | **Tryouts** |
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| Wednesday, February 7th | Tuesday, February 27th | Wednesday, March 13th | Thursday, March 14th |
| 5:30pm | 3:00 - 4:30 | 3:15pm - 5:30pm | 3:30pm |
| MHS Library | MHS Commons | MHS Gym | MHS Gym |

We are very excited that you have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the MHS Spinnakers and/or Mariners dance teams for the 2024-2025 school year. Spinnakers is a varsity team composed of MHS students in grades 9-12. Mariners is a junior varsity team composed of students in grades 9-10. If you are selected for either team, there are certain personal and financial responsibilities and obligations which you and your parents must assume in order to qualify as a member in good standing. Please read this information carefully with your parents before you decide to try out. In order to try out, both parent/guardian and dancer must be present at a **mandatory informational meeting** on **Wednesday, February 7th at 5:30pm** in the MHS Library. Membership is a ***yearlong*** commitment and begins this spring with a **mandatory parent meeting and fitting** for both teams on **Tuesday, March 19th**.

| Spinnakers important dates | Mariners important dates |
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| • **Thursday, March 14th in the evening**<br>  ○ New team celebration<br>• **Tuesday, March 19th at 5:15pm**<br>  ○ Mandatory parent and dancer meeting/fitting<br>• **Tuesday, March 19th – Tuesday, March 26th**<br>  ○ Officer tryouts with first team practice<br>  ○ Monday & Tuesday practices begin<br>• **Wednesday, June 5th – Saturday, June 8th**<br>  ○ UDA Masters Camp in New Orleans<br>• **Monday, June 10th - Friday, June 14th**<br>  ○ Mandatory fundraiser Kiddie Kamp at MHS<br>• **Monday, July 22nd – Wednesday, July 31st**<br>  ○ Choreo week for competition & field routines (attendance varies based upon participation) | • **Friday, March 22nd at 5:30**<br>  ○ New team celebration<br>• **Tuesday, March 19th at 4:00pm**<br>  ○ Mandatory parent and dancer meeting/fitting<br>• **Tuesday, March 19th**<br>  ○ Officer tryouts with first team practice<br>  ○ Monday & Tuesday/Thursday practices begin<br>• **Wednesday, June 5th – Saturday, June 8th**<br>  ○ UDA Masters Camp in New Orleans<br>• **Monday, June 10th - Friday, June 14th**<br>  ○ Mandatory fundraiser Kiddie Kamp at MHS<br>• **Monday, July 22nd – Wednesday, July 31st**<br>  ○ Choreo week for competition & field routines (attendance varies based upon participation) |

Teams will begin practicing in the **spring on Mondays (both), Tuesdays (Spinnakers), and Thursdays (Mariners)** to prepare for UDA camp. **Additional practices may be scheduled to prepare for UDA camp. UDA camp is MANDATORY** for both teams. Please see the dates listed above. **If you cannot attend UDA camp, please do not try out. You will be dismissed from the team.** There

will also be a fundraiser camp that both teams must attend at MHS. If you cannot attend, you will receive demerits.

Starting in August, practices for both teams will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:40pm – 4:30pm. Practice will go until 5:00 in January to prepare for competition. Off-campus technique practices for both teams will be held at local studios, and payments will be made directly to the host.

**Weekend practices will be scheduled as needed to prepare as competition season approaches.** Weekly ballet class is strongly encouraged for all dancers. This class may be taken at the dance studio of their choice. Although students are encouraged to be active within the MHS community, dancers will not be able to participate in any sport or extracurricular with a conflicting time schedule.

| Spinnakers performances | Mariners performances |
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| ● **UDA Masters Camp in New Orleans**<br>○ June 5th – June 8th<br>● **Kiddie Kamp**<br>○ June 10th – June 14th<br>● **All varsity football games**<br>○ Friday nights (August-November)<br>● **Pep rallies (approx. 3)**<br>○ During the school day (Fall 2024)<br>● **DTU Regional Competition**<br>○ January 2025<br>● **UDA regional and national competitions**<br>○ November 2024/January-February 2025<br>● **2-3 basketball game performances**<br>○ December 2024/ January 2025 | ● **UDA Masters Camp in New Orleans**<br>○ June 5th – June 8th<br>● **Kiddie Kamp**<br>○ June 10th – June 14th<br>● **All home JV football games (approx. 3)**<br>○ Wednesday nights (September-October)<br>● **Stand routine performances with Spinnakers**<br>○ Two varsity football games (including Homecoming & 8th grade night) Friday nights fall 2024<br>● **Pep rallies (approx. 3)**<br>○ During the school day (Fall 2024)<br>○ Perform sidelines routines for all pep rallies & full routine at Homecoming pep rally<br>● **2 basketball game performances**<br>○ December 2024/January 2025<br>● **UDA & DTU regional competitions**<br>○ January 2025<br>● **UDA national competition (every other year)**<br>○ February 2025 |

**Candidate Requirements:**

- Candidates must have a clean discipline record and a 2.0 grade point average with no semester failing grades.
- All candidates trying out must presently be a student of MHS, or an incoming ninth grader from any MHS feeder school, except for those transferring from other schools. Transferring students need documentation confirming proof of residency within MHS's district.
- If selected to be a Spinnaker or Mariner, the student MUST have a **physical signed by a doctor** before the team leaves for camp in the summer.
- A candidate **must not owe** any fines or fees to **Mandeville High School**, **the Spinnakers**, **the Mariners,** or to any club, team or other organization at MHS or their own school.
- Each candidate will receive a copy of the **MHS Spinnakers & Mariners Constitution** (rules) which must be signed by the student and parent/guardian before tryouts. Constitutions will be

distributed at the parent/dancer pre-tryout meeting. Dance team members are expected to meet high standards of conduct and academics.

**Candidates must attend all days of the tryout clinic, submit all paperwork on time, and pay the tryout fee of $25 to be eligible for tryouts.**

**Tryout apparel:**

**Plain** black leotard, black skirt, shorts, hot shorts or skirt, jazz shoes, hair in bun off of face and performance makeup on day of try-outs. Flesh colored tights are optional.
***No jewelry, tennis shoes, black soled shoes, hair down or bright colored sports bras****

**Tryout evaluations include:**

**Turns –** chaînes, piques, attitude, double & triple pirouettes, à la secondes (leg second), Coupé
**Jumps/leaps** – jeté, second leap, calypso, toe touch, turning disc
**Misc**. – straight, fan & pitch kicks, splits

*Please note: these skills are not mandatory to make the teams; however, each team will perform routines including these throughout the year.

**Tryout process:**

Judges are independently hired professionals who will evaluate participants and record their scores. These scores will be added to teacher recommendation scores to calculate total points. If a dancer has less than 7 teacher recommendations, 0s will be added in place of the missing recommendations to calculate the score. Candidates may have more than 7 recommendations.

Candidates will be identified by a number given out at the clinic. Judges will score candidates anonymously by their audition number. The top 70% of each team will consist solely of judges' scores. The remaining 30% of each team will be selected based upon judges' scores and how the dancers fit in with the abilities of the top 70%.

Candidates will be scored on game day, jazz, pom and hip-hop technique, as well as leaps, turns, and kicks. Call backs will be utilized as needed. Both teams will have welcome parties. Members are expected to attend, and parents are invited to join!

***Dance team tryout clinic and tryouts are closed to all spectators.***
***Parents and spectators must remain outside until tryouts are concluded.***

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

The ***estimated*** financial obligation to be a member of the Spinnakers team is **$2,500.00***. The ***estimated*** financial obligation to be a member of the Mariners team is **$2,000.00***. This amount covers the cost of all uniforms, camp, and accessories but ***does not*** **include regional & national competition fees due in December.** Competition is optional for Spinnakers and for Mariners**. Estimated cost for state & national competition will be approximately $2,500.00* per girl;** however, there will be ample opportunity to fundraise throughout the year. Participation in competition season is **not mandatory** for either team.

**Fees will be due on the following dates:**

- **March 20, 2024**
  - Full Varsity balance & Buzy Bodies deposit
- **April 15, 2024**
  - UDA Camp fees
- **May 15, 2024**
  - Buzy Bodies balance

**These prices are subject to change and may not include shipping and/or tax.*
***Spinnakers and Mariners may pay the full balance in advance if preferred.*

Please return the information below to the MHS school office by **Thursday, March 7th by 3:00pm.** We look forward to seeing you at tryouts! If you have any questions, please email Allie Munster at allison.munster@stpsb.org.

**Tryout packet checklist:**

_____ Dance team application

_____ Insurance form (back of dance team application)

_____ Copy of first semester (2023-2024) report card

_____ Clearance slip from MHS office (or current school office showing no fees owed)

_____ Registration fee of $25 (cash or check – Make all checks payable to Spinnaker Booster Club.)

_____ Signed constitution contract page (distributed at meeting on Wednesday, February 7th)

_____ Seven teacher recommendations & coach for veteran members in sealed envelopes with teachers' signatures across the seals. Teachers may send these directly to Ms. Allie Munster.

SPINNAKERS

# 2024 – 2025 MHS dance team application

**Due to the MHS Student Services office Thursday, March 7, 2024. No exceptions.**

**NAME** _____

**MOTHER'S NAME**_____**FATHER'S NAME**_____

**ADDRESS**_____

**CITY**_____**STATE**_____ **ZIP**_____

**EMAIL**(parent)_____ **EMAIL**(applicant)_____

**MOTHER CELL**_____ **FATHER CELL**_____

**STUDENT CELL**_____ **STUDENT AGE**_____**DOB**_____

**CURRENT SCHOOL**_____**GRADE NEXT YEAR**_____

**CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL CUMULATIVE GPA (if applicable):** _____

**Previous dance or dance team experience:**_____

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## Please check only one below:

**I wish to try out for: _____Only Spinnakers _____Only Mariners* _____Both teams***

***Note: Only incoming 9th and 10th graders are eligible to make either team. Incoming 11th and 12th grade students are only eligible to make Spinnakers.**

_____ has my permission to try out for the Mandeville High School Spinnakers and/or Mariners dance teams. I have read the list of requirements, reviewed the dates and financial obligations. I agree to all conditions, and should my child be selected, I will support the group in all of its activities. I release the school and sponsors from any liability in case of injury.

SIGNATURE_____
(PARENT/GUARDIAN)

SIGNATURE_____
(CANDIDATE)

# Please fill out the health insurance information completely or attach a copy of the card.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER/COMPANY:_____

COMPANY POLICY NUMBER:_____

Does your child have a medical condition? _____

If yes, please state the condition & explain if necessary: _____
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Doctor's Name_____

Doctor's Phone Number_____

Emergency Contact:

Name_____Relation_____

Hm Number _____Wk Number_____

If the applicant is not currently covered by a health insurance organization, please read and sign:

I agree to purchase school or other health insurances for _____ if s/he should make the 2024-2025 Mandeville High Spinnakers or Mariners dance teams.

Parent or Guardian Signature_____ Date_____

# MHS Spinnakers and Mariners Dance Teams Teacher Recommendations

**Please return to student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal or send via courier by Thursday, March 7, 2024.**
**MHS teachers may place recommendation forms in Ms. Allie Munster's mailbox.**

Candidate Name_____

*Please rate the student in the following categories using the scale below. Feel free to make any additional comments on the bottom of this sheet. Thank you for all that you do!*

**0 = Does not possess or exemplify this trait**
**1 = Needs improvement**
**3 = Average**
**5 = Excellent (Would you like to work closely with this student on a daily basis?)**

***Please only use these numbers when rating students. Do not use any in between.***

1. Leadership _____
2. Responsibility _____
3. Honesty & integrity _____
4. Cooperative attitude & behavior _____
5. Respect for authority & rules _____
6. Attendance/punctuality _____
7. Work ethic _____
8. Perseverance & dedication _____

**TOTAL SCORE** **@ 40 points** _____

***Please be sure to only use the scale listed above.***

**Additional comments:** _____

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TEACHER NAME (please print) _____

TEACHER SIGNATURE _____