

# Silverados



**The purpose of the Silverados Drill Team is to encourage**

- Quality Performance
- High Academic Standards
  - Loyal School Spirit
  - High Personal Values

**Through the development of**

- Dance Technique
  - Leadership
  - Cooperation
  - Self-discipline
- Sportsmanship

## **Football Schedule 2020**

August 28<sup>th</sup> @ Hebron 7:00pm

September 4<sup>th</sup> Home vs. Ryan 7:00pm  
\*Pep Rally

September 11<sup>th</sup> @ Mansfield Lake Ridge 7:00pm

September 17<sup>th</sup> @ Atasosita 7:00pm –SILVOS NOT ATTENDING

September 24<sup>th</sup> HOMECOMING vs. McKinney 7:00pm  
\*Pep Rally

October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Prosper 7:00pm

October 9<sup>th</sup> Home vs. Braswell 7:00pm  
\*Pep Rally

\*Jr. Clinic pre-game performance (TBD)

October 16<sup>th</sup> @ Allen 7:00pm

October 23<sup>rd</sup> SENIOR NIGHT! vs. McKinney Boyd 7:00pm  
\*Pep Rally

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> @ Little Elm 7:00pm

November 6<sup>th</sup> OPEN



## Silverado Seasons



Silverados have several traditional fundraisers and social events throughout the year, but its central focus is on our “Silvo Seasons” of rehearsals and performances.

### **Football Season**

The biggest, most time-demanding season on Silverados is Football Season, the “non-silvo world” associates Silverados with Football season because we perform at halftime and pep rallies. Silverados was originally created for this purpose. The routines for these events are learned the summer before school starts. Football season runs from September through November. If Guyer makes the playoffs, you will be spending Thanksgiving weekend watching Guyer football along with all the college games.

### **Parent Involvement**

- Parents are encouraged to attend as many pep rallies and games as possible.
- Some parents tail gate before the games! (Great way to bond with other Silverado parents)
- Home games we need spirit table volunteers to sale spirit items.
- Go have lunch together before pep rallies

## **Tickets**

- Football tickets are sold in the front office of the school Monday- Thursday until they are sold out
- Season tickets can be purchased at CH Collins

**Parents: During the games please refrain from talking to your daughters or bringing food. (Urgent messages are the only exception.)** At all games- the girls are to ride the bus with the team unless it is an emergency and they get special permission from the Director to ride back with their families.

## **Pep Rallies**

- Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Pep Rallies start around 1:15pm
- Arrive early to find parking and seating- both are limited. Avoid parking in teacher parking.
- Sit on the side designated for parents.
- Please make pictures and visiting time after the pep rally quick, the girls must get back to class.
- Auditions for pep rallies are on the same day as the football routine auditions or the Thurs/Friday before the week of the pep rally.
- If we make the play offs we will be prepared to have other pep rallies.

## **Contest Season (Every other year)**

- Competitions are held in February-March and the team starts preparing right after football season, or before. Silverados usually compete in two contests. (Companies vary)
- Prior to contest we will use some Saturdays for practice/dress rehearsal.

- We have a show off the night before our first contest. We will showcase all routines and we charge \$5 to the public.
- Dance teams from all over the state participate in these competitions. In some cases they compete directly with other teams; in others, they are judged against a point standard and must achieve a certain level of performance in technique, choreography, and creativity in order to receive awards. Competition normally includes 3 team routines, 3 officer routines, optional ensembles, trios, duets, and solos. Different categories include pom, jazz, modern, lyrical, high kick, hip hop, military, novelty, prop and open.

***Director's Philosophy:***  
***We do not compete against other teams.***  
***We strive to be the best we can be!***

### **Silverado Trip (Every other year)**

- The Silverados have the opportunity to travel in the U.S. and even out of the country. The Silverados will either perform, or take classes (sometimes both).
- The goal every year is to have the entire team on the trip! We need chaperons too!
- Trip dates are either at the beginning of spring break or the end. (We are allowed to have 2 excused absences from school).
- Fundraising for our trip will start in the fall.

### **Silverado Showcase**

- This is our annual spring show that is held at Guyer High School in the auditorium. This event enables the girls to demonstrate their wide range of dance skills that go

beyond high kicks! The show is coordinated, choreographed and presented by the Silverados, guest choreographers and the Directors.

- A special theme is selected every year and the dance numbers are centered on that theme.
- Rehearsals begin after contest/trip season and sometime overlap. The closer to show the more intense the rehearsal time will be.
- There are two performances open to the public on Thursday and Friday night. The show is typically at the beginning of May. A full dress rehearsal is done Wednesday evening.
- Parent participation is critical VP of Spring Show will chair committees to handle:
  - Lobby decoration
  - Flower arrangement/sales
  - Ticket sales
  - Back stage assistance
  - DVD/T-shirt/Program sales

### **Summer/Camp Season**

- Over the summer each Silverado is required to attain 10 hours of technique. This can be done in local studios, conventions, or at colleges that offer mini dance camps ex: Apache Belle Pow Wow or Rangerette mini camp. Styles accepted: Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Drill Team, Leaps and turns classes, strength and stretching. (Hip hop does not count towards technique hours, but count as merits)

### **Officer camp**

- Usually takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. The week/weekend school is out.

- Officers are evaluated each night on a routine that they learn that day. They also have a choreography project, skit assignment, and will be asked questions about material covered in the evaluations. It is jam packed 3 days, full of great leadership learning! Parents are invited to the final evaluations on the last day.

### **Team Camp**

- Crowdpleasers dance company comes for Home camp usually the end of July or early August. The girls learn about 7 routines.
- All the routines that are learned during this time are performed during football season- halftime/pep rallies. Some of these routines end up being used for other performance opportunities such as basketball games, or even spring show.
- Notes and music will be placed on the website for Silvos to look at for practice. They are responsible to practice routines before they audition.
- Do not plan any family vacations the end of July and the month of August- the girls will report to practice at the beginning of the end of July.
- Following home camp we will have evening practice starting at 4pm-6pm, and the following weeks and when school starts 4pm-6pm.
- Uniforms are issued when we return for practice in August.

# **FOOTBALL SEASON PROCEDURES AND POINTERS**

- Information sheets are passed out the day before a game/performance. These sheets tell the girls exactly what to wear, and what to pack.

## **Game Day Schedule**

### **Mornings**

- 7:15am - Squad lines (you will arrive with everything for the game that night- it's a lot)
- 7:25am -Head to Gym or parking lot beside the school- run through as many times as needed. Directors give critiques
- 8:00am -Head to football field behind the school and practice with band music. Usually the first time we hear how it is played, might run through more than once for tempo check. (Sometimes we run to make it in a timely manner)
- 8:30am -Get ready for school
- 8:50am -In class NOT LATE!
- 12:20pm -Silvos are dismissed to change, stretch, and prep for pep rally

### **After School**

- 4:10 -Out for another review on the field behind the school or parking lot.
- 4:30 -Booster club provides dinner and girls will get dressed and ready for the game
- 5:15 -Squad lines/inspection- no jewelry, no underwear, no finger nail polish, and bag check
- 5:30 -Load bus and depart for football game

- **Times are subject to change due to distance of stadium**

### **During the Game**

- You are expected to cheer with the cheerleaders even when you don't feel like it
- You are expected to dance in the stand to band songs even when you don't feel like it
- Never "boo." Be a good sport! Don't be too quick to say "We're Number 1" (until district)
- NEVER loosen your hat to where your string is not touching your chin
- Always follow officers. If they sit, you sit. If they stand, you stand. If they put on their jacket, you put on your jacket, etc. Keep your eyes glued and follow suit.
- Restroom breaks must be taken right before the game and on the way to stretch before halftime performance (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter). No one is allowed to leave the stands during the game to go to the restroom except in emergencies OK'd by directors.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is a break for Silverados to visit with friends and family. This is a great time to take pictures. They must be back in the stands when the clock says 2min in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Anyone returning after receives a demerit.
- NO CELL PHONES! May only use during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### **Halftime**

- Leave your belongings in the stands "picture perfect"
- Exit as a group following your officers
- Stretch where your directors direct you to stretch- this is a time where you must focus on stretching, not a time to goof off. Spectators can see you!

- When taking the field on the other teams side- rarely do you get a heckler, but, if you do, ignore all comments and possible flying objects. (be sure to report any incidents to the directors)
- NO TALKING while waiting to go on to the field
  - A proud disciplined group will not talk for fear of someone from their school would see the lack of discipline
  - An average group will talk quietly and hope the directors/officers don't see
  - A below average group will not think of any of this. They don't think period! Which are you??
- We perform after the band, we will enter the field while band sets to play for you
- If possible, attempt to watch and applaud the other dance team; then completely exit to the stands
- Regroup, line up in football squad lines and take your seats
- Do not talk to friends while returning to your seat

### **Meeting the Other Team**

- Visiting officers will come 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Be quite, polite and pay attention to the guests
- Clap cheer is done after announcement of names and if possible, make a genuine compliment regarding their performance
- "Silvo of the week" and "Spirit girl of the week" will travel to opponent's side with officers/reps
- Seniors veterans will alternate on leading stand routines while officers/reps are visiting the other team

### **After the Games**

- Silverados are bused to the school

- Please pick up your silvo in a timely manner after the game
- Silvos make sure the locker room is clean as well as the dance room before you leave
- Do not leave your uniform stuck in a bag- let it air out, and wash the body leotard in cold on gentle and air dry.
- Do not wash any other uniform item!

### **Cold Weather Tips**

- Some sis gift items are home made blankets (school colors) and gloves
- For more layers double up on tights
- Up top under the sleeves you can wear a shrug or some sort of under armor that is not going to show- black is best
- Double up on white socks- hot hands for hands and for feet
- Do not have your parents bring you hot chocolate in the stands; it's unfair to the rest of the team

### **Pop Quiz**

1. Is it ok for your parents or friends to bring you food in the stands during a game?
2. How do you leave your belongings in the stands when you go to perform?
3. What should never be loose and always touching your chin?

# Other Activities and Traditions

## **Circle**

This is a special time when the girls gather together to exchange compliments and encouragement. Every day after practice there is “circle” time where announcements are made, and if there is time compliments are given.

## **Big Sis Lil Sis gift exchanges**

During football games the team reps will pick out certain games to do small gift exchanges for lil sis/big sis to exchange with one another. It is important that you participate so that no gets left out. If you have an issue trying to get something please let your directors know so they can help.

## **Wildcat Night**

This is an event that takes place usually on the first day of school. This is the first time the new girls will be out in public in the Silverado uniform. They announce all the football teams, cheerleaders, trainers, and of course the Silverados! Silvos make spirit lines, and perform ripples. (This night is usually really hot, it is important that they drink lots of water and eat.)

## **Senior Night**

Seniors are provided a different dinner by the booster club the day of the last home game. They are also present during pre game with parents. Senior moms are invited to perform in a special pep rally.

## **Team Parties**

Over the summer the team reps host a team party. They also plan other events throughout the year. They will do their best to let the team know ahead of time.

### **Christmas Party/Secret Santa**

Every year a Silverado parent opens their home for the team for the Christmas. The Silvos sign up for treats, and sometimes the booster club provides a main dish. The girls draw names for secret Santa and we play a game to find out whom they have.

### **Boo Buddies/Love bugs**

Team reps will plan times during holidays to draw names and give little gifts through out a period of time and reveal on a certain day.

### **Show Boards**

Silvos will decorate a board in the shape of something to coordinate with our theme. They can put pictures, quotes, and embellishments all over the board. The booster club provides the boards.

### **Banquet**

At the end of the year the booster club hosts an end of year celebration for the Silverados. Special awards are given to the girls, and current officers pass down titles to the new officers for the following year.

- Senior letters- each girl writes a letter to each senior member on the team and to the directors. These are given to the senior girls at banquet

### **Birthday wrap skirt**

When a silvo has birthday she can wear the pink birthday girl wrap. Silvos sing happy birthday.

### **Silvo Spirit Chant**

A designated silvo starts the “what team” chant- girls respond “Wildcats” ends with “get your head in the game”. When this girl graduates she will pass the job down to another silvo.

## **FUNDING AND FUND RAISING**

### **The School District Provides:**

- Field uniforms for each girl
- Buses to all football games
- A supplies budget/Judges

### **The Silverado Booster Club Provides:**

- Costume budget
- Dinner for game days/late show practices
- Choreography budget
- Supplies and equipment
- Publicity, decorations for fund raisers/events
- Props/ other items needed for dance routines
- Camp/contest bus
- Contest Team/Officer fees
- Travel (partial towards trip years)
- Team, Senior, Awards, board, etc. gifts
- Show T-shirts
- Composite board

## **Fund Raisers**

### **Fast Pass/Registration**

This is a Silverado Booster Club fundraiser. Parents sign up to work our spirit table. We sell things like car decals, t-shirts, caps, etc. Sign up genius is used to sign up for shifts. This is sent out via email.

### **Silverado Jr. Clinic**

This is a Silverado Booster Club fundraiser. Usually a member of the booster club chairs this event. This clinic is either held in the fall or the spring depending on gym availability.

Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to come learn a dance that is performed either at a football pre game or the Silverado Spring Showcase.

### **UNT Concessions**

This is a Silverado Booster Club fundraiser. When it is a non-traveling year we will do about 3 team UNT concession dates. We use a system called sign up genius to sign up for shifts. It is mandatory for all Silverados to complete a UNT concession shift. On a travel year, more dates are open for girls to fundraise for the trip.

### **Contest Show offs**

This is an activity booster club fundraiser. Silvos will perform all contest routines one night before contest. This is a great practice run for the real deal. The cost is \$5.

### **Tryout Prep Classes**

This is a booster club fundraiser. These classes are offered as early as Oct. for girls that are interested in Silvos. Girls that are interested in trying out for officer help lead the classes in order

to prep for being a leader of the team. Girls that attend these classes get merits for attending. The cost of these clinics is \$10.

### **Ad Sales**

This is a Silverado booster club fundraiser. Ad sales can start as early as August, but details will go out as soon as the booster club decides to start. Ad sales are the biggest fundraiser that the Silverado organization participates in. Girls are required to sell a certain amount that the booster club sets. A special booster club meeting will be mandatory for girls and parents to attend for all information.

### **Spring Show**

This is a Silverado booster club fundraiser. The girls sell tickets before the show for \$5. Each girl is required to sell 10 tickets. Booster club sells DVD's, concessions, flowers, programs, and T-shirts.

### **New Team Fundraiser**

This is a Silverado booster club account fundraiser. These fundraisers are for the girls to earn money towards Silverado fees. This fundraiser has been Popcorn for many years, but as changed throughout the years.

- **Anytime you turn in money to the directors please make sure it is enclosed in an envelope with your name and what it is for on the outside.**

### **Pop Quiz**

1. Who provided the original uniforms for the Silverados?
2. Who pays for Silverado costumes?
3. What is the biggest fundraiser for the Silverados?

# **SILVERADO EXPECTATIONS**

(From your directors)

## **Team Work**

*Silverados have shown teamwork over and over again. Simply keep this tradition going!*

Because we all want to be apart of a very successful dance experience, it is important to realize and understand the ground rules that must be followed when 25+ girls are involved. Unfortunately, some girls think that rules don't apply to them; but in large groups success depends on all of us pulling together in the same direction, at the exact same time, in the exact same way. That is why we are called a *team*!

Rules work best when everyone knows them, understands them and most importantly, agrees with them. When this occurs, the group is empowered by a common vision. It is my hope that you will find these rules strict but logical; for if you do, we are in for an incredible year!

## **United we stand; divided we fall**

Everything you say, everything you do, reflects on you, your family and the activities in which you participate. Therefore, your actions are put through a test every day by others. Remember.... *Actions DO speak louder than words!*

## **Gossip**

Every person has been guilty of passing on gossip. Every person has at one time or another been hurt by gossip. If we

are to be a family and if we bring sisterhood into the group, we simply cannot afford idle words

- Be careful of your words and protect your thoughts. You can change your thoughts but cant take back words that have been spoken
- Challenge—see if you can go 24 hours without saying one negative word about anything, including yourself!

I have had years when the team was “kinder, gentler” group of young ladies. These are the years that bring back the sweetest memories. Acceptance of 25+ others in a group is a tall task that we can tackle if we want to. We will be close if our hearts are big and our spirits forgiving.

## **Attitude**

### **Attitudes are contagious- is yours worth catching?**

Having a good attitude can be one of the most difficult things in life. It means we accept our strengths and recognize our weaknesses. More importantly, a good attitude means we are willing to work on those weaknesses. Please visit with me if you think by sharing feelings I will gain insight. It is important to communicate. To have a championship year, we'll have to have that winning formula of talent, work ethic and a “can-do” attitude. I hope you agree!

*“The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past; we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play with the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent*

*how I react to it. And so it is with you; we are in charge of our attitudes.”*

-Charles Swindoll

## **Merits**

- Silverados are responsible for keeping track of merits for each nine-week period. Once that nine-weeks is completed and the due date has passed silvos cannot try to turn in those merits later.
- Silverados are responsible for acquiring 20 merits for special dances in spring show, and 40 for trying out for officer. Silverados need to earn their merits.
- How do I earn merits?- Article 20 section 4 in the Silverado Constitution
- On occasion Silverados can earn double merits with the help from a parent at a Silverado fundraiser. This usually always applies for UNT concessions.
- The Silverado who receives the most merits will be rewarded at the banquet this year.

## **Demerits**

- Silverados are expected to keep up with how many demerits they have at all times, and work them off before they become permanent.
- What are demerits and how do you get demerits- Article 19 section 1-10.
- Do not forget that if you receive 7 permanent demerits before tryouts you have to tryout again for the team. Accumulating more after tryouts will result in removal from spring show routines.

- Do not forget that if you receive 20 demerits you are removed from the team. (worked off or not)
- If you receive 3 demerits in one week you are out of the performance the following week.