



## DANCE TEAM

Thank you for your interest in the YPA Dance Team. We are excited about our 2nd Year as the Spirit Program at YPA. Tryouts this year are open to grade 7-12 as we will only have a Varsity team this season due to Middle School Athletics being cancelled. We will dance at Boys and Girls Basketball Games. The games will be during the week and most boys and girls games are on the same night. We do not have a schedule for the season as of yet but in the past most Varsity Games have been on Tuesdays and Fridays. There are some games that may end up on a Saturday or other days during the week but you will know all of these as soon as the schedule comes out. Basketball season usually runs Dec. - End of Feb/Beg. of March.

We do ask the dancers to have some knowledge of Dance and Cheer but it is not required. We will learn many sideline, Timeout and Halftime routines. These will involve turns, leaps, jumps, Pom, Jazz and Hip Hop styles of dance. Choreography will be learned quickly and dancers are required to remember all choreography learned for the entire season. Practice and Games are a MUST and all team members are required to be at all Practices and Games. If for an emergency reason only, you miss a practice you must get with another team member and get any choreography learned before the next practice. If you miss a practice you must have a Doctors excuse stating why you were not at practice and you must inform the coach immediately. All dancers must have a current physical dated After April 1, 2020 before your tryout date. You can print forms off of the YPA website- Go to Athletics, menu, forms and information, 2020-21 Athletic forms and information. Turn both forms into Coach Sneed before Tryouts.

The YPA Dance Team will perform Timeouts and Halftime shows at all Girls and Boys Basketball Games along with doing Cheers and Sideline/bleacher dances. We are the Spirit of the game. Our job is not only to entertain but to also get the Spectators/Students involved in the games. We want this to be a fun and exciting addition to YPA Basketball. We also will be doing Spirit events if asked at all 4 Schools to promote School Spirit and getting as many fans as possible to the games. You must remember you represent YPA and are expected to be on your best behavior at all times. This is during school hours, practice, games and in public. Grades will be checked every 9 weeks to make sure you are meeting SCHSL requirements.

The YPA dance team will be required to purchase uniforms and supplies to be on the team. This will include Uniform (pants and top), poms, dance shoes and tights. We will order uniforms and Poms through the school but you will go to Lebo's to purchase your tights and black jazz shoes. To practice, we ask the dancer to wear black leggings and a black sports bra or black tank top. No shorts or t-shirts. We will be ordering a different uniform this year due to not having enough time to get the uniform like we had last year in in time. Covid has caused many backups. The uniform will cost Approx \$100 for pants, top and Poms that will be due by Nov. 5. For your tights and jazz shoes we will give out specifics of style, color and where to purchase. Approx cost of dance shoes and tights is \$55. We will order a team T-shirt also. The Athletic fee for YPA is \$75 and must be paid by Nov. 5. All fees will be put on team members' accounts, if they make the team, to be paid by Nov. 5.

We will hold tryouts for the YPA Dance Team Tuesday, Oct. 27- 3:15-5pm, Thursday, Oct. 29- 3:15-5pm and Friday, Oct. 30 2:00pm in the Student Union Gym. Dancers will know by email if they made the team by Saturday, Oct. 31 by 5:00pm. If you make the team you will need to be at a Mandatory meeting/ uniform fitting/ practice on Thursday, Nov 5 from 3:15-5:00pm. Location will be announced. Starting Nov. 10 we will practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-5:00pm. Location will be announced. ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY.

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