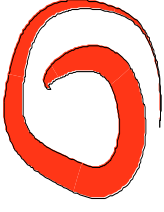
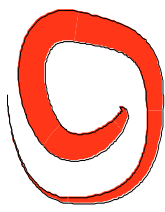



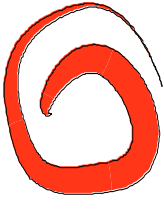
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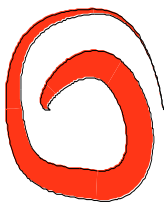

We are very excited that you are considering becoming a part of our organization. We truly believe that you will benefit in many ways by becoming a member of the team. Drill team will make your years at Garland High School very special. You will create friendships that will last a lifetime. Even if you are unsure of this, please attend the practices, ask your questions, and see what Varsity Drill Team is all about.



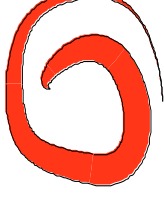

### General Information





All the information below is pandemic and Covid restrictions permitting. We will attend a summer camp for three days. Summer camp is when we learn most of our football routines, new dances, traditions and bond as a team. Summer camp will be July 25-27. We perform at all varsity football games – home and away – as well as playoff games. We also perform at basketball games and regional dance competitions. In the spring, we have a spring show and sometimes go on a trip.




The Debs have traveled to many great places including Hawaii, Disney World, Disney Land, New Orleans, Colorado, Branson, Padre Island, and Santa Fe. We have performed in commercials, in the Dallas Children's Parade, at the Cotton Bowl, and at several Dallas Cowboy football game half times. As you can see, being a Dashing Deb is very rewarding and exciting, but it also includes a great deal of dedication, hard work and determination.



During the year, we practice Tuesdays after school and during football season, we practice Thursdays after school with the band. We also practice before school each day.



You do not have to have been a Gold Jacket or have taken dance lessons to try out to be a Deb. You just need to have a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.



We look forward to seeing you!!





### Important Dates

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| Tuesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>   | - Optional virtual parent question and answer 6:00 pm<br><a href="https://meet.google.com/ymv-jkap-teb">meet.google.com/ymv-jkap-teb</a>   |
| Monday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>    | -Application with photo due at 3:15<br>-Meet in Girls' Gym for workout 3:15 – 5:00   |
| Tuesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>   | -Workout in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 5:00   |
| Wednesday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> | -Workout in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 5:00   |
| Thursday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>  | -Mock tryouts in Girls' Gym 3:15 – 5:00  |
| Friday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | -TRYOUTS!!   |
| Monday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>       | - 3:15 – 4:30 practice (Boys' Gym)   |
| Tuesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>     | - Mandatory parent meeting at 7:00 pm (cafeteria)  |
| Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>    | - 3:15 – 4:30 practice (Boys' Gym)   |
| Thursday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>    | - 3:15 – 4:30 (Cafeteria) Former Debs will sell used items at a reduced rate from 3:15 – 3:45 . (This will be a great way to save money.)<br>-3:45 – 4:30 new items will be purchased. |

-Please inform your parents that workouts and tryouts are closed. They cannot stay and watch you practice. If they arrive early, they need to wait outside.

-Attire for workouts on Monday through Wednesday is your choice. Attire on Thursday, the day of mock tryouts and Friday, the day of tryouts, is a black tank top, black leggings and white tennis shoes or black jazz shoes or paws or pirouettes. Hair needs to be back in a low ponytail. Make sure to wear make-up so you look awake and professional.

## What does it cost to be a Dashing Deb?

***Please do not let the costs on this page be your sole determining factor.*** They already have many of the needed items from Gold Jackets or they may be purchased at a reduced price from graduating Debs. Although the first year is by far the most expensive, we have outlined a payment schedule below to help spread out the required expenditures. Also, almost all of the items on the list will be used for **all three years** on Debs and are **only purchased once**. The cost after the first year will be **CONSIDERABLY less** because they will already have most required items. Also, your child may sell many of her items her senior year to recover some of the cost.

### Payment schedule:

- Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - Former Debs will be in the gym from 3:15 to 3:45 to sell their practice wear, boots, hat, etc. at a reduced rate.  
4:00 – 4:30 - vendors will be here to size the girls for new items  
\$100 cash or credit card deposit due to Team Leader for dancewear
- Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Summer camp payment due  
- \$100 cash or check made out to Dashing Debs
- Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Balance due to TeamLeader for dancewear (cash or credit card) (this will be between \$50 and \$100 depending if you were a Gold Jacket or bought used items.
- Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Payment due:  
- hat (\$92.00)  
- boots (\$66.45)  
- sweatshirt (\$28)  
- Friday t-shirt (\$18)  
- **(If you bought these used, there is no payment due.)**
- Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - \$50 contest fee due
- Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Payment due:  
- letter jacket (\$150)
- Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> - \$50 spring show fee due

IF YOU BUY EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN USED, YOUR PRICE OVER SEVEN MONTHS IS \$503. IF YOU BUY EVERYTHING NEW, YOUR PRICE OVER SEVEN MONTHS IS \$750.20.



Join our Canvas class and have a look around. This isn't a commitment, just a place for you to get information and watch some cool videos and learn some fun things about us.

Here is the link: <https://garlandisd.instructure.com/enroll/AHX8WD>

Once you are ready, you will want to go to the Canvas course and do the following:

- Fill out the Deb application page
- Fill out the Deb parent signature page
- Fill out the UIL pre-participation physical form in English or Spanish
- Read the Fine arts handbook found here:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/181BNF1TmbF0pBJrBVXrrAGCU5PGrsGwW/view?usp=sharing>
- After you have read the handbook, fill out the handbook signature page
- Fill out the Concussion Acknowledgement form in English or Spanish

(Once you've completed it, you can check the little circle to help you remember that you've done it.☺)





### A few other notes

- \*\*First semester, we perform at all home and away varsity football games. We participate in the Labor Day parade and have special performance and community service opportunities.
- \*\*Second semester, we perform at basketball games, contest showoffs, contest, spring show and sometimes go on a trip.
- \*\*Once you make the team, you will receive a full calendar of events.
- \*\*We will have three fundraisers during the year: chocolate bars, candles and Fredericksburg Farms. We encourage your Deb to participate to help defray costs and buy fun things for the girls, but fundraisers are always optional.
- \*\*We wear our hair in a French braid for football games, half up for basketball season and in a bun for contest and spring show. We will wear skin colored tights and shoes for contest and spring show season. Each member is allowed to wear her own make-up during football season, but for contest and spring show, we wear matching make-up. Nails should be a natural color and sports length during performances. Hair must be a natural color at all times. Body piercings must be covered during practice and removed during all performances. Tattoos must be covered with a bandage at practice and covered with make up for performances.
- \*\*Debs is a double blocked class so you will need to be able to be in the class both A days & B days. Single blocking may be an option after your first year on Debs.
- \*\*Once you have made the team, there will be additional tryouts for all dances.
- \*\*We practice before school at 6:45 am most of the year. Do not let this be a deterrent – we can help you find rides to school.
- \*\*Field uniforms are property of the school and will need to be washed in cold water and hung to dry before returning your senior year or upon leaving the team.
- \*\*We are so excited about the upcoming year. We know it will be a fun, memorable, exciting time for all of us. Let me know if you have questions! [pitomlin@garlandisd.net](mailto:pitomlin@garlandisd.net)



### What to expect during the week of tryouts

You will learn a jazz routine and a kick routine during the week of workouts.

There will be Debs that will stay after practice to help you on any needed areas/steps if you let them know you need help. On the day of tryouts, the routines will be performed before a panel of five judges.

The Olympic scoring system is used wherein the highest and lowest scores are not counted. If your score from the 3 remaining judges averages out to a 70, you will be selected as a member of the team.

No one other than the directors and principals and a fine arts designee will be in the gym.

You will try out in groups. You do not have to try out by yourself!!

### Scoring breakdown

Jazz dance – 60 points

Kick routine – 30 points

Right leg splits or jump splits – 5 points

Left splits – 5 points





### 2022 – 2023 Dashing Debs Varsity Drill Team Application

Please fill out the online application. You can either follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/ZRjVFGTMUqdpTWrd9>

or scan this QR code:



Parents

I have read the attached information and allow my student to try out for the Dashing Debs Varsity Drill Team. I understand that the decision of the judges is final. I also understand that there are financial, scheduling and time obligations associated with being a member of the team. If my student is selected as a line member, I will support the director, the handbook and school policy concerning varsity drill team.

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Parent's signature

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date

Candidate

As a candidate for the Dashing Debs Varsity Drill Team, I state that I have read the attached information and am able to follow all the guidelines if chosen. I understand that being a member of a varsity sports requires additional financial, scheduling and time obligations and am able to meet the requirements. I understand that as a member of the team, I will be held to a high standard and am able to uphold the standard of the team. I also understand that if I do not or cannot follow the rules, I will be dismissed from the team. I understand that the decision of the judges is final.

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Candidate's signature

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date

If you have ANY questions, please feel free to email me at [pjtomlin@garlandisd.net](mailto:pjtomlin@garlandisd.net). We have great plans already in the works for next year and we are looking forward to your student being a part of the team!