

# **Varsity Silver Rhythm Dancers Team Informational Packet 2023-2024 School Year**

Dear Parents and Candidates,

The tryout date for the Drill Team at Rowlett HS will be Saturday, April 29, 2023. The tryout dance video will be released on March 30th for dancers to learn prior to the clinic. Tryout clinic will be held after school from 4:30-6:30 pm in the RHS gym starting on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. All candidates must be present at the practices.

Tryouts on April 29<sup>th</sup> will begin at Naaman Forest High School @ **8:00am** and should end around **9:30 am**. Tryouts will be closed to all spectators. Each candidate must stay until the end of tryouts in order to allow for judging callbacks as needed if deemed necessary. The 2023-2024 Silver Rhythm Dancers Varsity 28th line and Rhythmettes 28th Line will be posted on the tryout website later that same day. If the judges results are finalized prior to 10:30pm they will be posted earlier.

There is not a “set” number of team members. The Varsity team size will be determined by the candidate’s scores. If the candidate scores **70 or higher, they will be on the Silver Rhythm Dancers Varsity team. Varsity at RHS may consist of incoming Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.** JV is encouraged to come to the tryout clinic, but JV is not required to try out to be selected for the team. JV will accept members throughout summer and through the first week of school.

If your dancer is selected, they must abide by rules outlined by the GISD Fine Arts Handbook. The rules are constructed to uphold fairness and consistency in all aspects of the drill team across the district. Each candidate and parent must read and discuss, at length, as well as agree to abide.

Sincerely,

Director [Stefanie Cooper](#)  
Varsity Silver Rhythm Dancers

# **Silver Rhythm Dancer Tryouts**

**\*Thursday, March 30 Tryout Dance Instructional Video Released to all Candidates.**

**\*Tuesday, April, 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Mandatory Tryout Clinic**

**4:30-6:30pm**

**RHS gym**

During these practices, the graduating officers will teach a jazz & kick dance combination to be performed for the judges on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. All candidates should wear dance clothes for all practices. Supportive sports bra, appropriate undergarments, and black or tan jazz shoes, or dance half soles should be worn. Leggings are permitted. **Shorts are not allowed.**

**\*Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> --** All candidates MUST submit the following items to Mrs. Cooper by 4:30.

1. Tryout Application Form and Tryout Permission Form
2. **INITIAL AND SIGN THE GISD FINE ARTS HANDBOOK SIGNATURE PAGE** (PLEASE GO TO [HTTPS://GARLANDISD.NET/MEDIA/16675/DOWNLOAD?INLINE](https://garlandisd.net/media/16675/download?inline) TO FIND THE GISD FINE ARTS HANDBOOK. READ CAREFULLY & COMPLETELY)
3. **UIL PRE PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL FORM - MUST HAVE PRIOR TO TRYOUT CLINIC SUBMITTED IN PERSON OR ON CANVAS**

**\*Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - Tryouts will begin at 8:00am. Everyone will meet at Naaman High School at 7:30am.** All candidates will need to wear the following for tryouts:

★ Black sleeveless leotard or racer back tank, black jazz pants or leggings, black jazz shoes, hair in a pony-tail w/ black hair tie, and RED lipstick. **No jewelry is allowed.**

- Each candidate will be known by an identification number and will try out in groups of 3-4.
- Each candidate will perform the jazz/high kick combination. Each candidate will also demonstrate right, left, and jump splits.
- Each candidate will be scored on a 100 point scale by three or more qualified judges from outside GISD.
- Selection of team members will be based on their scores in the following categories:
  1. Jazz combination
  2. Kick combination
  3. Splits (Right, Left, & Jump)
- **2023-2024 Varsity Silver Rhythm Dancers will be posted on the SRD Twitter and the tryout information site. (Candidate numbers will be posted)**

# VARSITY SRD Schedule for 2023-2024

**\*Please read this carefully! This schedule is intended to give you and your family an idea of the commitment you will make in time and effort as a member. All items are subject to attendance policies, demerit system, and performance eligibility listed in the GISD Fine Arts Handbook.**

**SRD Practice Schedule: 6:30 – 8:40am – PRACTICE**

**8:40 – 9:00am - DRESS OUT FOR SCHOOL**

**ALL PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY! All members must be present in person for all practices, games, camps, pep rallies, competitions, community events, and fundraisers.**

2023–2024 <u>Tentative</u> Dates	
March 28, 2023	Tryout Parent Information Mtng 6:30pm- <b>Required for all SRD Hopefuls</b> (current and new) & Sign Google Doc for attendance verification
March 30, 2023	Tryout Instructional Video Released on Tryout Website
April 11-13, 2023	SRD Team Tryout Clinic!
April 29, 2023	GISD Drill Team Tryouts @ Naaman Forest High School 8:00 AM
<b>May 1, 2023</b>	<b>SRD Fitting Night! SRD 5:30-7:30 (parent(s) are highly encouraged to attend) <u>Payment Due for personal ALL items &amp; Line Camp</u></b>
May 11, 2023	Officer Tryouts - Team Vote ( <b>required attendance</b> )
May 13, 2023	Officer Tryouts with Judges & Miss Auditions ( <b>required attendance</b> ) 4:00pm
May 2023	Silverette & Officer Practice (2-3 days a week after school TBD)
May 15-17, 2023	New Team Practice 6:30-7:30 am (Gym Returners)
May 17, 2023	All New & Returning SRDs Victory Line Practice 4:30-5:30pm
May 18, 2023	Spring Game Performance -tentative date as of January 2023
May 22-26, 2023	Finals Week & SRD Sister Reveal
June 2023	Officer Camp & Drill Team Camp <b>Mandatory No Exceptions</b> (TBA)
August 2023	Football Season: dancers will audition for each performance routine.
September 2023	Labor Day Parade
September 2023	Homecoming Game & Pep Rally
October 2023	Senior Week Game - Pep Rally
December 2023	Rowlett Christmas Parade/Dallas Holiday Parade
January 2024	MLK Day Parade (Saturday prior to MLK day)
February - March 2023	Contest Season 2-3 Saturday Practices to prepare for Contests
March - April 2023	Contest/Spring Show 2023 Season
April 2023	GISD Tryouts TBD by District Yearly
May 2023	Officer Tryouts- Tentatively 1-2 week in May
June 2023	Officer Camp- Beginning of June
June-July 2023	Line Camp- End of June - early July

**\*SRDs practice on Holiday/Staff Development Days during football season and the months of January and February. Fundraisers will be throughout the year as needed. It is the expectation that each member participates fully to raise funding.**

## **Varsity Drill Team Individual Expenses for 2023-2024**

Listed below are the approximate totals for team expenses that will be required by all Varsity members for the **2023-2024** school year.

### **Team Practice Clothes and Personal Wear Items – Paid in Team Store Online**

- \* First year: Varsity member is approximately \$760
- \* Returning: Varsity member is approximately \$400
- \* Future SRD member after completing JV year: approximately \$500
- \* Camp, Technique, Contest, Spring Show: \$200 (estimate only)

If your dancer is chosen for the 2023-2024 Varsity Silver Rhythm Dancers, they will receive a list of seniors that are wanting to sell back specific items that can be used on the team. These items will be sold at discounted cost. The list will have the senior member's name and items available to sell along with the sizes and cost. **Any senior selling back items will be required to be present at the team fitting on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All sales are final with Senior items.**

GISD provides the official field uniforms. The estimated cost above includes personal items and custom fit items for field season (field boots, dance shoes, tights, warmups etc). All items that are issued to the member are returned at the end of each season. They must be cleaned according to specific care instructions before returning at the end of both Fall and Spring Semesters. A cleaning fee of \$50 can be paid in place of cleaning the uniform on your own.

## **RHS Varsity Drill Team Uniformity of Appearance Standard**

In effort to assist dancers in abiding by all GISD Fine Arts Handbook guidelines a diverse committee of dancers, parents, and directors have determined team hair styles by season & performance type. It is the expectation that all dancers adhere to the required hairstyles to avoid demerits. Hair styles will be announced in advance and must be worn by all. It is not the dancer's choice between the styles presented below.

<i><b>Football Season</b></i>	<i><b>Contest Season</b></i>	<i><b>Spring Show/Audition Season</b></i>
<i>Low back double topsy-turvy no wispies (high temperature games)</i>	<i>Crown braid to low bun.</i>	<i>Slicked back low ponytail with rhinestone hair piece</i>
<i>½ up and ½ down curled or in braids (not cornrolled due to hat being worn)</i>	<i>Crown braid to low curly ponytail</i>	<i>Slicked back low ponytail with rhinestone hair tie &amp; hat for finale.</i>
<i><b>MakeUp</b></i>		
<i>Team lipstick (\$10-\$18) Black Eyelashes Smokey Eye Shadow in Plum/Brown/Maroon color palette best for skin tone.</i>	<i>Foundation, concealer, blush, highlighter color palette best fit for skin tones. Bronzer not to be used in place of blush. Plus Football season makeup requirements.</i>	<i>Same requirements as contest season. Dress rehearsal run through will determine adjustments to colors used with lighting if desired results are not achieved with stage lights.</i>
<b>Nail Polish must be light nude, french, clear, or natural color for all performances. Sport length extensions are acceptable. Photo examples available in the Team Band App.</b>		

## **GISD Uniform Cleaning Guidelines**

All Field Uniforms: **HAND WASH ONLY!** No bleach or color safe bleach. Gentle detergent, hand wash in the sink or bathtub. The handwash cycle on the washing machine may not be used.

- Turn water on and add minimum clear detergent. Once the detergent is dissolved completely , put the uniform pieces of similar color and style in the water.
- Gently agitate the items in the water and allow to soak until you feel it is clean and odor free. Repeat the agitation process if odor or stains remain.
- Drain the water and then add fresh water to rinse out ALL remaining detergent. Water should run clear and clean. Lay flat to dry or you may hang to dry. They will drip water. DO NOT put it in the dryer!!!!

**All uniforms and costumes must be cleaned properly and returned throughout the year as designated by the Director.** (Example: sleeveless field uniforms will be cleaned and returned when the weather turns colder and inventoried back into storage.)



**2023-2024**  
**SILVER RHYTHM DANCERS AND RHYTHMETTES**  
**DESIGNATION**

**PLEASE SELECT THE OPTION THAT FITS YOU BEST.**

- ☐ I am interested in **JV** Rhythmettes **ONLY**.
- ☐ I am interested in **JV** Rhythmettes **OR** **Varsity** Silver Rhythm Dancers and will accept the position on either team determined by the judges score.
- ☐ I am auditioning for **Varsity** Silver Rhythm Dancers **ONLY**.

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your grade (2023-2024): \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INFORMATION:**

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY Monday, April 11th**

## **Varsity Drill Team Tryout** **Permission Form**

I have read the GISD Fine Arts Handbook and all tryout information and understand all the requirements for participation in the drill team. I also understand the dedication and time it takes to be involved in the Silver Rhythm Dancers. I intend to devote the time needed to make the drill team a success if I am selected. I understand and agree to audition weekly by dance throughout football season, by routine for contests season, and as needed in preparation for spring show. I agree to abide by the decision of the judges and understand that all decisions are final as GISD has updated policies in place to ensure all auditions are fair and consistent.

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Candidate Signature

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Date

Our dancer has permission to audition for the Silver Rhythm Dancers for the 2023-2024 school year. We have read the GISD Fine Arts Handbook and all tryout information. We will assist in every way to see that these rules and policies are upheld should our daughter make the team.

We understand that the financial obligations must be met as stated in the GISD Fine Arts Handbook in order to maintain performance eligibility. We also understand that the school and/or directors assume no responsibility for accidents or injury that might occur during any drill team activity. I understand that membership of either organization is a privilege, not a right. I understand my dancer will audition weekly by dance throughout football season, by routine for contests season, and as needed in preparation for spring show for performance status. In regards to Varsity tryouts I agree to abide by the decision of the judges and understand that all decisions are final as GISD has updated policies in place to ensure all auditions are fair and consistent.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**DUE ON MONDAY, APRIL 11TH**