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Prospective Debs,

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

#### General Information

We attend a summer camp for three days where we get most of our football routine material and have leadership and team building opportunities. We perform at all football games – home and away – as well as playoff games. We also perform at basketball games. We go on a trip every other year and we have a spring show every year.

The Debs have travelled to many great places including Hawaii, Disney World, New York and Colorado. We have performed at the Cotton Bowl, Dallas Holiday Parade 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. We also practice before school each day starting at 6:45.

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 16 <sup>th</sup>   | - Optional virtual parent question and answer 6:00 pm<br>To join the video meeting, cut and paste this link in your browser: <a href="https://meet.google.com/ggn-sfrr-orf">https://meet.google.com/ggn-sfrr-orf</a> |
| Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | -Application paperwork due at 3:15<br>-Meet in Boys' Gym for workout 3:15 – 5:00   |
| Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | -Workout in Boys' Gym 3:15 – 5:00  |
| Wednesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> | -Workout in Boys' Gym 3:15 – 5:00  |
| Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>  | -Workout in Boys' Gym 3:15 – 5:00  |
| Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>    | -Mock tryouts in Boys' Gym 3:15 – 5:00   |
| Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>  | -Tryouts at Naaman Forest High School (time TBA)   |
| Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>      | -Mandatory parent meeting at 7:00 pm (cafeteria)   |
| Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>    | - 3:15 – 4:30 practice (Boys' Gym)   |
| Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>     | - 3:15 – 4:30 practice (Boys' Gym)   |
| Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>    | - 3:15 – 4:30 (AD Gym) Former Debs will sell used items at a reduced rate from 3:15 – 3:45 . (This will be a great way to save money.) 3:45 – 4:30 new items will be purchased.                                      |
| June 4, 5, 6                      | - Practice at Williams Stadium 6-8 pm  |
| July 24, 25, 26                   | - summer camp/uniform fitting at GHS 9:00 - 5:30   |
| September 2                       | -Labor Day parade  |
| January                           | -MLK parade/basketball games   |
| February/March                    | -contest and GISD festival dates TBA   |

-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 Tuesday through Thursday is your choice. Attire on Friday, the day of mock tryouts and Saturday, the day of tryouts, is a black fitted top or tank top, black leggings and white tennis shoes or 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 your face looks bright for tryouts.

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

**Please do not let the costs on this page be your sole determining factor.** Your child may 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 16<sup>th</sup> - Former Debs will be in the AD 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  
\$165 cash or check payment for letter jacket. Make checks to Dashing Debs.
- Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - Summer camp payment due  
- \$110 cash or check made out to Dashing Debs
- Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</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 22<sup>nd</sup> - Payment due:  
- hat (\$109.00)  
- boots (\$73.00)  
- sweatshirt (\$30)  
- Friday t-shirt (\$20)  
- **(If you bought these used, there is no payment due.)**
- Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - \$50 contest fee due  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50 spring show fee due

IF YOU BUY EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN USED, YOUR PRICE OVER FOUR MONTHS IS \$639. IF YOU BUY EVERYTHING NEW, YOUR PRICE OVER FOUR MONTHS IS \$802.50. Returning members will owe \$233.00



## A few other notes

\*\*Once you make the team, you will receive a full calendar of events.

\*\*We will have fundraisers to help purchase items for the Debs and we encourage you to help when possible, but fundraisers are always optional.

\*\*We wear our hair in a low bun for football season, half up for basketball season and in a bun for contest and spring show. You will need to be able to manipulate your hair to fit the hairstyles. 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 with makeup for performances.

\*\*Debs is a double blocked class. New members 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.

\*\*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! [pjtomlin@garlandisd.net](mailto:pjtomlin@garlandisd.net)

*Please join our Canvas class. It's not a commitment, it's just to look around and get more information.*

Click the link below to join the course

<https://garlandisd.instructure.com/enroll/LDLA3M>

Or scan the QR code:



You can view the GISD fine arts handbook here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/18hpU7gCqtmBhN3yZdqCcLbHhNHJRDx\\_t/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18hpU7gCqtmBhN3yZdqCcLbHhNHJRDx_t/view?usp=sharing)



### What to expect during the week of tryouts

You will learn a jazz/kick combo routine during the 3 days of practice. 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. Friday will be a mock tryout to get you ready for Saturday.

On the day of tryouts, you will perform your dance/kick combo and do your splits before a panel of five judges.

The Olympic scoring system is used wherein the highest and lowest scores are not counted. After the high and low are dropped, each judge's score will be 25%. The other 25% will come from a preliminary score. If your score averages out to a 70 or higher, you will be selected as a member of the team.

If you score between a 45 and 69, you will be given the option of a spot on JV.

If you score below a 45, you will be given the option of a spot in drill prep. No one other than the directors and principals will be in the gym.

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

Results will be posted in the Canvas classroom at a predetermined time during the week of tryouts.

### Scoring breakdown

Jazz portion of the dance 60

Kick portion of the dance 30

Right leg splits - 5 points

Left leg splits - 5 points

Here are some fun forms for you to fill out. It looks like a lot, but it will go by fast! 👍

1. Fill out the concussion acknowledgement form
  - a. [Concussion form in English](#)
  - b. [Concussion form in Spanish](#)
2. [Read the GISD handbook here](#)
3. Once you have read the handbook, [Click here for you and your parent/guardian to sign](#) Don't forget you and your parent/guardian need to initial each box, Please do not put a check or an X in the box.
4. Fill out one of these forms:  
[UIL pre-participation form](#) in Spanish or [UIL pre-participation form in English](#)  
If you answer yes to any of the questions, you will need to get a physical before you can try out. Make sure when you are filling it out, your parent signs and dates inside the tiny box on page one. (Again, you do not need to go to the doctor and get a physical yet and you do not need to turn in page two at this time if you answered no to all the questions..)
6. Once you have read through this packet, [Click here](#) to fill out your application
7. Choose a language to fill out your media parent release. This is so we can take pictures of you gorgeous girls.
  - a. To fill out the form in English, [click here](#)
  - b. To fill out the form in Spanish, [Click here](#)
  - c. To fill out the form in Vietnamese, [click here](#)
8. Tell your parents to [click here](#) to fill out this form giving you permission to try out.
9. [Click here](#) for you and a parent to sign the JV consent form.

And just like that, you are done! Great job getting all the important stuff out of the way. We will see you soon for the fun stuff! 😊