

Paronish takes over Western Poms Program for 2019-2020 season



Walled Lake Western Poms Coach, Kelley Paronish

Walled Lake Western recently announced the hiring of **Kelley Paronish** as the Varsity Poms Coach. After a three-year hiatus, the school has reinstated the Poms program, which will assemble for the 2019-2020 school year, and will begin to compete in the 2020-2021 season.

A 1995 graduate of Howell High School, Paronish trained as a dancer at Sheryl's School of Dance in Livonia and Ginny's Danceworks in Brighton. Over the past thirteen years, she has taught dance to students of all ages as she has worked as an instructor/choreographer at New Wixom Dance Academy (2006-2012) and at The Dance Academy in Westland (2012-2018).

In July of 2018, Paronish fulfilled a lifelong dream when she opened up her own dance studio, "Kelley's Dance Craze" located in Wixom. She has received a multitude of awards and accolades over the course of her career as a Competition Team Dance Choreographer, including, but not limited to 2018 Best Choreography Award (Platinum Dance Competition), 2016 National Champions and 1st Place Overall Winners at Hall of Fame Dance Challenge, and multiple 1st Place Overall and special award wins between 2008-2018.

Paronish, a Wixom resident is looking forward to working with students in the community where she works and resides.

"To be able to work where I live is in itself, a very exciting thing. To be able to offer dance/Poms training in this community is truly a blessing, and I'm so

excited to get started, so we can represent dance through Walled Lake Western High School!”

Working on staff with Paronish will be assistant coaches **Gabrielle Young** and **Christiana Gohr**. Paronish said that the team would use the 2019-2020 season to grow as a program before beginning to participate in competitions for the 2020-2021 season.

“As the new coach, I am very excited to expand my own technique, and knowledge of skills to be able to pass on to our dancers. This will be a new challenge, and we as a coaching staff are up to the task!”

Walled Lake Western Assistant Principal and Athletics Coordinator, Sara DiBartolomeo was excited to announce Paronish’s hiring.

“Kelley will assist in bringing school spirit to our students here at Western. The school has been without a Poms team for a couple years now. I believe Kelley’s passion, dedication, and energy she brings to dance will inspire our future student athletes. Western is excited to welcome Kelley to our Warrior family.”

