

# Welcome to the Emerald Belle tryout informational meeting!

To sign in as your attendance for this meeting, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please complete before leaving for the night.



Before the first day of tryout clinic (March 28th) complete the candidate/parent information form and sign the tryout application and constitution agreement. Both parent/guardian and candidate will need to be together when completing the form.



# Junior Varsity & Varsity Emerald Belles Team Tryout Information Packet 2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parents and Candidates,

The tryout date for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Emerald Belles Drill Team will be Thursday, March 30th, 2023. Practices will be held after school from 4:15-6:15 pm in the CSH gym on Tuesday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 29th. All candidates must be present at the practices.

Tryouts on March 30th will begin at 4:15pm and should end around 8:00pm. Tryouts will be closed to all spectators. Each candidate must stay until the end of tryouts in order to allow for judging callbacks if needed. The 2023-2024 Emerald Belles Varsity and Junior Varsity team will be posted on the Emerald Belle website at approximately 9:30pm. Please go to [www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.emeraldbelles.com) to see the list of new Varsity and Junior Varsity members.

There will not be a "set" number of team members. The Varsity and Junior Varsity team sizes will be determined by the candidate's scores. **If the candidate scores 85 or higher, she will be on the Varsity team. If the candidate scores between 70 and 84, she will be on the Junior Varsity team.** The Varsity and Junior Varsity may consist of incoming Freshmen through Seniors. Returning members do not have to try out again unless they have more than 10 demerits from the current school year.

If your daughter is selected, she must abide by strict rules. The rules outlined in the Emerald Belle Constitution and Guidelines are constructed to uphold fairness and consistency in all aspects of the drill team. Each candidate and parent must read and discuss it fully.

Sincerely,

Melissa Page  
Varsity Director

Kathryn Dobrow  
Varsity Assistant Director

Jessica Esquivel  
Junior Varsity Director

# **Emerald Belle Tryouts**

Tuesday, March 28th - Wednesday, March 29th

**Mandatory Tryout Clinic**  
**4:15-6:15 pm**  
**CSHS main gym**

During these practices, the officers will teach a jazz dance, pom dance and high kick routine. All candidates should wear dance clothes for all practices.

**Tuesday, March 28th** All candidates **MUST** have completed the candidate information form. Both the candidate and parent/guardian must be present when completing the form because it required signatures from both parties. Form link can be found on the front cover of this packet or on the homepage of the Emerald Belles website at [www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.emeraldbelles.com).

**\*Thursday, March 30th - Tryouts will begin at 4:15pm. Check in will be outside the main gym (between gym and auditorium). From there, candidates will be sent to the waiting area until it is time for their group to perform. All candidates will need to remain until tryouts are over to allow for judge's call backs. All candidates will need to wear the following for tryouts:**

**Black sleeveless leotard or tank, black jazz pants, black jazz shoes, hair in a pony-tail w/ black rubber band, 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 dance, pom dance and high kick routine. Each candidate will also demonstrate a right split.
- Each candidate will be scored on a 100 point scale by three or more qualified judges from outside Carroll I.S.D.
- Selection of team members will be based on their scores in the following categories:
  - Pom dance (25 pts.)
  - Jazz dance (25pts.)
  - Kick combination (50pts.)
- **2023-2024 Varsity and Junior Varsity Emerald Belles will be posted on the Emerald Belle website ([www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.emeraldbelles.com)) around 9:30pm.**

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## **Emerald Belle Schedule**

**\*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 Constitution.**

Emerald Belles Practice Schedule: **6:45 – 9:00am – PRACTICE**

**9:00 – 9:30am - DRESS OUT FOR SCHOOL**

**~ ALL PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY!**

All members must be present for all practices, games, camps, pep rallies, competitions, community events, and fundraisers.

## Calendar of Events

Tues, April 4th	Mandatory new team meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4:15-5pm meeting at CSHS cafeteria. Introductions &amp; picture taken with a parent for the Emerald Belle Directory.</li><li>• 5-6pm Uniform sizing/fitting for all new members in the CSHS cafeteria</li></ul>
Wed, May 25th	New member practice (2:00-4:00pm)
June 12-15	BELLE YOUTH CAMP (12-4pm @ TBD) (Voluntary – 20hrs. of community service given)
July 30	Team Swim Part (time TBA)
Jul 31-Aug 4	Summer Camp “Camp Carroll” (8am-4pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>ALL MEMBERS must have the “Summer Dance/Fitness Hours” form completed and physical on the first day of Camp Carroll!</i></li></ul>
Aug 3	Team Pictures at Glenn Hope Elementary 6:30pm
Aug 4	Individual pictures at CSHS Auxiliary Gym (time TBA) Sleepover at officer’s house
Aug 14	Team practice at CSH (time TBD)
Aug 15	First day of school
FALL 2023	Football games, pep rallies & practices w/band on Thurs. (4-4:30pm)
SPRING 2024	Competition practices Basketball game performances, team, officer, and social officer tryouts, banquet

**\*Belles practice on all Holiday/Staff Development Days during football season and the months of January and February!**

# **Varsity Emerald Belle Individual Expenses**

Listed below are the approximate totals for team expenses that will be incurred by all Varsity members

## **Team Practice Clothes and Field Uniforms – Due in 3 payments (April, May, June)**

\* First year Varsity member is approximately \$1200

\* Returning Varsity member is approximately \$250

\* Cost of a current JV member that makes the Varsity team is approximately \$800

If your daughter is chosen for the 2023-2024 Varsity Emerald Belles, she will receive a list of seniors (on [www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.emeraldbelles.com) the night of tryouts) that are wanting to sell back specific items that can be used on the team. These items will be sold at half the cost of new items. The list will have the senior member's name, number, and items wanting to sell back along with the sizes and cost. **Any senior selling back items will be required to be present at the team meeting on Tuesday, April 4th for trying on and picking up the items.**

The school provides the undergarments and belt for the official field uniform. These items are ordered as a group rather than individually (please note that the items are not ordered to fit your daughter so sizes may run a little large or small). The Belle is required to purchase the outer layers (skirt, top & jacket). If you would like to purchase the undergarments for your daughter, you may do so at the new team meeting. The field performance tops and rain ponchos are purchased out of the Emerald Belle activity fund. All items that are issued to the member are returned at the end of their last year on the team.

## **Varsity Team Fall and Spring Fee – Due in 4 payments (Oct, Nov, Feb, March)**

All members will be required to pay an estimated \$800 to help defray the cost of competition, banquet, and other expenses that we incur through the year. This fee is assessed in two parts (Fall Fee - \$400 and Spring Fee - \$400) and can be paid monthly or all at once. Any money raised by the sale of Dragon Cards can be used to help offset the cost of this fee.

# **Varsity Emerald Belle Fundraisers**

Varsity members will participate in the following fundraisers: Dragon Cards, Junior Dance Clinic, and various others throughout the year. In addition, parents of team members will continue to raise funds with sponsorships, stadium sky box raffle and picture buttons. The sale of Dragon Cards is optional. A portion of all items sold in these fundraisers (Dragon Cards) will be credited in the girls' individual account for use to pay team fees. All other fundraisers listed above will go into the Emerald Belle Booster Club Account to help cover expenses.

# **JV Emerald Belles**

**2023-2024**

- The JV Emerald Belles perform at JV & Freshmen football games, CHS pep rallies, community events, and compete at 2-3 drill team competitions.
- The JV Belles practice 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> block at Carroll High School.
- During competition season (Nov-Feb), JV Belles will have 2 after school practices a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- The JV Emerald Belles are directed by Jessica Esquivel. [jessica.esquivel@southlakecarroll.edu](mailto:jessica.esquivel@southlakecarroll.edu)

## Calendar

- Apr 5            **4:30pm** New Team Meeting in CHS Cafeteria  
\*\*\*New team info, and order forms will be posted on the Emerald Belles website after tryouts.  
Orders & forms are due by April 5th.
- Apr 5            **5pm** Officer Candidate meeting (optional)
- Apr 17-18       **4:30pm-5:30pm** Officer Tryout Clinic. CHS Dance Studio.
- Apr 20           **4:30pm** Officer Tryouts. CHS Main Gym.
- Apr 21           **4:30pm** Officer Announcement via email to candidates.
- May 15-17      **4:30pm-5:30pm** Spring Training in CHS Dance Studio.
- Jul 31-Aug 4    **8am-4pm** Camp Carroll (team) in CHS Gym. MANDATORY attendance.
- Aug 3            **9am** Team & Mother/Daughter pictures in CHS Gym (wear field uniform).
- Aug 5            Team Pool Party. Details to come.
- Nov               Begin Tues/Thurs after school practice **3:45-5:15pm.**

\*Parent Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every Month at 6pm in the CHS Lecture Hall (not mandatory)

## **Junior Varsity Emerald Belle Individual Expenses**

**\*Cost of making the JV team is approximately \$1000**

If your daughter is chosen for the Junior Varsity Emerald Belles, she will have a team meeting to try on practice clothes and discuss officer tryouts.

The school provides all of the field uniform pieces for Junior Varsity members except the boots. Fittings for boots will be held at the team meeting the week after tryouts.

## **Junior Varsity Emerald Belle fundraisers**

At this time, the Junior Varsity does not participate in any fundraisers.