

Dear Potential Dance Team Member,

The time has come to form our dance team for Paola Middle School for this school year. The purpose of the Paola Middle School Dance Team is to perform and entertain at halftimes of the middle school boys' basketball games. The boys' basketball season begins in January and ends in February. We will be performing at a minimum of 6 games this year.

There are NO tryouts to be on the dance team at our middle school! Dance team is for any 7th/8th grade girl who would like to join. However, in order to be a member, you **MUST** complete the following items by the deadlines indicated. *If you cannot meet one of the deadlines, you cannot be a member of the team for this year.*

1. You must turn in your permission slip (attached) to Mrs. Dumpert by 3:00 p.m., **Friday, September 23.**
2. You will need to attend a uniform fitting session at 3:15 p.m., on **Tuesday, October 4.** You will need to be prepared to pay for your uniform at the time of the fitting. Unfortunately, if you cannot pay by Oct. 4, you cannot order a uniform. If you are new to the squad, you will need to order shoes (if you don't already have black jazz shoes for dance class). Shoes may be paid for with a credit card, cash, or check. The uniform may be paid for with check or cash.
3. You must have a current physical form and insurance form on file in the middle school office **BEFORE** our first practice on **October 18.** You can pick up these forms up from the office secretary. I cannot let you practice without these on file.
4. If this is the first activity that requires a physical that you have participated in at school this year, you will need to pay a participation fee to U.S.D.368 for \$50. *This is due, if possible, by the first practice.*

Even though we don't actually perform until January, wearing your dance team uniform on game days during football/volleyball, wrestling, and girls' basketball season is encouraged to promote team and school spirit.

We will begin dance team practice in October. We will average 2-3 practices per week (typically Tuesdays and Thursdays) from October-December after school from 3:00-4:00. Once we have established our dance squad roster, I will hand out practice and performance schedules for you to put on your home calendars. Practice times may vary.

I am excited about the upcoming dance season! I hope you will consider joining.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Dumpert

Paola Middle School Dance Team Coach

DANCE TEAM UNIFORMS

Don't forget to be in Mrs. Dumpert's room, (room 410), by 3:15 on Tuesday, October 4th, for your uniform fitting and ordering. If you are on the volleyball team, see Mrs. Dumpert to get fitted during the day before this day. If you are coming without a parent, here is some important information to know about ordering your uniform.

1. **All members must purchase a dance team shirt and dance team warm up pants. If you are a new member, you will also need jazz shoes.** If you are a returning member, your jazz shoes from last year can be used again this year. If you take dance at a studio and already have black jazz shoes, you may use these for dance team. If you have no jazz shoes, you will need to purchase shoes.
2. We order our jazz shoes from **The Paola Dance Shop**. She accepts checks, MasterCard or Visa, and cash. (See order form.)
3. We order our pants, shirts, and jackets from **Design4Sports**. They accept checks or cash only, no credit cards. (See order form.)
4. *All pieces of the uniform that you are ordering need to be paid for when we order on October 4th.*
5. Fill out both the order forms for the pieces of uniform you will be ordering. Leave the sizes blank. We will fill sizes out the afternoon of Oct. 4th. Bring these order forms with you to expedite the process on Oct. 4th.
6. Please bring exact change if you are paying cash. We have no way of making change for you.
7. Uniforms are usually shipped within 2-3 weeks and I will pass these out at practice when they come in.

Warm Up Pants, Jacket, and Shirt Order Form

All ^{new} members MUST order pants and shirt. The jacket is optional. NOTE: Returning members do not need to order a new uniform. They are the same. 😊

Description

The shirt is a black cotton/spandex blend tshirt with gold lettering embroidered on the right side of chest. Pants are black warm up pants with white accents. Elastic waist. Jacket matches the black warm up pants with matching matching accent colors and front zipper. "Paola Dance" will be embroidered on the back in gold lettering with gold rhinestone accents.

Make checks out to *Design4Sports*.

Have exact change if you are paying cash.

Sorry, no credit cards.

Option 1

Shirt and pants only--

\$39⁰⁰

Option 2

Shirt, pants, and jacket--

\$97⁰⁰

Name _____

Grade _____

Pants size _____

Jacket size _____

Shirt size _____

Check _____

Cash _____

Jazz Shoe Order Form

Any member who does not already have black jazz shoes must purchase shoes.

Description

Shoes are made by Sansha and are a black, split sole canvas shoe with neoprene stretch arch insert and leather sole. Order shoes one size larger than your street shoe size.

Make checks out to **Paola Dance Shop.**

Have exact change if you are paying cash.

Fill out credit card information below if paying by credit card.

Jazz shoe price: \$ 20⁰⁰

Name _____

Grade _____

Shoe size _____

Check _____ Cash _____ Credit card _____

Credit Card—MasterCard or Visa (circle one)

Name on card _____

Expiration Date _____

Credit Card Number _____

Paola Middle School Dance Team Constitution

- I. **Purpose**
 - a. To entertain the spectators, to promote and uphold school spirit, and to develop a sense of good sportsmanship among the members.
- II. **Membership**
 - a. One team consisting of 7th and 8th grade girls who meet the assigned deadlines will be chosen.
- III. **Uniforms**
 - a. Uniforms and shoes will be purchased by the member.
 - b. Uniforms are to be kept neat, clean, and in good repair.
 - c. Uniforms are to be worn in their entirety for all performances.
- IV. **Absences**
 - a. Dance team members are to be in school at least 4 full periods on the day of a performance in order to perform.
 - b. Members are to be on time to all practices and performances.
 - c. An absence not excused by the coach will result in sitting out the next performance.
 - d. Two unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the team.
 - e. An excused absence is defined as: illness and/or family emergency. Both require a note from the parent or guardian to excuse.
 - f. Dance lessons, babysitting, and other sports outside of Paola Middle School are not reasons to be absent.
- V. **Practices**
 - a. All practices are required.
 - b. Unexcused absence will result in sitting out the next performance.
 - c. Missing practice the day of a performance, whether unexcused or excused, will result in not being able to perform that day.
- VI. **Requirements**
 - a. Members must meet school eligibility requirements, (no F's on a grade card).
 - b. You must have a signed parental permission slip, insurance form, eligibility agreement, and updated physical form on file in the office before you are able to participate. These must be filed before the first practice in the fall.
 - c. Failure to provide these forms on or before stated deadlines will result in dismissal from the team.
 - d. Dance team activities take priority over other extracurricular activities and jobs. If you cannot make time for dance team, do not become a member.
- VII. **Conduct**
 - a. Members always conduct themselves properly.
 - b. Gum or jewelry is not allowed at any practice or performance. This includes newly pierced ears.
 - c. The sponsor and/or administrator has the power to bench, suspend, or dismiss any member for any of the following:
 - i. Undesirable behavior
 - ii. Sloppy uniform
 - iii. Rude language or gestures
 - iv. Failure to perform outlined duties
 - v. Any act that harms the reputation of you, a team member, or the school
 - vi. Smoking or drinking in uniform
 - vii. Possession of drugs
 - viii. Quarterly grade below a D
 - ix. School suspension
 - x. Refusal to participate in a practice or performance
- VIII. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. In addition to boys' basketball games, members may perform at several pep rallies during the school year.
 - b. Members will be expected to attend practices from October through February.

September 13, 2011

Dear Parent,

Before signing the permission slip allowing your daughter to become a Paola Middle School Dance Team member, please read through the Constitution and information on the attached pages so you are both aware of the responsibilities and rules of being a member of the squad. Be aware also that although our major responsibility is to perform at the halftimes of the boys' basketball games during January and February, in the past we have also been asked to perform at the pep rally before Christmas. So, even though our heaviest performance and practice schedule is during the third quarter, we do begin practice 2-3 times a week from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in October.

Permission slips are due back **no later than Friday, September 23, 2011**.

If your daughter misses a deadline for the permission slip, paying for uniforms, or turning physical/insurance forms, she will not be a dance team member for this year. These dates need to be strictly followed, please. Return permission slips directly to Mrs. Dumpert or turn in to the office.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Dumpert
Dance Team Coach/Sponsor

We have read the Dance Team Constitution and attached information and will abide by all rules and responsibilities. I give my permission for _____ to become a dance team member for this school year. She is in _____ grade.

(Parent Signature)

(Student Signature)