

March 1, 2011

Dear Belle and JV Jazz Candidate and Family,

Thank you for your interest in the Weatherford High School Blue Belle Dance Team and JV Jazz! The Belles and JV Jazz are precision dance teams who exemplify the pride and spirit of Weatherford High School and Ninth Grade Center. Belles and JV Jazz are selected on the basis of dance ability, personality, character, academic success, and showmanship. Every Blue Belle and Jazz dancer receives valuable training in physical fitness, poise, self-discipline, social awareness, responsibility, leadership, and dance. We believe that WISD Dance Teams train not only dancers, but competent young women!

The purpose of the Belles is to provide entertainment for the high school athletic events as well as for the local civic and social events of this area. In addition, the Belles compete in various regional and national dance competitions, produce and create an annual Spring Show, and participate in numerous clinics, camps and workshops that enhance the individual dancer as well as the team's performance. JV Jazz has a comparable performance schedule in accordance to the NGC, Community, and District events and activities.

To be a member of these award-winning organizations, read the enclosed information packet, fill out the enclosed application sheet, and return the application with a copy of your current report card and Photo to Ms. Duck by the first workshop—April 4th.

An **informational meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 PM** in the WHS Main Gym immediately after the tryout workshop for candidates and parents who have questions regarding the Belle/Jazz organization, tryout process, and/or requirements for next year.

Tryout workshops will be held from 4:30-6 in the WHS main gym from Monday, April 4 through Thursday, April 7. Audition material will be taught at this time. Actual tryouts will be held on Friday, April 8th from 4-9 PM in the WHS Main gyms. Results will be posted approximately 10:00pm that evening on the Belle website. (www.whsbluebelles.com)

We are very excited to be selecting the 31st Line of Blue Belles and the ninth JV Jazz team! So..., whether you are currently in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, we are excited that you have chosen to "DANCE with the BEST at WHS!"

Until tryouts...

Nika Carter & Laura Duck,
Directors - WHS Blue Belles & JV Jazz

Audition Application and Information Packet

Workshops: April 4-7 at WHS Main Gym (2121 Bethel Road)

Tryouts: April 8th at WHS Main Gym

Time: Workshops begin at 4:30 each day and last until 6:00.

Tryouts will also begin at 4:30 with internet posting around 10:00pm on Friday.

Audition Material/Dance: Will be presented at the workshops. It will consist of the traditional field entrance, a jazz dance including a high-kick sequence, entrance, exit, and splits. The dance will be taught in its entirety at the workshops, but help may be obtained from Ms. Duck or any current Belle or JV Member.

Workshop Attire: Dance attire or comfortable shorts/t-shirts within WISD dress code. Shoes must be worn and hair up.

Audition Attire: Solid black shirt or leo with black dance pants, shorts, or bike shorts.

Tennis shoes and socks or Black jazz shoes or lyrical shoes. Hair should be out of face in a pleasing style—example: ponytail, half-up/half down, or french-braided. Make-up is also recommended with lipstick to make big smiles look great! Each Candidate will wear a tryout number given to them at registration on April 8th.

Judging: Sample score sheets will be available all week. All candidates will be scored on an equal basis whether new or returning. The judges are certified dance/drill team adjudicators and will not know the candidates. Each tryout group will have 3-4 members.

Grade Check: Every candidate must turn in her report card. Grades will be checked for each six weeks as well as Fall Semester. Points will be deducted from a candidate's score for failing classes. (see score sheet) A candidate must also have no more than 1 N in citizenship for the semester. NO U's are acceptable and the candidate cannot have been suspended from school for any reason including bridge assignments.

**Please attach a copy of your latest report card &
Current photo to the application.**

Candidate/Parent Orientation Meeting:

There will be a candidate/parent informational meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 pm following tryout workshops in the Main Gym. Would love to meet you and answer any questions about tryouts, Blue Belle activities, JV Jazz, fundraising possibilities, and/or team expectations.

2011-2012 Blue Belles First Meeting & Practice : Mon. April 11th , 4:30-6 (WHS)

2011-2012 JV Jazz First Meeting & Welcome Party, Mon. April 11th-6-7 (WHS)

Most Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Practice Schedule:** New Belles will meet after school on designated days for the rest of the Spring Semester. Summer practice times are listed below. The Belles meet every day before school at 7:00am thru 1st period for practices at WHS. *Freshman Belles* are bussed to the NGC. After school practices occur on Tuesday and Thursdays during football, contest, and Spring Show seasons. Calendars are given every month to Belles and Parents. Proposed Calendars are given at the beginning of the year to help plan out schedules.
2. JV Jazz meets 8th period at NGC and Monday practices after school until 5:45. They perform at all JV football home games, specified basketball games, community parades; compete at Danceline Contest, and other community activities. Proposed Calendars are given at the beginning of the year to help plan out schedules.

Spring/Summer Practices, Performances, and Camp:

April 11	Belles- Welcome meeting 4:30-6 \$200 due JV Jazz Orientation 6-7 WHS \$200 due Deadline for Rookie Belles Program Ads Doughmakers Fundraiser Begins
April 18	11-12 Belles Spring Show Practice 4:30-6:00
April 22	End of Doughmakers Fundraiser
May 2	11-12 Belles Practice for Spring Show 7-8
May 3	Team and parent meeting 6:15 Cafeteria WHS BBPC Officers Elected
May 5	11-12 Belles Practice for Spring Show 7-8:30
May 6-7	11-12 Belles Perform and <u>Host</u> Spring Show
May 9	11-12 Belles Practice & Vendor Night 4:30-6:00 \$200 due 11-12 JV Jazz Vendor Night 6-7 \$200 due
May 11 & 12	Belle Officer Candidates (MS workshops) 4:30-6
May 13	Belle Officer Auditions/ MS Line & Officer Auditions
May 16	11-12 Belles Practice 4:30-6 11-12 JV Practice 6-7
June 1-3	Dance and Social officer practice TBA
June 4-7	HTE Officer Camp
June 10	BBPC Golf Tournament mtg – All BBPC members/Belles 6:15 place TBA (\$200 payment due)
June 11	Golf Tournament at Crown Valley
June 15	Rodeo Practice (9 AM-12) & Parade (about 4:30)
June 15-18	Rodeo Service Project
July 9	Peach Festival (optional fundraiser)
August 1-5	Practice @ WHS 8-4
August 8-10	Team Camp @ Texas Star & WHS
August 15-19	Practice @ WHS 8-3
August 22	First Day of School

3. **Academic Credit:** Belles/JV Jazz may receive PE and/or Fine Arts credit. TEAMS receive PE Foundations Waiver if enrolled in Dance for 3 Fall semesters.
4. **Grades:** No Pass, No Perform each six weeks.
All TEA/UIIL Side by Side rules strictly enforced.
5. **Fundraisers:** Available to help with camp costs/uniforms is available throughout the year. Annual fundraisers may include: Spring fundraiser, golf tournament (start recruiting golfers and sponsors now), rodeo drink sales, fall candle sale, holiday pies and poinsettias, and other fundraisers TBA. Money earned can be credited to individual Belle accounts to pay for Belle expenses. See expense sheet attached including uniforms and camp. Trips, pictures, and jackets are additional.
6. **Expenses for Belles and JV:** A payment schedule will be set for both groups and handed out at 1st team meeting. Between fundraisers and personal payments, each dancer will have approximately 5 months from date of auditions to pay accounts. (April thru August 5th). **START PLANNING NOW!**

Belles—Annual cost for uniforms are approximately \$650 and camp cost is \$250.

JV Jazz—Annual cost is approximately \$350 for uniforms and \$200 for camp.

7. **Belles Parent Club:** The Belle Parents meet the first Tuesday of every month to support the Belles financially and emotionally. The purpose of the meetings is to keep an open line of communication between the parents and directors, to help raise money, and cheer on the Belles performances. Throughout the year the Belles host different events i.e. the golf tournament, Danceline Contest, Spring Show, and more that necessitate parental assistance. We encourage our parents to take an active roll in their child's extra-curricular activities.

Check here if
you would like to
be considered for
JV only _____
(8th graders only)

Application/Agreement to Audition-
2011-2012 Belles/JV Jazz
Attach Report card & Picture

Last Name Printed

Please Print Legibly

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Student Cell # _____ Birthday _____

Current Grade _____ Age _____ School _____

Parents/Guardian _____

Mom Cell # _____ Dad Cell # _____

Email Address *Circle one: Parent or Applicant* _____

Current Spring Class Schedule

Period	Subject	Teacher
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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I, _____, wish to apply for membership in the **2011-12 Weatherford Blue Belle Dance Team and/or JV Jazz**. I have read the requirements and realize the financial obligation should I be elected as a Belle or Jazz member. I understand that I may defer the financial cost by working on designated fundraising activities, but **ultimately will be responsible for all costs of items ordered**. I also understand that I must put my academic success first so that I am eligible to perform. Lastly, I understand that Belles/JV Jazz are held to strict behavioral standards so that the team can maintain its integrity. I am willing to abide by these standards set forth in the district code of conduct and WISD constitution.

Candidate Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Blue Belles

JV Jazz

Tryouts 2011-12

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***Weatherford Blue Belle/JV Jazz Teacher Evaluation
Manager Candidates 2011-2012***

Dear Teacher: The following student has made application to audition for manager of the **WHS Blue Belles** and/or **JV Jazz** teams for next year. Please evaluate the student on the following criteria and return to **Laura Duck by 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 7th**. (Please return to our boxes or deliver to us to keep confidentiality.) Thank you for your time and effort in this matter. It is important to select the most qualified students for this honor. Your scores will be used in the selection process. Thanks again!

Candidate's Name _____ Subject _____

Teacher _____ Period _____

Point system: 10 being highest 5 being average 3 being needs improvement 0 being poor
(Feel free to use the entire scale using the above standard as a guide)

	Points	Comments
1. Ability to get along with others	_____	
2. Ability to follow directions	_____	
3. Attitude	_____	
4. Conduct and Cooperation	_____	
5. Effort	_____	
6. Grooming	_____	
7. Attendance	_____	
8. Quality of work	_____	
9. Punctuality	_____	_____
10. Leadership Potential	_____	

Total Points _____(Highest possible 100)

Times Tardy This Year _____

Times Absent this Year _____

Overall grade average _____ (A, B, C, D, F)

Date _____ Teacher's Signature _____

Additional Comments _____
