

# 2017-2018 Team Tryout Informational Packet

Dear Parents and Candidates,

The tryout date for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Emerald Belles Drill Team will be Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Practices will be held after school from 4:15-6:15 pm in the CSH gym starting on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. All candidates must be present at the practices.

Tryouts on April 27<sup>th</sup> will begin at 4:15pm and should end around 9:00pm. 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 2018-2019 Emerald Belles Varsity and Junior Varsity team will be posted on the Emerald Belle website at approximately 10:30pm. Please go to [emeraldbelles.com](http://emeraldbelles.com).

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 upcoming Freshmen through Seniors. Returning members do not have to tryout 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 Aillon  
Junior Varsity Director

# **Emerald Belle Tryouts**

**\*Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> — Mandatory Tryout Clinic**  
**4:15-6:15pm**  
**CSHS gym**

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

**\*Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>--All candidates MUST bring the following items to this practice:**

- 1. Tryout Application Form and Tryout Permission Form (Front/back)**
- 2. Emerald Belle Constitution Form (Please go to [emeraldbelles.com](http://emeraldbelles.com), scroll down to the bottom of the home page and find the link for Emerald Belle Constitution. Print off last page, sign, and bring on the first day of tryout clinic.**

**\*Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - Tryouts will begin at 4:15pm. Everyone will meet in the cafeteria at 4:05pm. All candidates will need to wear the following for tryouts:**

**Black sleeveless leotard or tank, black jazz pants, black jazz shoes, hair in pony-tail w/ black rubberband, and RED lipstick. No jewelry is allowed.**

- Each candidate will be known by an identification number and will tryout in groups of 3-4.
- Each candidate will perform the jazz dance, technique combination, and high kick routine. Each candidate will also demonstrate right and left splits.
- Each candidate will be scored on a 100 point scale by three qualified judges from outside Carroll I.S.D.

Selection of team members will be based on their scores in the following categories:

1. Floor combinations/skills (33pts.)
2. Jazz dance (33pts.)
3. Kick combination (34pts.)

- **2018-2019 Varsity and Junior Varsity Emerald Belles will be posted on the Emerald Belle website ([emeraldbelles.com](http://emeraldbelles.com)).**

# VARSITY

## Emerald Belle Schedule for 2018-2019 Team

**\*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.**

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

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

- May 1                      Mandatory new team meeting  
                                 ~ 4-5pm meeting at CSHS cafeteria. Introductions & picture taken with a parent for the Emerald Belle Directory.  
                                 ~ 5-6pm Uniform sizing/fitting for all new members in the CSHS cafeteria  
                                 Immediately following – mandatory Booster Club Mtg
- May 30                      6:30pm - Team and squad pictures (location TBA)  
June 1                      Individual pictures for football program and composite  
                                 (location: Bludoor Studios)  
                                 12-12:45pm – Seniors  
                                 12:45-1:30pm – Line & Social officers, 4 yr. Belles & senior casual pic  
                                 1:30-2pm – Juniors  
                                 2-2:30pm – Sophomores  
                                 2:30-3pm – Freshmen
- June 25-28                BELLE YOUTH CAMP (12-4pm @ CSH)  
                                 (Voluntary – 20hrs. of community service given)
- August 1                    Football Choreography with Mrs. Page; time TBA (Line officers only)
- August 4                    Officer Leadership Camp Time TBA (Line officers only)
- August 4                    Social Officer Camp 9am-3pm (Social officers only)
- August 5                    Team Swim party (3-5pm)  
                                 (Directions to the party will be emailed to you)
- August 6-10                SUMMER CAMP “Camp Carroll”**  
                                 **8am – 4pm @ CSHS**

*\*ALL MEMBERS must have the “Summer Dance/Fitness Hours” form completed and physical on first day of Camp Carroll!*

- FALL 2017                Football games, pep rallies & practices w/band on Thurs. (4-4:30pm)  
SPRING 2018            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!**

Emerald Belles Practice Schedule: **6:45 – 9:00am – PRACTICE**  
**9:00 – 9:30am - DRESS OUT FOR SCHOOL**

## **Emerald Belle Individual Expenses for 2018-2019**

Listed below are the approximate expenses that will be incurred by all VARSITY members for the **2018-2019** school year.

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

If your daughter is chosen for the 2018-2019 Varsity Emerald Belles, she will receive a list of seniors (on emeraldbelles.com the night of tryouts) that are wanting to sell back specific items that can be used on the team. The list will have the senior member's name, number, and items wanting to sell back along with the sizes and cost. All seniors will sell back items at half the cost of a new one. **Any senior selling back items will be required to be present at the team meeting on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

If your daughter is chosen for the 2018-2019 Junior Varsity Emerald Belles, she will have a team meeting to try on practice clothes and discuss officer tryouts.

The school provides the 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.

## **Emerald Belle fundraisers for 2018-2019**

### **VARSIITY**

Varsity members will participate in the following fundraisers: Dragon Cards, Junior Dance Clinic, and one other fundraiser (TBA). In addition, parents of team members will continue to raise funds with the Stadium Sky Box raffle and picture buttons. All of the fundraisers listed above will go into the Emerald Belle Activity Account to help cover expenses.

Due to the elimination of some of the fundraisers, members will be required to pay an estimated \$500 to help defray the cost of competition, banquet, and other miscellaneous expenses that we incur through the year. The exact cost will be given prior to competition and will be due in January.

### **JUNIOR VARSITY**

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

**2018-2019  
CARROLL EMERALD BELLES  
TRYOUT APPLICATION**

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal phone number (if different than parents): \_\_\_\_\_

Personal e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your grade (**2018-2019**): \_\_\_\_\_

Your birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INFORMATION:**

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD**

(Tryout Permission form on opposite side)

## **Tryout Permission Form**

I have read the Emerald Belle Constitution and all tryout information and understand all the requirements for participation in the drill team. I also understand the dedication and time it takes to be involved in the Emerald Belles. I intend to devote the time needed to make the drill team a success if I am selected. I understand that the decisions of the judges are final.

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Candidate Signature

Our daughter has permission to tryout for the Carroll Emerald Belles Varsity and/or Junior Varsity teams for the 2018-2019 school year. We have read the Emerald Belle Constitution and all tryout information, and we will assist in every way to see that these rules and policies are upheld should our daughter make the team.

We understand that the financial obligations must be met as set forth in the constitution. We also understand that the school and/or director assume no responsibility for accident or injury that might occur during any drill team activity. I am satisfied with the high standards set forth to govern this organization. I understand that it is a privilege and not a right to be chosen to the membership of this group. I also understand that not everyone can be chosen. I further understand the tryout procedures and how the Emerald Belles are selected. I will agree to abide by the decision of the judges and I will agree that all decisions are final.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**RETURN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD**