

# Junior Varsity & Varsity Emerald Belles Team Tryout Informational Packet 2020-2021 School Year

Dear Parents and Candidates,

The tryout date for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Emerald Belles Drill Team will be Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Practices will be held after school from 4:15-5:45 pm in the CSH gym starting on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> through Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. All candidates must be present at the practices.

Tryouts on March 5<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 2020-2021 Emerald Belles Varsity and Junior Varsity team will be posted on the Emerald Belle website at approximately 10:30pm. Please go to [www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.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 Esquivel  
Junior Varsity Director

# **Emerald Belle Tryouts**

**\*Monday, March, 2<sup>nd</sup> through Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> — Mandatory Tryout Clinic**  
**4:15-5:45pm**  
**CSHS 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.

**\*Monday, March 2<sup>nd</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 [www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.emeraldbelles.com) and find the link for Emerald Belle Constitution 2020-2021 on the home page. Print off last page, sign, and bring on the first day of tryout clinic.**

**\*Thursday, March 5<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, pom dance 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 or more qualified judges from outside Carroll I.S.D.
- Selection of team members will be based on their scores in the following categories:
  1. Jazz dance (35pts.)
  2. Kick combination (35pts.)
  3. Pom dance (30 pts.)
- **2020-2021 Varsity and Junior Varsity Emerald Belles will be posted on the Emerald Belle website ([www.emeraldbelles.com](http://www.emeraldbelles.com)).**

# VARSITY

## Emerald Belle Schedule for 2020-2021 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.**

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, March 17th	Mandatory new team meeting ~ 4:15-5pm 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 ~ 7pm Mandatory Booster Club Mtg
May 26	6:30pm - Team and squad pictures (Glenhope Elementary)
May 27	2:00pm – 3:30pm – New member practice @ CSHS Aux gym
May 28	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 22-25	BELLE YOUTH CAMP (12-4pm @ CSH) (Voluntary – 20hrs. of community service given)
August 2	Team Swim party (time/location TBA) (Directions to the party will be emailed to you)
August 3-7	<b>SUMMER CAMP “Camp Carroll”</b> <b>8am – 4pm @ CSHS</b> <i>*ALL MEMBERS must have the “Summer Dance/Fitness Hours” form completed and physical on first day of Camp Carroll!</i>
FALL 2019	Football games, pep rallies & practices w/band on Thurs. (4-4:30pm)
SPRING 2020	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 for 2020-2021**

Listed below are the approximate totals for team expenses that will be incurred by all Varsity members for the **2020-2021** school year.

### **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 2020-2021 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, March 17<sup>th</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.

### **Team Fall and Spring Fee – Due in 8 payments (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April)**

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 or Poinsettias can be used to help offset the cost of this fee.

## **Varsity Emerald Belle Fundraisers for 2020-2021**

Varsity members will participate in the following fundraisers: Dragon Cards, Junior Dance Clinic, and Poinsettias. 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 and Poinsettias are optional. A portion of all items sold in these fundraisers (Dragon Cards & Poinsettias) 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

**2020-2021**

- The JV Emerald Belles perform at JV/Freshmen football games, CHS pep rallies, community events, and compete at 2-3 competitions.
- The JV Belles practice 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> block at CHS.
- During competition season, JV Belles will have 2 after school practices a week.
- The JV Emerald Belles are directed by Jessica Esquivel.

## Calendar

Mar 19	<b>4:30pm</b> Team meeting/JV sell back at CHS in the cafeteria. Order forms due
Mar 19	<b>5pm</b> Officer Candidate meeting
Apr 20	<b>4:30pm</b> Officer Audition Slideshow due
Apr20-Apr23	<b>4:30-5:30pm</b> Officer Tryout Clinic in CHS Dance Studio, wear all black dancewear
Apr 24	<b>4:30pm</b> Officer Tryouts- in CHS Dance Studio
Apr27- May1	<b>4:30-5:30pm</b> Spring Training- in CHS Dance Studio, wear all black dancewear. <b>4:15-4:30pm</b> Officer Meeting
TBA	<b>4:30pm</b> Team pictures at CHS main gym (wear field uniform)
Aug 3-7	<b>8:30am-4pm</b> Camp Carroll (team) in CHS Dance Studio
Aug 7	Team Pool Party. Details to come
Nov	Begin Tues/Thurs after school practice <b>3:45-5:15pm</b>

\*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 for 2019-2020**

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

If your daughter is chosen for the 2019-2020 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 for 2019-2020**

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

**2020-2021**  
**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 (**2020-2021**): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PARENT INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

**RETURN ON MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

(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 2020-2021 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 MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**