Northwest High School
Highsteppers Drill Team
Information Packet

Completed Packet Due
On or before Monday, March 30th

Drill Team Workshops
Monday-Friday, March 30th - April 3rd
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Parent/Candidate Informational Meetings
Monday, March 30th
3:30-4:00 p.m.

or
Tuesday, March 31st
3:30-4:00 p.m.

Drill Team Try-Outs
Friday, April 3rd
6 p.m. until all try-outs are completed

Uniform Fitting and Mandatory Parent Meeting
Thursday April 16th
3:30 (fitting) 5:30 (parent meeting)
**Deposit of $300 will be due at this time**
Dear Candidate and Parent(s)/Guardian,

We are pleased that your student has chosen to try out for the 2020-2021 Northwest Highsteppers. It is important that both the candidate and parents/guardians realize that being a member of the squad requires a great deal of commitment, energy and time. **Being a Highstepper is not just about dancing; students will build character as these selected students will be considered as ambassadors of Northwest High School.** Members will be required to attend all practices during the school year. Your student will perform at home varsity football games, home varsity basketball games, pep rallies, and any special school/community events.

Approximately 15-20 Highsteppers (including 3 captain) will be selected for the squad. Students trying out should be able to effectively manage their time. They should realize that on the list of priorities, **schoolwork and conduct come first, drill team comes second, and part-time employment comes third.** The only exceptions allowed for students being excused from practices or performances are documented, verifiable illnesses, death of a family member, observance of religious holiday, participation in a sport or another school-sponsored event or involvement in something class-related.

In order to try out for the Northwest Highsteppers Drill team, a student must:

1. Be enrolled at Northwest High School
2. Have a current (cumulative) GPA of 2.0 or better
3. **Obtain and submit application by Monday March 30, 2020**

If a candidate really wants to be a member of the Highsteppers, the student and parent must make a commitment of time and energy to fulfill all squad duties and requirements. Having all members present and on time at an activity or practice is necessary to have excellent performances. **PRACTICE HOW YOU WANT TO PERFORM.**

It is very important to understand that practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-5:00 p.m. or otherwise notified. If the candidate does not drive, **it is the parent’s or guardian’s obligation to make arrangements for their student to be transported home ON TIME; not the sponsors.** It is also important to realize that there is a cost involved in being a member of the Highsteppers. **An estimate of the minimal cost is between $700-$900. This is for the cost of uniforms, shoes, t-shirts, warm-ups, bags, etc. A deposit of $300 will be required of each notified new member is due Thursday, April 16, 2020.** We understand the financial strain this may cause. We do offer a solution to help alleviate the cost through participation of fundraising. Please understand the uniform cannot be ordered until the complete balance is paid in full. **The FULL balance of the uniform is Monday, July 24, 2020.**

It is an honor and a privilege to be a member of one of Omaha’s most dynamic spirit squads; it is a lot of fun. However, we want to be realistic about what it means to be a member and encourage commitment. Please weigh these factors before initiating and completing the membership and try-out process.

Thank you,

Northwest High School
Highsteppers Drill Team Sponsors
Northwest Highsteppers Application Form

Congratulations on making your decision to try out for the Northwest Highsteppers Spirit Squad. In order to try out for the squad, you must turn in this application form to the sponsors by Monday, March 30, 2020 at 5 p.m. It is important to fill out this application to ensure that you, the student, have met the academic criteria to try out for the squad. We also need your current contact information and other school approval as well. Please make sure to have all the necessary signatures when you turn in this form. The application is a part of the packet. Failure to have this form turned by the deadline will make you ineligible to try out. Please print legibly.

Student/Parent or Guardian Verification
(NOTE: The signature from a parent/guardian means the student has been permitted to try out and participate on the Squad if selected. The parent or legal guardian is financially responsible for the cost of the uniform.)

Name: ___________________________________________________   Student Number:________________

Current Address:__________________________________________________________________________

Current School:___________________________________________________________________________

Current Phone Number:_____________________________________

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Student Signature                                                              Parent/Guardian Signature

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Financial Verification—Please verify if there are any outstanding holds or fines placed on the above student’s records. Please check that which applies:

Current Hold(s):____                                       No Hold(s):____

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Office Registrar’s Signature

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Academic Verification (student have a cumulative or TOTAL GPA of 2.0 or better for eligibility)

Please circle student’s current year:  8th  9th  10th  11th

Student’s Cumulative GPA:_______________

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Guidance Counselor’s Signature
In the space provided below, please write an essay including the following about you:

- Current school/community activities or involvements
- Why you should be considered as a candidate for the Northwest Highsteppers
- What you strengths and weakness are
- How do your teachers and peers view you
- What commitment means to you and how you intend to show it
Northwest Highsteppers Spirit Squad  
Teacher Recommendation Form

Student’s Name_____________________________________________ School________________________________

The above named student is trying out for the 2020-2021 Northwest HighSteppers Drill Team. Your impressions of this student are important and will weigh heavily in making the final selections for the squad. If there is information you would rather give to me directly, feel free to e-mail me at shayette.wilson@ops.org.

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