

# Anderson High School

## PreDrill 24-25

### Welcome!

We are so excited to have you join us in PreDrill at Anderson! Please read through this information packet thoroughly with your family to ensure a clear understanding of all expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

***\*All forms in this packet can be found under "PreDrill" at [trojanbelles.com](http://trojanbelles.com)***

### Contact Information

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# Summer Commitments

## June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

PreDrill will assist with arts and crafts at Belles Summer Dance Camp. This will not be an everyday commitment, you will sign up for at least one shift! [SIGN UP HERE OR USE THE QR BELOW!](#)



## July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>: PreDrill Team Camp

During this week-long camp, PreDrill members will learn the routines that will be performed at halftime of a varsity football game, Fall Dance Concert & begin working to make them performance ready! In addition, we will work on advanced dance technique, high kick technique, discuss goals for the year, work with an outside choreographer, etc. **\*\*Attendance is mandatory. Failure to attend can hurt placement in dances.**

### **CONTACT FORM:**



# School Year Commitments

## **B-Days: 7<sup>th</sup> Period PreDrill**

During the school day, the PreDrill class period will primarily focus on Trojan Belles prep & dance technique. Our goal is to utilize this class period to prepare members for Trojan Belle auditions as much as possible in order to increase confidence, stamina, and overall dance ability. Please ask for prior approval for any absence, and we ask that every effort be made to schedule doctor's appointments at alternate times.

*\*\*\*Please double check to make sure you are enrolled in 5151.R300.Y\*\*\**

## **A-Days: PreDrill Practices**

These practices will be on A-Days from 7:00-8:30am. We will use this rehearsal time to perfect routines that will be performed at halftime of a varsity football game and Fall Dance Concert. Attendance is mandatory & all tutorials should be scheduled either before school on A-days, during FIT, or after school.

*\*\*\*Please double check to make sure you are enrolled in 6017.R000.Y\*\*\**

## **Mandatory Performances** \*Dates to be determined once finalized AISD calendar is available

### **ONE Football Game in the Fall**

This will be a home game and will likely be held at an AISD Field at 7:30pm. More information will be provided as soon as the football schedule is finalized. All members will stay for the duration of the football game to support the Trojans! Dinner will be provided & all members are expected to ride the school bus both to and from the game.

*\*\*\*The opposing team, time, and date is subject to change until the 2024 football schedule is finalized.\*\*\**

### **NEW Homecoming Parade**

Anderson High School has plans to continue holding a Homecoming Parade and we are THRILLED to add PreDrill to this experience! More information to come! *\*Likely the Wednesday of Homecoming week \*\*Each PreDrill member will need a white sneaker/tennis shoe to wear for this event!*

### **Fall Dance Concert**

The Anderson High School Dance Department puts on an annual department-wide performance in the AHS Performing Arts Center. This is a fun show full of all different styles of dances including performances by Dance I-Dance IV classes, PreDrill, Athletes Dance, the Trojan Belles, and more! The dress rehearsal for this performance will be considered a 'field trip' during the morning of the show, and there will be two performances in the evening to ensure all friends & family get a chance to see the performances—this show sells out every year!

*\*\*\*More information to come about the date\*\*\**

## **Trojan Belles Audition Information** \*Dates coming soon, likely in November of 2024

### **Mandatory Parent Informational Meeting**

During this meeting, we will go through the audition packet, discuss what to expect during the week of tryouts, and answer any and all questions you may have about tryouts & Belles! *One parent AND the Belle-hopeful must be in attendance* in order to be eligible to audition for Trojan Belles. More information about location & time will be provided in August.

### **Trojan Belles Auditions**

During the week of tryouts, the girls will learn a jazz dance & a kick dance before school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mock auditions will be held on Thursday morning in the Dance Gym and Formal auditions will be held after school on Thursday. This entire week is mandatory for all hopefuls trying out and all events are closed to the public.

### **Spring Semester**

PreDrill members that make Belles will use the spring semester to learn traditional Trojan Belle routines. PreDrill members that do not make Belles will stay in 7<sup>th</sup> Period (the gym will be split in 2) so that they can continue to work on dance and kick technique without having to adjust their schedules.

# Required Items

## Fair Share: \$200 for new members, \$100 for returners

What does Fair Share include?

- Uniform Costs

- Includes:

- Black High Waisted Leggings (to keep)
- Tan Jazz Shoes (to keep)
- Body tights (to keep)
- Uniform Top, poms (checked in and out at every performance)
- Bag to take to football games (checked out at the beginning of the year)
- Four practice tops (to keep or donate back to the program)
- Bus transportation to football games
- Meals prior to football games
- Large water jug for long practices & football games (to keep)

### \*\*\*Fair Share due date: July 29th\*\*\*

All students participating in PreDrill are expected to pay fair share by the July 29th deadline. This payment can be made with cash or a check made out to Anderson High School with *PreDrill* in the memo line. Failure to meet the due date OR contact the director, Cierra Birmingham, in advance can result in the student's removal from participation. **However, no student will be denied participation due to a family's inability to pay.** We incur many costs in advance on students' behalf. For this reason, there can be no refunds due to ineligibility or change of schedule, as expenses are pre-paid. Plan well in advance and pass your classes! **Parents of any student with financial difficulty must contact the director by email in advance of any due date affected for an extension. \*\*Communication is key!**

## To Purchase Separately

*\*VENDOR FORM CAN BE FOUND UNDER PREDRILL ON TROJANBELLES.COM AND IN AN EMAIL COMING SOON!*

- Women's Nike Pro 5" Training Shorts
  - To be worn with practice tops at before school practice & during 7<sup>th</sup> period rehearsals
  - [HERE IS AN OPTION OF SHORTS](#)
- Dance paws
  - [HERE IS AN OPTION FOR DANCE PAWS](#)
- Black zip up jacket with no logos (for cold football games)
  - [HERE IS AN OPTION FOR A JACKET](#)
- Tennis shoes to practice/kick in (do not need to be new!)
- Ankle Weights— (1lb, 2lb, 3lb...) Please make sure the weights will not fall out when kicking
  - [HERE IS AN OPTION FOR ANKLE WEIGHTS](#)



# Rehearsal Rules & Expectations

1. If you are not at rehearsal, you should not expect to perform.
2. A member must be present at all rehearsals from Monday through Friday unless previous arrangements are made with the director.
3. Work cannot interfere with scheduled rehearsals. Work is not an excused absence from rehearsal or an excuse to leave early or arrive late.
4. Regular doctor, dentist, or driving exam appointments should not interfere with any rehearsals scheduled. These appointments are not excused. Emergency appointments are treated with an exception.
5. If a member is absent or tardy to a rehearsal, performance or work session, she is held responsible for all announcements, information missed, and deadlines. An email must be sent to Ms. Birmingham prior to the absence or tardy.
6. A member may be pulled from a performance due to missing a practice depending on the circumstance, time of year, and proximity to the performance.
7. You CANNOT miss the Wednesday or Thursday rehearsal leading up to a football performance and still perform UNLESS there is an extenuating circumstance ( i.e.- field trip, funeral)
8. We expect you to fully dedicate your time during rehearsal. No breakfast, homework, or studying will be permitted during the scheduled rehearsal hours. This includes warm-up. We expect you to be ready to go when you arrive.
9. Sitting out for illness or injury during a rehearsal may result in being pulled from a performance. If a member is truly injured or ill, it is in her best interest and the team's that she not rehearse or perform until she is well. If a dancer is to get hurt in class, it is important that they communicate to the fullest what happened and what they are feeling. We aim to help address each issue before it has the opportunity to get worse, but can only do so if the dancer advocates for themselves to help us better understand what is going on.

# Eligibility

The state law is such that a student shall be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the school district during the nine-week period following a grade reporting period in which the student received a grade lower than seventy in any one class. Ineligible students **ARE** still required to attend all rehearsals, but **ARE NOT** permitted to perform in football, parade, or Fall Dance Concert performances. Students that are ineligible to perform will be given an alternate assignment to make up for the missed grades. We will be conducting regular grade checks throughout the grading period in hopes of minimizing the number of ineligible members in PreDrill, but you are ultimately responsible for keeping up with your work and grades.

*\*If a dancer is to fail one or more classes at report cards, they will be sent home with a paper for a parent or guardian to sign to ensure that the dancer, teacher, and parent/guardian are on the same page. This dancer will also lose eligibility and has the opportunity to regain it at the following progress report. If the dancer is not passing at this point, they will lose eligibility for the remainder of the nine weeks.*

*\*\*Please be aware that this is a **PreDrill requirement** in order to help ensure that all dancers are not only passing, but also excelling in each class to help better prepare for requirements in future endeavors, such as Trojan Belles Tryouts.*

## Grading Policy

### Zero Hour

#### Daily Grades (50% of Total):

Students will start every rehearsal with 100 points for their daily grade. The following will result in lost points:

- -25 pts: tardy
- -25 pts: incorrect practice attire
- -25 pts: wearing jewelry
- -25 pts: chewing gum
- -100 pts: unexcused absence
- Points may also be deducted for behavioral issues, missed deadlines, and forgotten items as needed.

#### Test Grades (50% of Total):

Each performance will be considered one test grade. The grading is not performance based. Students will lose points for forgotten items and uniform pieces, misbehavior in the stands/on the bus, and tardiness.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Period**

### **Daily Grades (50% of Total):**

Students will start every rehearsal with 100 points for their daily grade. The following will result in lost points:

- -25 pts: tardy
- -25 pts: incorrect practice attire
- -25 pts: wearing jewelry
- -25 pts: chewing gum
- -100 pts: unexcused absence
- Points may also be deducted for behavioral issues, missed deadlines, and forgotten items as needed.

### **Test Grades (50% of Total):**

We will have 2-3 skill exams during each grading period. These skill exams are designed to help prepare members for Trojan Belle auditions at the end of the semester. Each skill exam will provide individualized feedback for every member of PreDrill to ensure continuous growth in dance technique and confidence throughout the semester.

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## PreDrill Commitment Contract

### 2024

In order to prepare for a successful season, we are already making plans for formations & choreography, ordering practice wear, and ordering uniforms. While we understand that circumstances can change (moving during the summer, credit-recovery in school, etc.), we hope that we can start our week with a participation commitment from each of you.

#### Student Statement of Commitment:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) commit to participating in the Fall 2024 Anderson PreDrill. I understand that I am financially responsible for the cost of the practice wear & uniform ( \$100/\$200) even if I withdraw from the class for any reason.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent/Guardian Statement of Commitment:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian name) commit to my child's participation in the Fall 2024 Pre Drill. I understand that I am financially responsible for the cost of the practice wear & uniform ( \$100/\$200) even if I withdraw from the class for any reason.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_



# Anderson High School PreDrill Private Transportation Permit

We (I) are the parents (legal guardians) of \_\_\_\_\_, a child enrolled in the Austin Independent School District.

We (I) hereby grant permission for the student named above to travel by a vehicle driven or operated by an employee of the School District acting within the scope of his or her duties, or gratuitously by individuals or by an independent contractor. This transportation may be a privately owned vehicle or privately owned charter bus.

We (I) accept responsibility to determine that the transportation provided is safe and reasonable for the purpose intended. We (I) agree that the Austin Independent School District, its officers, trustees, and employees are not negligent in their choice of the transportation and that we (I) have freely chosen the transportation provided herein. We (I) understand that we have the option to provide our own transportation method.

We (I) hereby waive, release and discharge the Austin Independent School District, its trustees, officers, and employees from any claim, demand, or cause of action arising out of the transportation herein provided and agree to indemnify and save harmless the Austin Independent School District and its employees from all claims for loss, damage, or injury sustained by us (me) or by our (my) child whether the same be caused by the negligence of the Austin Independent School District or its officers, agents, employees, or otherwise.

We (I) give our (my) permission to the Anderson High School Dance Directors or designated personnel to seek emergency medical assistance for my child in the event that it becomes necessary while traveling with the Anderson High School Pre-Drill during the 2024-2025 school year.

Emergency Contact Person:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/Allergic Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT PHYSICAL, COMMITMENT CONTRACT, AND THE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION SHEET ON MONDAY, JULY 29<sup>th</sup>. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THE DIRECTOR HAS A PHYSICAL ON FILE.**