

Welcome to the 2009-2010



NewNews Parent Information Packet

Welcome

From the director . . .

Welcome to Celebrities. You have a very busy but very exciting year ahead of you. You will be given a big sister, belong to a rank, have the opportunity to go on our Spring Break trip, and many other memorable things will happen.

I want to remind you we never go out of “season”. We always have rehearsals. Football Season runs from August to November. Competition Season runs from December to March. Spring Show rehearsals run from March to May. During Football Season we practice Monday – Thursday with games on either Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. During Competition Season and Spring Show we will have a few mandatory Saturday rehearsals as well. These schedules are always on our website. I cannot express enough how important it is to check the website for schedules and deadlines.

This packet is to help you and your parents familiarize yourselves with many of our traditions. Please feel free to contact me at any time. My email is listed below and yes, I will check it weekly during the summer.

Again Congratulations !!!

Mrs. Singleton - Celebrity Director
Phone – 281-284-2177 (dance room office phone)
Email – csinglet@ccisd.net

Welcome

From the Booster Club . . .

Congratulations to our incoming Celebrities and their parents!

You are about to embark on a very rewarding trip. Parental involvement is key to the ongoing success of the dance/drill team. There will be numerous opportunities for bonding with your daughter by supporting the volunteer needs of the team. We recognize that families come in all different shapes and sizes. Whether you can donate your time a few times a year, or several times a month, we need you! Some of the family efforts in the past have been: car washes, garage sales, bake sales, prop building, chaperoning, bleacher set-ups, and fundraising! Many hours of hard work are needed, but your daughter will reap huge rewards from her involvement with this organization.

Please come and visit the Celebrity Booster Club at our monthly meetings, and become a member this summer during the membership drive. You'll be glad you did!

Mary Alderman

CBCBC President 2008-2009

Who we are:

The booster club is made up of parents of the Celebrity team members. We meet once a month to discuss any upcoming events, the final details of our last event, our financial status and any issues the director would like to discuss. **The meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month** in the old dance room. The team members will receive "credit" for each meeting you attend. At each meeting there will be a sign in sheet, minutes from the last meeting and a financial report. If you are unable to attend a meeting you can find most information afterward on the Celebrity website. It is very important to attend these meetings for several reasons;

Events and activities are announced, explained, and organized

Votes are taken

Deadlines and due dates are given

Information concerning the team is given by the director

Parents are able to network, getting to know other parents, which is very helpful

You are welcome to attend the April, May, & June meetings if you'd like to.

The July Booster Club meeting is the 1st official meeting for the 2009-2010 year. You will not begin earning "credits" until the July meeting.

Who to call or email

Mrs. Singleton's door is always open to parents and you may call her anytime you feel the need to. We also have a liaison on the board for parents to contact for general questions or clarification and Booster Club issues. This helps to lessen the burden on Mrs. Singleton's time.

Shary Luck - Celebrity Parent Liaison

Phone – 281-731-8439 (cell)

Email – cottagesoul@aol.com

Some basic definitions you may find helpful;

NewNews - Sophomore team members

Team – This is the phrase used (especially on the calendar) for **all** members on the Celebrity Drill Team including Sophomores.

SOCO - The Social Committee: A group of team members who organize activities.

Ranks- Members of the team broken down into small groups headed by an officer.

Ensembles- Specialized dance groups. Team members may try out for the ensembles soon after school begins. The ensembles are limited in size by what is allowed under competition rules. The ensembles have separate competitions as well as performing with the team. There are ensembles for Kick, Jazz, Modern, and Hip Hop. Ensemble members are strongly encouraged to fundraise for the extra costumes, fees, rehearsals & choreography these groups need.

Big and Little Sisters – Juniors and Seniors are given a “little sister” to mentor on the team. Big sisters are meant to help new team members feel at ease, give them an experienced team member, a peer, to go to for assistance with team matters.

Merits – These are points team members can earn by doing positive things.

Demerits –Demerits are given for things such as missing practice, not dressing out, not being prepared for a game etc. Merits and Demerits will be explained in detail in the Celebrity Packet you receive at the July parent meeting.

Old Dance Room – This is the original dance practice room. It is located in the west wing of the school – upstairs – above the gym. To get there use the alcove stairs (an elevator is available for those in need) located to the left of the gym doors. The directors office is in the old dance room also.

New Dance Room – This is in the new building on the far right of the school with a separate entrance of its own (you cannot enter it from a school hallway).

Spring Show – This is the annual performance the Celebrities do for the school and the public. It is in May and is scheduled for 3 nights.

Buy-outs- Buy outs are used in fundraisers. See the fundraiser section of this packet.

Gray Box - This is a lock box that is hung on the wall of the old dance room just inside the door and to the left. This is where each team member is asked to place all payments. Please put your payments in an envelope marked with your daughters name and what the payment is for.

Celebrity Website

www.clearbrookcelebrities.com

This is the website exclusive to the team. This website is very important to you and your daughter. You will need to check this website to get updates – daily is NOT too often. The website will list

- summer camp information,
- practice times,
- game details,
- game dance,
- dance choreography,
- due dates,
- special event information,
- competition information,
- booster club dates,
- booster club minutes,
- fundraiser information
- outline for the dances
- prop Dad information & contacts
- basic school information such as late arrival, early release, holidays, etc...

There are pictures of all the events, games, competitions, and so much more.

Website Calendar Jargon

You will receive a calendar for each month in your packet at the Booster Club meeting in July. **Calendars are not handed out each time there is a change or addition.** A current, updated calendar is on the Celebrity website. You will need to check the Celebrity Website for updates to the schedule or event information. We suggest you do this as often as possible, daily is not too much. Below are some of the things you will find on the calendar.

ASP: After School Practice. This is the whole team practice. Ensembles and Officers separate practice times will be listed beside their specific titles.

PU: This is on the top of each month's calendar as PU Monday, PU Tuesday, etc The team has a *practice uniform (PU)* for each day. If the team member does not come in the correct uniform with a ribbon in her hair she will receive a demerit.

Dress up day - You'll see this listed on the Celebrity calendar on Wednesdays. A Celebrity receives a merit for dressing up (no jean material). If an entire Rank dresses up then everyone in that Rank gets 5 merits.

FB Game information: Game time, whether home or away, and who is playing will be listed. On the Celebrity website a link is provided for a map to away games. The map is also on the CCISD website. The dance selected for each game will be listed on the calendar.

Call: This is the time the team is required to be at the school before a game or competition. It is generally 2 hours before game time. The team is asked to be dressed and "game ready" at call time.

Pictures/Videos –

If you take pictures or video at any of the games, fundraisers or events we would love to have them on the Celebrity or photobucket website for the other team members to see and copy. At the end of the year a slide show is made of that year for team members to keep. We also have a slideshow play at the Spring Show. If you are willing to contribute to this you can either make a disk or email the photos to the webmaster so that they may be uploaded to the websites.

Other Important Websites

Clear Brook High School: www.ccisd.net/schools/schoolwebs/3/

This is the districts specific website for Clear Brook High School. The school calendar is located on this website.

K-12 Planet: www.k12planet.com

You daughter will be required to make grade-checks for eligibility. You can use this website to check grades. Report cards can make a team member ineligible, progress reports can bring her back into eligibility.

Photo Website: www.photobucket.com

(username: cbceleb08 password: celebrity08)

This web-album has been set up to hold pictures from our events. Photos are on the Celebrity website but it can hold only so many, additional photos go here. Parents and team members can view and download the photos here. We encourage you to give us photos to post also.

CCISD Volunteer Sign up: www.v-volunteer.com

If you are able to volunteer for any school related function for the Celebrities you will need to have signed up on this website first. This is required by the school district. It will take 24 – 48 hours to get approval and volunteer “status” so please do this as soon as school begins.

General Information & Procedures

Summer Camp Information

All but one of the summer camps are held locally and do not require an overnight stay. The Crowd Pleasers Line Camp at the T Bar M Ranch is an overnight camp. The team will be given packing lists and information on activities.

If you work and will have a problem with camp drop off and pick up times during the summer please feel free to call other parents or your daughters Big Sister for a ride. You will be given a call list at the July meeting.

Camp Dates:

Pre-Line Camp (at CBHS) July 16-18

Crowd Pleasers Line Camp (T Bar M overnight) July 20-22

Crowd Pleasers Home Camp (CBHS) July 24,25

Team 1-a days (CBHS) August 19-21

Practice information:

The schedule for practice is susceptible to change. You should check the Celebrity website as often as possible. Even so, there are times the director will let the team go earlier than scheduled. If your daughter does not drive or ride with another team member you should be *prepared* to pick her up 30 minutes earlier than scheduled. Team members are required to be at practice and dressed to begin at the scheduled time. If a team member is late they will receive demerits. On Tuesday and Thursday practice begins when tutorials end. Team members may go to the dance room for dance tutorials, they may go to any of their class tutorials, or they can leave school and be back in time for Celebrity practice.

Practice is held, for the most part, all year Monday thru Thursday. There are exceptions such as district testing periods. There are a couple of Saturday practices also. Practice is not held during school seasonal holidays.

Game Procedure

The team will generally be required to arrive at the school about 2 hours before each game. Team members are to arrive at the school dressed and game ready and have their duffle bag packed with the required items. All team members are required to ride the buses to and from the game under district rules. The team sits together in a specific order next to the band at the end of the stands. The parents of the Celebrities usually sit on the other side. In the 2nd quarter the team will leave the stands to practice before they take the field. The team is required to stay in the stands at all times they are not performing. Chaperones supervise bathroom breaks for a few team members at a time. The team is not allowed to socialize with others in the stands during the game. The team is not allowed to eat in their uniforms, so they are not allowed to get food at the concession stand. They are allowed to have water (that they pack in the duffle bag prior to the game) in the stands.

For the Homecoming game the Celebrities dance *before the game begins*. This means call, bench set up, and viewing the dance all takes place much earlier than usual.

Events / Volunteers:

Volunteers are a must for this organization. Please consider what you may be able to do, from this list, in the coming months. We will ask for volunteers at the Booster Club meetings. You will need to register with CCISD to be a volunteer for some events, please see website links for more information on how to do that.

Mother Daughter Tea – Volunteers are not needed for this event. This is a lunch and tea for the team members and their mother or other significant person, usually held in August.

Game Chaperones – Two or three moms are needed to ride the bus and supervise bathroom breaks at the games.

Bake Sales – Three parents are needed for bake sales that are done in the commons area of the school during lunch time. The bake sales may occur as often as every other month. You will be asked to donate baked goods or food items.

Game bench set up – Two or three parents are needed to set up the bench covers for the team before each game. The parents who do this will need to go to the stadium as soon as they drop off their daughter for “call” so that the benches are ready by the time the team gets there. These volunteers are also responsible for taking down the bench covers so they will need to stay to the end.

Garage Sale & Car Washes – One parent for each team member is asked to participate. The team members donate items for the garage sale. You will be asked to bring your items clean, in good condition, and with prices marked. This event usually takes place in September so save items from your spring cleaning.

Dance Clinic – Depending on the number of participants, two or three parents are asked to help with this event that usually takes place in October. We will need one parent to head the clinic (directing registration, advertisement, photos, etc).

Spring Show – We will need all parents to help with this BIG event. Dads are especially needed for set building, heavy lifting, etc... Each night is a designated “class night” so that the parents for that class (Sophomore, Junior, Senior) can watch the show and their daughter perform. Parents not associated with that class will be asked to “work” at booths or in other areas. You will be asked to donate drinks and items for our gift basket raffle.

Carnival Booth – Four or five parents are asked to work this event for homecoming. You will be asked to donate drinks.

Texan Football Games – We have been given the opportunity to work Texan football games at concession booths. To be able to work these events there is a requirement to be 18 and TABC certified which we do as a group. Each event requires at least 8 parents to work. This is a BIG money maker for the team and a great opportunity. We hope you will want to join in.

Winter Banquet – Volunteers are not needed for this event. Parents are not required to attend, however, they are certainly welcome. Many parents do attend. This takes place in December.

End of Year Banquet – Volunteers are not required for this event. Parents are not required to attend, however, they are welcome. Parents do attend. The team members are allowed to bring a date also. This usually takes place in May.

Pep Rallies – Parents may attend pep rallies to see their daughters perform. They are not held for every game. Check the Celebrity website or call the school to get information for these events. The

director is usually notified of the date about 2 weeks before a pep rally You will want to show up at least 30 min before the event time, getting in before the RUSH of exuberant students who fill the gym.

Competition Chaperones – Two or three parents will be needed to chaperone and help at competitions.

Teacher Holiday Retreat- We need two parents to help with this event held the week before winter break. The Celebrities decorate and make a generic gift for the teachers. The teachers are invited to a come and go get-together. You will be asked to donate a snack item.

Service Project – Each year the Celebrities adopt a service project. Several Chaperones will be needed for this event usually held after the 1st of the year.

Fundraisers – Cost for the Celebrity competitions, activities, costumes, Spring Show, etc are not funded by the school. Each team member is responsible for reaching a goal in each fundraiser to help us meet these costs. All team members and parents are expected to participate in fundraising, it is a MUST for this organization. This is the only way we can keep your out of pocket cost down. If you do not work outside the home or have a flexible schedule please help by volunteering some of your time to our activities.

Normally there will be 1 fundraiser per month. You can either sell the item or you may choose to do a “buy-out”. Usually a “buy-out” will cost about \$40. There are fundraisers which require participation and do not have a “buy-out” such as car washes and the garage sale.

Fundraisers are decided each year by the board members. Any Booster Club member may bring a fundraiser to the attention of the board to be considered. Fundraisers we have had in the past include:

Car Washes	Garage Sale	Butter Baked Bread
Poinsettias	Bake Sales	Spring Show Ads
Candles	Carnival Booth	Football Games

Sponsors – If you know of a business or individual who would like to make a tax deductible sponsorship donation to the Celebrities please let a board member know. We encourage our members to seek out sponsorships because it could lessen the fundraisers we have to do. We have a list of Corporate Sponsorship opportunities (such as a link on our website, acknowledgement on banner at football games and Spring Show) for sponsors who donate \$500 and up.

Expenses

Uniforms –

In your try-out packet you will have received a list of uniform items and their cost. Some Seniors gladly pass on practice uniforms, shoes, etc. Please call Mrs. Singleton if you are interested and she can direct you to a Senior to contact. Most of the field uniform is provided by the school. The 1st year truly is the only year you should need to purchase so much. Other years the uniform costs are very minimal because there are very few changes made from year to year. Uniforms will be handed out about a week before school starts if all payments are current. There is also a District Policy which requires each member pay a fee of \$12 for dry cleaning the field uniform.

Fundraisers –

Normally there will be 1 fundraiser per month. You can either sell the item or you may choose to do a “buy-out”. Usually a “buy-out” will cost about \$40.

Sponsors – If you know of a business or individual who would like to make a tax deductible sponsorship donation to the Celebrities please let a board member know. We encourage our members to seek out sponsorships because it could lessen the fundraisers we have to do. We have a list of Corporate Sponsorship opportunities (such as a link on our website, acknowledgement on banner at football games and Spring Show) for sponsors who donate \$500 and up.

Gifts –

The team members buy each other gifts a few specific times each year. There are gifts between Big and Little Sisters and at the Winter Banquet. The director asks that team members stick to a budget of \$10 to \$15.

Winter Banquet –

This event, held in December, will require a small payment for dinner from any parent who wishes to attend. Attendance by parents is optional, not required. Team members do like to participate in a gift exchange but it is not required.

Spring Trip –

Each year at Spring Break there is an optional trip. On odd years the trip is out of state, on even years it is in state. Cost is dependant on where the team will travel. Payments begin in August and are spread out monthly.

Pictures –

Individual and team pictures are taken in uniform before school starts. These pictures will appear on the website, in the yearbook, and in the Spring Show program. You may purchase pictures but are not required to.

Football Program

If you'd like you may put an ad in the Wolverine Media Guide, the program handed out at each game. Ad's begin around \$50. You will receive an ad submission sheet at the Booster Club meeting at the beginning of the school year.

Calendar Notables

Celebrity Payments

➤ Payment #1 – Camp Deposit	\$200 (pay to CBHS)	3/27/09
-----------------------------	---------------------	---------

Payment #2 – Attire \$275 (pay to CBCBC) 4/24/09

Payment #3 – Attire \$300 (pay to CBCBC) 5/22/09

Payment #4 – Camp balance \$100 (pay to CBHS) 6/4/09

Payment #5 – Attire balance \$ individual (pay to CBCBC) 7/16/09

Summer payments can be made by PayPal on the Celebrity website or mailed to:

Attn: Cristina Singleton

CBHS

4607 FM 2351

Friendswood, Tz. 77546

You may contact the Booster Club treasurer is you need to verify payments

Jan Warzecha

warzecha@sbcglobal.net

A new treasurer is appointed in April. Contact information will be on the website after that.

Camp Dates:

Pre-Line Camp (at CBHS) July 16-18

Crowd Pleasers Line Camp (T Bar M overnight) July 20-22

Crowd Pleasers Home Camp (CBHS) July 24,25

Team 1-a days (CBHS) August 19-21

NewNews Gongratulations Ad for Spring Show program

You may place an ad in the program for Spring Sow if you'd like. Ad's are due Monday March 30, 2009. You may take out a group ad to congratulate all NewNews for the 2009-2010 season or individual ads. A _page group picture "Congratulations" ad can be assembled by Shary Luck. You would make checks out to CBCBC. Cost would be \$125. Individual cost would be dependent on the number of participants. If all 12 families participate it would be \$10.40 for each family. Individual ad cost is on the following ad page.

Individual ads should be "camera ready" for the printer and emailed to:

Stephanie Tamburello

stephtam@flash.net

Payments should be put in the gray box on Monday March 30th, 2009. PayPal cannot be used for this payment.