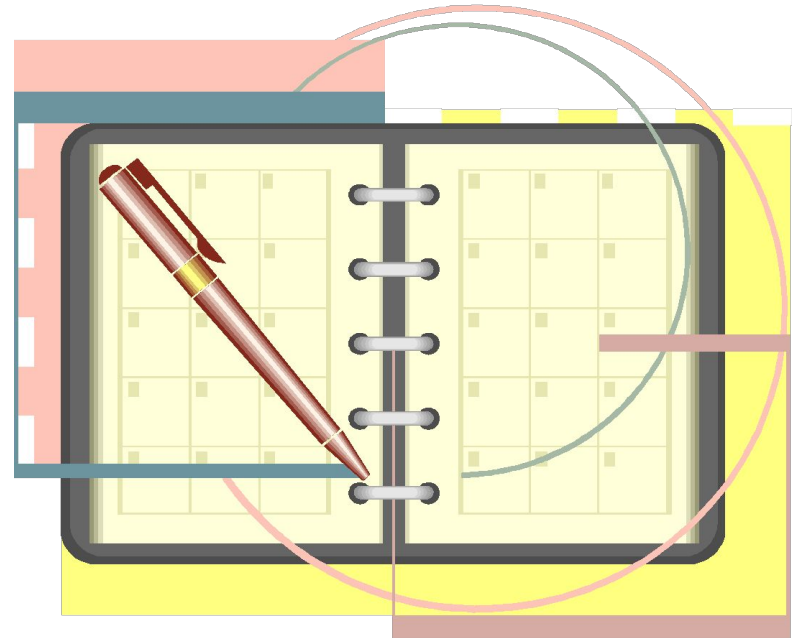


# New Team Meeting

August 9, 2023

# On the agenda:

- 💧 Important Dates/Events
- 💧 Communication
- 💧 Parent Top 10 must know
- 💧 Farmerette Expectations
- 💧 Demerits & Merits
- 💧 Uniform check out





# Football Games:

- 8/25 Home 7:00pm
- 9/1 @Highland Park 7:00pm
- 9/8 @ Mesquite 7:00pm
- 9/15 Bye Week (Car Pools at 7:00am at Feeder Elementary Schools)
- 9/22 Home vs Flower Mound 7pm
- 9/29 @ Coppell 7:00pm
- 10/6 Home vs Plano West 7:00pm
- 10/13 HOCO vs Plano Senior 7:00pm
- 10/20@ Marcus (BOTA) 7:00pm
- 10/27 Home vs Plano East 7:00pm (Senior Night)
- 11/3 @ Hebron 7:00pm
- Keep next couple of weeks open for potential playoffs 😊





# JV Football Games:

- 8/31 Home 5:30pm
- 10/13 HOCO Game with Varsity  
7pm
- 11/2 Home 5:30pm





# Big Sil/Lil Sis Gifts:

💧 The sisters give inspirational notes and small gifts to each other on these dates throughout the year. Keep the gifts under \$15.

💧 1<sup>st</sup> Game

💧 Homecoming

💧 Christmas

💧 Valentine's Day

💧 Spring Show



# Practice:



- 💧 ALL practices are mandatory.
- 💧 PLEASE remind your daughter to eat SOMETHING before practice. (Banana, granola bar – SOMETHING!) And she needs to bring water jug filled with water every day!
- 💧 Practice will begin at 6:30am on the DOT. If she arrives one minute late it's demerits. ("If you're early, you're on time, if you're on time, you're late") 😊
- 💧 If your daughter arrives to practice late – she will receive 1 demerit. However....
- 💧 If your daughter arrives 20+ minutes late – she will receive 2 demerits.

# Communication is key:



- 💧 PLEASE make sure you are communicating with your daughter about Farmerettes & vice versa.
- 💧 Usually any big announcements – I will email you about.
- 💧 Do NOT expect me to email you with EVERY single little announcement I tell the girls. Being on drill team is part of learning responsibility and I guarantee you if your daughter isn't yet responsible – she WILL be by the end of this year! I usually get parent emails with questions that really your daughter could answer for you. 😊
- 💧 Always view the band for updates, communication, forms, etc. & read your newsletters
- 💧 Please make sure if your daughter has an appt. somewhere (doctor, etc) – you tell her in advance so she's not surprised and then not able to tell me in advance. (get her to inform/email not just me, but ALL of her teachers – they will LOVE it!) 😊

# Top 10 must know

#1 – Learn to love Bandapp, Charms & the Farmerette website.

💧 Sign up to be a member for forms, calendar, etc.

💧 [www.lewisvillefarmerettes.com](http://www.lewisvillefarmerettes.com)

#2 – Please do not show up to see me or Ms. Turquette without an appointment.

#3 – Do not email/call me for your daughter.

💧 Again, I'm trying to help you teach them responsibility. Please let them get a hold of me unless they are VERY ill and cannot get to a computer/phone.



# Top 10 must know

#4 – Practice schedule is *never* set in stone....these things can change.

#5 – Know attendance policy for Farmerettes:

- 💧 Excused (NO DEMERITS) = Sick, at doctor, funeral, religious holiday, school related function & and college visit for the Farmerettes. (I still need a note or email from you for all of these to be excused)
- 💧 Unexcused (5 DEMERITS) = Granny's 80<sup>th</sup> B-day Party, going to see sibling at college, taking mom to the airport, a dance convention/studio contest, getting permit/drivers license, taking sibling to college, and the list goes on and on.
- 💧 What we always hear from all these excuses are 'Ohhh, but this is unique and special.' ....Well – if I let one person slide, I have to let everyone slide...and then people start taking advantage and then I have half the team in practice.
- 💧 I will never say not to go the unique/special event, but know that if your daughter does go – she will get demerits per constitution.

# Top 10 must know

## # 6 – Performances:

- 💧 When Farmerettes are at a game they are working. No visiting, pictures, sitting in the stands with them. They will have 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter off where they can go to the restroom, have a DRY snack or take pictures. No PDA, going over to the other side, etc. Must be back in stands by 5min. (This is a privilege and trial run-if we have problems we will no longer have 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter off)
- 💧 *Please come to support your students and invite friends and family to shows, performances etc.-they work so hard and deserve an audience 😊*

# Top 10 must know

## #7 - SOCIAL MEDIA/INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGING

- 💧 I encourage you to remind your daughter to be extra cautious of social media sites. (EVEN if their account is set to private). Do you follow them on Twitter, Instagram, etc? Are you aware of what they are posting?
- 💧 I don't want them to have a private Finsta "fake account" – it tells me they are hiding something from me and posting inappropriate things!
- 💧 Over my years of teaching I've seen several ugly situations regarding social media AND inappropriate messaging....this resulted drill team girls to be dismissed from the team.
- 💧 Bullying (online or in person) – I take this seriously– and it's my job to seek this out if it's brought to my attention or if I suspect it. Even a student saying "I was just kidding" – can be perceived as 'bullying' towards the person on the receiving end of "the joke."


# Top 10 must know

**#8- THE BIG ONE:** Lets build trust!!!!!! Please contact **ME first** for any concerns that you have.

- 💧 I want to work with you and make this year as great as it can be.
- 💧 So please do not contact me anonymously. Honesty is the best policy – it builds trust! Anonymous destroys trust.
- 💧 Its best for me to know first hand what the issue/subject concerns are from you or the student. And you have the right to go to the Principal if you are not satisfied – this is the case for every class.
- 💧 I will never be the director that if you have a concern with me, I will take it out on your daughter. I don't roll that way and never will.

# Top 10 must know

#9 – PLEASE make sure you are familiar with the rules/ consequences in Farmerettes.

 In all, I want to be fair and consistent – always. That’s a major component in my book. I will uphold what is in the handbook/constitution

#10 – PLEASE do not include me in you/your ex-spouses “drama.” (Example: with payments, carbon copying me on emails to your ex-spouse asking about payments, etc)

# \*Bonus:

#11 – I encourage you to be involved as much as you can...little or large!

- 💧 I need everyone's help to make this a successful year.
- 💧 I know that each of you has demands on your time and I appreciate ANY contribution.
- 💧 We cannot run this team without YOUR help.
- 💧 PLEASE come see your daughter perform.

# Volunteer Clearance

- 💧 All parents must sign up to be able to come on campus while students are present. Chaperone a trip or assist with clinics etc
- 💧 [Lewisvilleisd.voly.org](http://Lewisvilleisd.voly.org)
- 💧 This process could take 2 to 3 weeks so don't wait to secure clearance from the district to be a parent volunteer.

# Demerits & Merits

## MAJOR CHANGES:

demerits cannot be worked off/no merits

5= suspension from a performance, student conference

10=suspension from another performance, parent conference

15=suspension from a third performance, parent conference

16=dismissal from the team



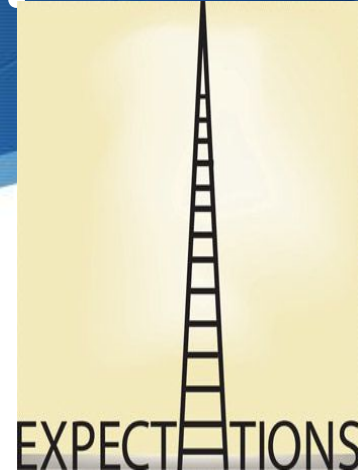


# Sick Policy:



- IF your daughter is sick – **PLEASE** have her stay home!
- No point in coming to school and getting everyone else sick. Your daughter sends us an email, copies you on it and then you verify it so I know you know.
- Fever Rule – must not have a fever for 24 hours (without meds to break the fever) – THEN they can come to school.
- Again, being sick is considered an “EXCUSED” absence.

# The Drill Team Way:



## Manners

“yes ma’am, yes sir, thank you,” etc.

“we” before “me” -hold the door, give a complement, think of the whole team over you personally.

\*we make decisions with what’s best for the whole team in mind

## Behavior

In & outside of school

They are representing the Farmerettes, the school, community and remember...it is a PRIVILEGE to be on drill team, not a right.

My bar is set SO high.

“3 Before Me” There is a hierarchy for a reason. Ask your big sis/officer/family & check bandapp and newsletters before reaching out to me or Ms. Turquette for small questions.

I will push them beyond what they think they can do.

My goal is to teach them not just dance, but life skills that they can take with them for the rest of their lives.

It’s these little extra things that will make us the best drill team around. ☺ And without a doubt – we WILL be. ☺

# The Drill Team Way

Game Day Makeup: red lip, smokey eye (nudes) blush, lashes encouraged

Nails: For performances-medium length max, your color nude, ombre, french tip, clear or nothing

Hair: all about communication

NO EATING IN UNIFORM (except a dry snack during 3rd quarter) at appearances, games (unless during 3rd period), parades etc.

No PDA in or out of uniform

Appearances in the community are not for you to socialize, you are working

# Culture Expectations

RESPECT is a 2 way street. The way you behave and uphold our constitution reflects on YOU and FARMERETTES.

I will always own my mistakes and be honest, I expect the same from all of you.

Handle consequences with grace.

It's okay to have big feelings, but be a goldfish! When we come to practice etc. leave it at the door and do what we all love-dance!



# Grades/Eligibility::

- 💧 Farmerettes MUST keep up their grades in order to participate in Drill Team.
- 💧 I will be looking at their grades CONSTANTLY and HOUNDING them if they are anywhere close to failing or if they have not made up their work, have zeros, etc.
- 💧 IF they fail a grading period:
  - 💧 On probation for 3 weeks.
  - 💧 They have a 3 week check...if they are passing – then they are off probation, if not passing – they will remain on probation for another 3 weeks.
- 💧 IF they fail a class for 2 *consecutive* report cards – Farmerettes will be dismissed from the team.

# Uniform Care & Check out Policies

NEVER PUT IN THE DRYER

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING IT  
CLEAN/IN GOOD CONDITION & TURNING IT IN  
CLEAN/IN GOOD CONDITION

CARE SHEET MUST BE SIGNED & FEES PAID IN  
ORDER TO RECEIVE UNIFORM FOR 9/1 GAME.

# Last thing from me:



I want this to be a GREAT year...not for me or for Ms. T...but for these AMAZING girls! Team work makes the dream work.

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# BANDAPP

JV:

JV Parents:



**MUST SIGN  
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