



SHENENDEHOWA DANCE TEAM

By Jenna Caputo | Photos by Brian Van Sise, Stop Motion Sports Photography

The Shenendehowa Dance Team knows how to bring it to the dance floor—or in the field—wherever they may be. Performing in hip hop, jazz, kickline, and pom, the varsity level team performs each Friday night during the football and basketball seasons. Coached by former dancer Joanna Butterfield, the ninth through twelfth graders are a student-run extracurricular club. In addition to dancing halftime during the football and basketball games, the students also participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk every year and host four elementary clinics annually, teaching students in grades K-5 various dance skills and techniques.

The group consists of a range of skill levels and personalities, with most of the dancers also dancing at other studios locally, practicing hours each day. "They are dedicated to their passion for dance and work really hard to balance their extracurricular and their academic work," says Joanna. The members are involved in other school activities including the Math Honor Society, National

Art Honor Society, Best Buddies, Science Honor Society, Key Club, Nick's Fight To Be Healed, and the Social Studies Honor Society.

"As a former dancer, I love all styles of dance and teaching. Getting the opportunity to coach and mentor this group of dancers has been such a rewarding experience. They put a smile on my face each day," says Joanna.

As they close out basketball season, the team is looking ahead to next year. They are hosting a tryout clinic on April 23rd for any students in grades 8-11 who might be interested before the actual try-outs May 8-11 in the Gowana Gym. Preseason starts in late August when the team meets for training and the start-up of football season.

"Each year I look forward to working with the team and seeing their creative efforts with choreography," says Joanna. "I am always impressed by their dedication and time put forth. I'm always eager to see them perform with the game day rush!"

Adam Lemel Image Courtesy:
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Project ADAM continues mission in wake of Damar Hamlin case

By Logan Hanson,
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Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin's sudden cardiac arrest on Monday Night Football made the nation hold its collective breath. While Hamlin is on his way to recovery, others haven't been as lucky. In 1999, Whitefish Bay High School athlete Adam Lemel died after suffering a sudden cardiac arrest during a basketball game. Today, Lemel's family and Children's Wisconsin work nationally to save other children through Project ADAM... Continue reading on the BVM Sports website.

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