

The girls perform a jazz dance to a remixed R-E-S-P-E-C-T at the variety show. With red hot dresses, lips, and attitudes, they started the show off with a bang! Although they learned this dance at camp during the summer, they used most of the routine but altered some of the choreography to make it more of a production; something that had never been done before. With a mixture of a kick line and jazz, the performance showed their wide range of abilities of dance.



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Flyerettes dance to success

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From learning dances at camp during the summer, to countless practices, the Flyerettes dance team achieved great success throughout their season. The team was led by captain **Jennifer Grossman, 12**, along with the other three seniors **Carly Gilbert, 12**, **Megan Jones, 12**, and **Rachel Washburn, 12**.

The Flyerettes started their season off on a good foot by going to dance camp at Ohio State University. Each girl learned three dances to perform at the end of the vigorous four days of camp, and took them back to use for their performances during their season.

"Camp allowed us to bond as a team and we got really entertaining dances for the year," said **Jones**.

The girls did countless fundraising activities to support their finances including a car wash before school started, a bake sale, selling entertainment books, and a mini-clinic for girls in the elementary grades. It was so much more than just making money for them, but a great way to get involved in the community and spread the word about their improved team.

"It was so great earning our own money and then being able to use it throughout the season. It really helped us to bond as a team and work together," said **Lori Adler, 11**.

Practicing three times a week for two hours, the girls were able to prepare for upcoming performances and sideline dances during pre-game.

The Flyerettes performances throughout the season included the homecoming pep rally, variety show, winter pep rally, boys and girls varsity basketball games, Battle of the Bands, and a competition in Columbus, Ohio, where they placed second overall and first in Ohio. Throughout the season the girls truly showed that hard work really does pay off.

"This season was so much more than any of us expected. We achieved so much and did it together as a team. I will never forget this year and any of the girls," said **Grossman**.



Marrissa Gunnarson, 10, **Jackie Nussbaum, 12**, and **Carly Gilbert, 12**, start off one of their most exciting dances. The girls perform an exciting hip hop dance they learned at camp during the summer to get the crowd pumped up for the Homecoming Pep Rally. This is the first time they performed out of their regular winter season, practicing countless hours making sure their first performance was flawless.

The Flyerettes sell baked goods hoe down style to raise money for their competition and costumes needed throughout the season. They also provided entertainment at all three lunches, encouraging people to come line dance with them. It was a great way for them to raise money for the Katrina Hurricane Relief Foundation and have fun doing it!

