



*Flying through air*, senior Ellie Tappero executes a flawless toe-touch while doing the starting five at a home basketball game. "I think it's really exhilarating getting to do what I love in such a high energy setting, while also supporting our other teams," said Ellie Tappero.

Lilli Anderson

## Passion for dance, team bonding sets up encore season

Showing the diversity of their styles, their individual passion for dance, and family-type bonding activities, the Dance Team leaped their way to Fifth Place at State Competition.

"My most memorable moment performing at State was feeling the adrenaline rush before performing each routine," said sophomore Mia Tatum.

Not only was it the adrenaline rush before the State performance, but also the energy the dancers present to the audience.

"My most memorable moment was performing on the floor. I felt to good showing everyone all the work we've put in and how much we wanted it!" said sophomore Margaret VanSpeybroeck.

Inspired in different ways, the dancers expressed their motivations.

"What inspires me to dance is to see the great motivation my team members and other dancers have," said freshman Christina Sevilla.

Though each dancer has her favorite style, lyrical held a strong place in the team's hearts.

"Lyrical is my favorite style to dance because it is pretty to watch and I like how flowy it is," said sophomore Sydney Goff.

~ Kaylynn Ruffin



**Varsity Dance Team** ~Front row: Christina Sevilla, Rebekah Riewerts, Madison Mangels, Kaylynn Ruffin; Row two: Kimberly Walljasper, Sydney Goff, Ashley Luedtke, Margaret VanSpeybroeck, Mia Tatum; Back row: Taylor Snyder, Isabelle Sneath, Jordan Colton, Catherine Tappero, Caitlin Welu.  
Additional Dance Team members: Ryann Arana, Darci Henkens, Mallory Owens, Olivia Taylor

"I like the feeling of the lights hitting on me when I perform!"

~sophomore,  
Kimberly Walljasper

### For the Record

**State: 5th place**

#### *What kept us moving?*

"Don't stop 'til you drop!"

"Don't let anyone stop you from reaching your goals!"

"Give it your all!"

"No matter what, always have fun with what you are doing!"

"Dance like it's your last dance!"