

# BULLDOG



# DANCERS

I am so excited you are interested in the BULLDOG DANCERS! We have a busy 2017-2018 year planned, and I am sure that we will have more added to our schedule as opportunities arise. Please read through this packet carefully.

## IMPORTANT AUDITION INFORMATION

Please sign and return the information packet on or before Auditions. Auditions are July 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm. Track 4 students that are unable to make the July 25<sup>th</sup> audition date need to contact Mrs. Retseck and arrange an audition PRIOR to July 25<sup>th</sup>.

You MUST sign up to audition by going to the Holly Grove Dance Website ([www.hollygrovedance.weebly.com](http://www.hollygrovedance.weebly.com)), clicking on the link to sign up, and filling out the Google Doc. Only students who signed up on the Google doc will be emailed the link to the audition phrase. The audition phrase will be emailed out on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Auditionees are expected to have perfected the audition phrase prior to auditions. On the day of Auditions (July 25) you will participate in a technique assessment, and you will perform the audition phrase.

If callbacks are needed, you will be notified by 7pm on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Call backs will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm. The BULLDOG DANCER final list will be posted on July 27<sup>th</sup> on the dance room door and on the dance website.

## UNIFORM/COSTUME REQUIREMENTS

All BULLDOG DANCERS members will need the following basic items from Discount Dance Supply ([www.discountdance.com](http://www.discountdance.com) / 1-800-328-7107) by **September 1<sup>st</sup> if accepted.** It is important that all of the dancers have the SAME style. This helps us to look very professional when we perform.



#D5107 by Theatricals \$20.00 Adult "V" Front Jazz Pant



#TH5512 by Theatricals \$13.91 Adult Scoop Tank Leotard



#DN981L Dance Now Women's Leather Jazz Bootie - Tan \$25.43



#CHUX Double Platinum Adult Sequin Sneaker - SILVER \$26.16

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#T5500 Theatricals Adult Convertible Tights – Light Suntan - \$6.70



#N5505 Theatricals Adult V-Waist Short - Black - \$9.75

We will plan and participate in several fundraisers to help raise money for our costumes. If all dancers participate in the fundraisers and raise/or pay in the fair share amount (\$100), we should be able to eliminate the out of pocket costs for costumes. The costumes will be property of the Holly Grove Middle Dance Department and will be used from year to year. The program is young and we do not have an established costume closet. If we want to have costumes including our uniforms, we will have to fundraise.

Each dancer will be given a uniform top (see below) and bow to wear for the year. It will be worn with their black pants and silver shoes for games, pep rallies, etc. Each dancer will be given a uniform top to use for the year. If the top is lost, it will be \$37.00 to replace it. The bows are \$11.00 to replace.



(In Red)

The leotard, jazz shoes, tights, and shorts will be used as a base and the under parts of costumes. This will give us the ability to add tunic tops, dresses, cute bottoms, etc. without having to buy extra pieces and undergarments.

Each BULLDOG DANCER will also be required to have the BULLDOG DANCER t-shirt. The t-shirt will be purchased from the fair share amount. We will establish a design and price out the shirts. I will also price out hoodies, sweat pants, tanks, shorts, etc. Those items will be available for you to purchase, and are optional.

## COMMITMENT

BULLDOG DANCERS will run for the entire length of the school year. Please make sure that you are communicating with me when you will not be at rehearsal. Dancers who do not come to rehearsal for any reason may be pulled from or not included in a dance or a section of a dance depending upon the circumstances. BULLDOG DANCERS is an ensemble. When one person is missing it affects everyone. Rehearsals and performances are expected to be a priority. We will meet every day during K-9 time. Bulldog Dancers are expected to attend K-9 at a minimum 3 days a week. Students should get their agendas pre-stamped on Friday of each week. Students who are not attending K-9 a minimum of 3 days a week may be pulled from or not included in a dance or a section of a dance depending on the circumstances. I will also hold rehearsals on

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Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30. This will allow us to practice with everyone. If you are tracked out, you are expected to attend 2/3 of the Tuesday afternoon rehearsals during your track out. Please make every effort to be at those rehearsals. You are not required to attend the K-9 rehearsals during track out.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Once the dancers have been selected, I will send home a parent volunteer survey. There are many ways that you can be involved in the BULLDOG DANCERS. We are in desperate need of a parent or parents who can help us run the Holly Grove Middle Dance Booster Club. I also need a few parents who can serve as a fundraising committee. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions please email me ([mretseck@wcpss.net](mailto:mretseck@wcpss.net)).

## TRIPS AND PERFORMANCES

We will audition for Pieces of Gold in the fall. BULLDOG DANCERS are expected to be available to perform at all of the concerts, pep rallies, and selected home games. We are going to Disney this year. The trip will be in the spring (mostly likely around the end of April). The estimated cost of the trip is \$650 depending on how many students attend.

## INFORMATION PACKET

Please read through and fill out the papers in the information packet. The packet is due back to me on Audition Day (July 25).

## STAYING IN TOUCH

I hope this gave you the information you needed to help you understand the commitment level required for the BULLDOG DANCERS. I look forward to seeing all of you at auditions! This is going to be a great year full of DANCE!!

Communication is the key to success. You can reach me by several methods:

Email: [mretseck@wcpss.net](mailto:mretseck@wcpss.net)

School Phone: 919-567-4177 (main office)

**Please feel free to contact me at any time. Email is the best way to reach me quickly.**

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