



NUHS THEATRICAL DANCE NEWSLETTER

2017-2018

Mrs. Wadman

Welcome to NUHS Theatrical Dance!

Welcome to our “dance family” at Nevada Union High School! We are very excited for the 2017-2018 school year and all of our class activities and performance opportunities. My hope is that all students will feel safe, motivated to reach their full potential, and passionate about dance at N.U. I want all parents and students to keep the lines of communication open, so please don’t hesitate to email – cwadman@njuhsd.com – or call me (530) 273-4431 ext. 2103 or talk to me after class. We all want you to have the best possible experience in this program! Keep up-to-date with our activities:

- Online classroom access through Schoology, providing convenient access to course materials, discussion boards, events/links, monthly newsletters, portfolios/student work samples, assignments, and more!
- Stay up-to-date with all of the NUHS Dance activities and access a detailed schedule of rehearsals/events on our online calendar at www.nevadauniondance.com.

Dress Code and Needed Supplies

Our first dancing day will be on Tuesday, August 22nd. Students will need exercise/P.E. clothes to change into until they are able to get their required dance clothes. We have some gently used leotards available for \$5 in the dance room, and we also have some coupons for dance supplies stores (Escott Place in Grass Valley and Discount Dance Supply). Please talk to me privately or send me an email request if you need to borrow dance clothes or required supplies for this school year. Students will need the following supplies for dance class:

- A combination lock for their P.E./Dance locker (note: freshmen will use the same P.E. locker for their freshmen P.E. class and dance class, so you only need one combo lock for the locker room). – *Due on Monday, August 21st*
- A composition notebook (dance journal) that will be kept in the student’s assigned folder in the dance room – *Due on Friday, September 1st*
- Any color/style of Leotard and Tights/Leggings (optional: dance shoes or socks). Intermediate/Advanced: black leotard with pink tights and pink ballet slippers for ballet classes. – *Dress Code in Effect starting Tuesday, September 5th*
- Hair ties and bobbi pins/headband
- Recommended: Easy to put on sandals (and/or boots on cold or rainy days) for walking to and from the locker room and for easy removal in the dance room

Dance Clothes Drive

We are doing a “Dance Clothing Drive” this month to support students who need leotards and tights/leggings for class but

may not be able to purchase new supplies. Please donate gently used dancewear and dance shoes for students in need and/or for “sharewear” for students who forget to bring their dance clothes to class on any given day. All sizes and styles are welcomed! We appreciate your donations and support!

Hip Hop Crew Auditions

Hip Hop Crew is a student-led group of dancers who meet during lunch every Thursday to dance and work on choreography for performance in school rallies and in our annual dance concerts. Dance students from any class/level with hip hop experience can audition during lunch on Thursday, August 24th. If accepted to join the Crew for this semester, you will have to commit to attending every lunch rehearsal from August to November, leading up to the *Fall for Dance* production on November 17 and 18 in the Don Baggett Theatre. For more information, talk to Mrs. Wadman after class.

Guest Choreographers and Teachers

Students in all levels will have the opportunity to work with guest choreographers/teachers throughout the school year. We have professionals from Los Angeles, Utah, and New York who come every year to teach master classes and choreography to the N.U. dance program. We also have local dance teachers/choreographers/physical therapists who work with our students. This year, our 2nd period class will have the opportunity to learn a dance taught by guest choreographer Cassie McAlister. 4th period will work with Nicole Chan-Carranza, and 5th/6th period classes will work with Roxanna Cohen. Our advanced dancers will have a 2-hour ballet master class from 2:30-4:30 on the first Thursday of the month with prima ballerina Tishia Hicks. Our performance ensemble dancers will work with professional world dance choreographers Grechen Colon (Puerto Rico) and Deanna Figuiera (Brazil). See our calendar for more information about exciting upcoming events this year!

Showcase Choreography Proposals, Auditions,

and Casting Meeting

Advanced sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to submit choreography proposals for the 17th Annual Student Choreography Showcase production. Typed proposals and copies of edited music are due no later than Friday, August 18th. Any intermediate or advanced dancers interested in performing in this show must attend a mandatory audition on Thursday, August 24th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. There will be a casting meeting after performance ensemble on Friday, August 25th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Only choreographers will attend this meeting. The theme for this year’s show is “Uplift and Inspire” – dances that promote messages of positivity and inspiration.