



NUHS THEATRICAL DANCE NEWSLETTER

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Mrs. Wadman

Jamba Juice Fundraiser

Our dance program will be selling Jamba Juice smoothie cards for \$20 as a fundraiser for field trips and special events during the school year. These cards offer buy 6 smoothies, get 6 free. It is a great deal for the people receiving the cards, and it directly supports dance students here at Nevada Union. Some students are fundraising for the opportunity to visit LINES Ballet, UC Berkeley, attend a professional dance performance, and take a dance class at ODC Dance Commons in San Francisco next month. If you are interested in participating in the fundraiser and/or purchasing a card to support a dancer, please contact Mrs. Wadman at cwadman@njuhsd.com, or bring \$20 payment to the dance room to pick up a Jamba Juice card. Dancers who want to fundraise/sell cards need to notify Mrs. Wadman with the number of cards they want to sell to family, friends, or community members. You can return any unused cards with no added costs or obligations. The more you sell, the more money to support N.U. Dance. They make great gifts, or you can set up a table in front of a busy supermarket or community center/downtown. Thanks for your consideration and support!

Class Projects/Assignments in September

Students in all levels selected a physical fitness goal in class on Friday, September 1st for our first dance journal entry. Students should be working at home on their goal (some may require as little as 2 minutes per day, depending on the goal selected by the student). In order to see progress towards the goal, students will need to work consistently on the exercises outlined in the goal worksheet (provided in class and emailed to school email address). We will track our goals progress through weekly journal entries/check-ins on Fridays. All students will also have a dance vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, September 19th, based upon terms learned so far in class. Lastly, we will begin our first choreography project this month, titled "Elements of Choreography." Students will work collaboratively in small groups to create short dance phrases incorporating different movement qualities, levels, directions, staging, and timing variations. We will begin work on these projects on Wednesday, September 20th. We will continue to work on choreography for performance in our upcoming production, *Fall for Dance*, on Friday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. Beginning dancers who would like to perform will need to turn in the Performance Contract by Friday, September 15th.

Advanced Ballet/Pilates Class

Advanced Dancers will have our first mandatory 2 hour ballet/Pilates class from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7th with professional ballet dancer/teacher Tishia Hicks, with additional instruction by Roxanna Cohen. Please be prepared with proper ballet attire and hair in a neat bun.

Showcase Rehearsals

Our first weekend rehearsals for the 17th annual *Student Choreography Showcase* will be September 16 & 17 in the dance room. For intermediate and advanced dancers who have signed up to participate in this show, please remember to arrive at least 15 minutes early to your scheduled rehearsal to be warmed up and ready to go. The choreographers will be teaching a lot of choreography (at least 25% of the dance) at each monthly rehearsal, so attendance is crucial. If you cannot attend a scheduled rehearsal, please remember to contact me as well as your choreographer as soon as possible by phone or email. Your choreographer and fellow dancers are counting on you, so please be reliable. See the attached calendar for specific times for each choreographer's rehearsal. We will have run-throughs of the dances after school on Thursdays, starting with Thursday, September 21st at 3:30 p.m. and September 28th at 3:30 p.m. Students who are not enrolled in Performance Ensemble will be excused as soon as they have run their dance(s) for *Showcase*. Consistent attendance at these run-throughs is mandatory for all participants.

Theatrical Dance Club Meetings

Intermediate/Advanced dancers are encouraged to attend our Theatrical Dance Club meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. For September, our club meetings will be on September 12th and 26th. Bring your lunch to the dance room and join us as we plan club activities, fundraisers, and special events. ALL students in the N.U. Dance program are invited to the dance room on rainy days for dance movies (stay warm and dry during lunchtime and enjoy watching a classic movie musical or dance film while you eat your lunch. (Note: Hip Hop Crew will still have rehearsals every Thursday at lunch, rain or shine, so this may impact our rainy day movie plans...)

A Look Ahead: Club Rush is October 3rd

Club Rush will be Tuesday, October 3rd at lunch up near the library. Performance Ensemble dancers with last names A-M need to bring a large batch of Rice Krispy squares (individually wrapped large squares), and dancers with last names N-Z need to bring premixed lemonade. Large Rice Krispies and Large cups of iced lemonade will be on sale for \$1 each. ALL dancers are invited to visit our booth, purchase food/drinks, and join us in doing some fun hip hop dancing out in front of the library!