

# AUDITION ALERT:

## Audition Packet for Centennial High School's 2020-2021 Dance Placement Audition!

This packet includes...

- Dance registration form
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- Letter from the director



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Dear Dancer,

Thank you for taking an interest in the Centennial High School Dance Program! CHS has offered classes in dance since 2002. The curriculum consists of composition/choreography, ballet, modern, jazz, and performance. These classes are based on the Howard County Public School's Dance Curriculum Guide and satisfy the Fine Art credit requirement needed for graduation. Courses offered at Centennial include:

- Dance I (**ALL students new to the CHS Dance Program MUST register for this course**)
- Dance II (prerequisite: Dance I or by teacher placement at audition)
- Dance III (prerequisite: Dance II or by teacher placement at audition)
- Dance IV (prerequisite: Dance III or by teacher placement at audition)
- Dance Seminar GT (grades 10-12 and require teacher recommendation)
- Junior Company GT (require teacher placement at audition)
- Senior Company GT (grades 10-12 & require teacher placement at audition)

Dancers in grade 8 through 11 with prior dance experience are invited to attend the Dance Placement Audition on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. It will begin promptly at 3:30pm in the CHS Dance Studio. Dancers should plan to arrive a few minutes early to turn in paperwork (résumé, headshot, and registration), dress to dance, and warm-up. Students will have 30 minutes to learn a piece of choreography that consists of ballet, modern, and jazz elements. Students do not need to prepare their own choreography for the audition. Dancers will audition in small groups beginning at 4:15. You will be allowed to choose your time and your group. This is a closed audition, so only the group performing, the adjudicators, the director, and the choreographers will be allowed in the auditorium at the time of your audition. Dancers may leave after their performance.

Please understand that this is advanced-level choreography. This is not meant to frustrate or discourage you, but instead is meant to demonstrate your ability to pick up choreography quickly, your recovery from mistakes, and allow the adjudicators to see your level of technical ability and your overall performance qualities. I am not looking for a perfect performance! While you will be in a group when you audition, you will be evaluated individually. The adjudicators consist of a panel of judges with knowledge of dance and choreography. Their scores will be averaged to determine an overall numerical score for each dancer. Dance placements are ranked and based on these scores. While I will be overseeing the audition, I will not be adjudicating. All evaluations and placements are based strictly on your performance that day! **If a dancer is placed in a more advanced level after the audition, the student and his/her counselor will be notified to modify the course registration for next school year.**

Please bring your Dance Registration Form along with a headshot (this may be a school picture or any picture that is a clear shot of your face), and a performance résumé (see attached guidelines) to the audition. These are required materials for any performance audition. In the interest of preparing dancers for real-world experiences, I have chosen to require these items for the CHS Dance Placement Auditions.

I look forward to meeting you on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Best wishes on your upcoming audition!

Mrs. Clark

## CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL DANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

The 2020-2021 Dance Class You Registered For: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any condition(s), which could possibly affect your audition. (i.e. asthma, illness, etc.)

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Please list any physical restrictions you may have.

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Tell me something about yourself that may not be visible during the audition.

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If you did not have to audition, which level of dance would you place yourself in and why?

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What are your strengths as a dancer?

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Please bring this registration form along with your performance résumé and headshot to the January 15<sup>th</sup> audition at Centennial High School. Please use the following format as a **guideline** for your performance résumé.

