UHS J.V. Express Dance Company Auditions

Monday, June 11th, and Tuesday, June 12th
2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
You must be there both days.
Located in the NEW dance classroom 264 attached to the new gym.

Requirements for future Express Company members:

- All members will be required to fundraise $600 to cover the cost of costumes, warm-ups, and operations. Trips, away camps, or additional t-shirts will be an additional cost. Payments dates will be set up to assist in the management of collecting these monies. Some fundraisers have already been set up listed below:
  - August/September- Entertainment Book sales
  - September/October- Candle Sale
  - November- See’s Candy sales
  - December-Patron Sponsorships
  - February- Cookie Dough
  Others will be added such as garage sales, and restaurant sponsorships.
- All members will be required to attend a summer workshop, dates TDA. Students are expected to attend all activities at this workshop. The cost is $200-$385 depending on which camp students’ choose. Guest choreographers will help begin the year right with new choreography, and team building activities. It should be a lot of fun.
- Members will also be required to attend the Summer Dance class, which will be offered twice a week (Tuesday and Wednesday) beginning in June to help prepare for the workshop and next year. These classes will be free of charge to all Express members. Guest Choreographers will also be brought in to teach additional routines and technique.
- Express classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7:30p.m. Due to this schedule, each class will be the equivalent of 2.5 classes, so attendance is crucial. The organizations of this class allows students to be tutored, make up tests, run errands, or attend doctor’s appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, so these are not reasons to miss Express and they will not be excused. Other activities are also not reasons to miss. Express must be a priority. This is an accredited class with a grade, because it is after school does not mean it is extracurricular. Only students with a terrible illness and a doctor’s note will be considered for excused absences. Instructor must be notified ahead of time if going to be absent. Students with 2 or more absences will be subject to dismissal from the company. This is a performance class and when you are absent it causes the entire company to require additional rehearsal time. Tardiness will also affect your grade. Two tardies will count as an absence.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. in order to perform with the company. Those that do not maintain their G.P.A. will be placed on probations and be subject to removal from the company.
Audition Requirements:

- Remember this is an audition, and like all dance auditions, your appearance makes the first impression. You will receive a score for appearance. Make sure you are wearing appropriate dance apparel (leotard, tights, jazz pants, appropriate shoes, etc.). Clean lines are always recommended, they don’t detract from your dancing. Your hair should be neatly out of your face in a ponytail or bun. Remember, if you look like a professional, you feel like a professional, and that is projected in your performance.

- The audition will consist of across the floor exercises, and a center floor combination. The judges will be looking at specific technical skills during the audition. Behavior will also be closely watched. A sample of the score sheet is listed on the following page.

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Dates to Remember (Mark your calendars now!):

***Payment amounts subject to increase if San Francisco tour is chosen.***

- July 1st - $100.00 payment due (may increase depending on camp chosen)
- August 1st - $100 payment due.
- August 27th - School starts.
- August 28th - First day of Express.
- September 1st - $100 payment due.
- September 13th – Back to School Night (performance).
- October 1st - $100 payment due.
- January 5th – Mandatory rehearsal for concert 8 A.M. – 3 P.M. (time frame option to change)
- January 9th – Tech. Rehearsal 4:00- 10:30 p.m.
- January 10th – Dress rehearsal 4-10:30 P.M.
- January 11th-12th – Winter Dance Concert 5:30 p.m. call time
- April 27th -Saturday rehearsal for concert (Time 9-3 p.m.)
- May 1st –Tech Rehearsal Time TBA
- May 2nd Dress Rehearsal 4-10:30 p.m.
- May 3rd-4th – Express Spring Concert 7:30 P.M. (call 5:30) May 10th -11th – Tech Rehearsal 4-10:30 P.M.
- May 21st & May 22nd – Express Dance Co. Auditions

Calendars will be issued to new members the last week of school.
Students must fill out the following form and bring it with them to the audition.
Express Dance Company Auditions

Please read carefully then print neatly the following information. Don’t forget to turn this paper into Mrs. Tahajian at UHS the first day of auditions.

Name of Potential Member: ______________________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________ Grade Level: ____________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________

❖ I have read and understand all the information given about the requirements for being a member of the Express Dance Company. I agree to abide by and follow the requirements and responsibilities listed previously in this pamphlet. This includes all practice and fundraising obligations. If I fail to abide by or follow the requirements and responsibilities I am aware that I am subject to dismissal from the company.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________ Phone #: _______________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________________________

Please take this form to the UHS Student Store to get it signed off. Incoming freshmen are not required to get this portions of the form signed. *Forgery will result in removal of audition and referral to discipline office.

The above listed student is interested in becoming a member of the Express Dance Company. Please list any outstanding debts this student may have below.  
****(NOT FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN!)

☐ No, this student does not have any outstanding debts at this time.

________________________________________ (stamp or signature)

☐ Yes, this student has an outstanding balance. He/she must pay the following:

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________________________________________ (stamp or signature)