

RICHE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Competition Newsletter 2019-2020

TO: COMPETITION TEAM STUDENTS and PARENTS

Please mark your calendar with the following **REQUIRED EVENTS:**

NOVEMBER 17 - - GROOVE CONVENTION

Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel
480 North Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

APRIL 17-19 - - - - - BELIEVE TALENT COMPETITION

Goucher College
1021 Dulaney Valley Road
Towson, MD 21204

MAY 1-3 - - - - - GROOVE COMPETITION

Upper Merion Middle School
450 Keebler Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

JUNE 25 & July 2 - - - REHEARSAL FOR NATIONALS

Hip Hop Crew – 6:00-7:00PM
Solos/ Duets/ Small Groups – To be determined

JUNE 26 & JULY 3 - REHEARSAL FOR NATIONALS

Level 1 - 4:50-5:50PM Junior Company - 5:00-6:00PM
Level 2 - 6:00-7:00PM Teen Company - 6:10-7:10PM
Level 3 -7:10-8:10PM Elite Company - 7:20-8:20PM
Advanced - 8:25-9:25PM

JULY 6-10 - - - - - BELIEVE TALENT NATIONALS

Rowland E. Powell Convention Center
4001 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Please note: **Attending a Convention is a requirement for COMPETITION DANCE TEAM participation. Participation in Convention is MANDATORY to be enrolled in a Competition class and to be considered for Nationals. However, if you are ONLY a part of the Hip Hop Crew, and not on another dance team, the Convention is not mandatory.**

As we approach the date of competition, we will schedule additional classes (at **NO** cost to you) in order to prepare for the event. There may, however, be an added fee for the 2 Nationals rehearsals.

We want the competitions to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all of our students. Good sportsmanship is a top priority. Inappropriate behavior and poor sportsmanship may be grounds for dismissal without a refund.

The actual day and time slot for your competition entry is posted 1 week in advance. In most instances we can know in advance which day we will be competing; however, pinning down an exact time is impossible. **“COMPETITION DAY” needs to be set aside in entirety.**

Staying for the Awards Ceremony is **MANDATORY**. Being supportive of the other dancers from our Studio as well as observing the competition is an important part of the competitive experience.

*All Competition students must sign a waiver this year stating that they are committed to this year's Convention, both Regional Competitions, Nationals Rehearsals and the National Competition. If you have a conflict with Nationals rehearsal or Nationals Competition, please state it in the comments section of your waiver and return it no later than **Saturday, September 21** to the Lower Paxton front desk. All students must sign and hand in a waiver regardless of a conflict or not. If we receive your conflict by this time, **we may be able to accommodate you**. Due to the timing of the Recital and this year's National Finals we will only have two rehearsals prior to Nationals. You must be in attendance at at least one rehearsal if you have a conflict that is handed in by September 21. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CONFLICTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 21. The Convention and both Regional Competitions are MANDATORY, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you are unable to attend the Convention and/or both Regional Competitions, you **may not** be part of this seasons Dance Team. **If your waiver is not handed in by September 21, you will be asked to sit and view dance team classes until it is received. Also, no more than 8 absences are allowed in the Recreational Level and 6 in the Company Level to remain on the team.***

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a successful year.

Miss Angie
Artistic Director