

# RICHEL SCHOOL OF DANCE

## *Competition News Letter 2016-2017*

*TO: JAZZ ENSEMBLE COMPETITION TEAM STUDENTS and PARENTS*

Please mark your calendar with the following REQUIRED EVENTS:

OCTOBER 23 - - - - - FALL FROLIC \*Please see note

APRIL 21, 22, 23 - - - - - TURN IT UP DANCE CHALLENGE  
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

APRIL 30th - - - - - CAPITOL KICKLINE (Please read note\*)  
Location: Capitol & Hilton

MAY 13 & 14 - - - - - ENCORE DANCE COMPETITION  
Lancaster Host & Convention Center

**Please note:** Attending a workshop is a requirement for **JAZZ ENSEMBLE participation.**

The **Fall Frolic Workshop** may be substituted for **CAPITOL KICKLINE** if this is a conflict. **If we have 100% we can do the Capitol Kickline Showcase. Participation in both Workshops is required to be considered for NATIONALS.**

We consider our Competition Teams to be recreational with only 5 hours per week of instruction or less. The Pre-Professional teams spend 18 hours or more per week in class. We are competing with other recreational teams on our comparable level.

Even though we are a recreational team, commitment to the classes is still a priority. We do not feel that taking 1 extra jazz class per week is making a *career out of dance*.

As we approach the date of competition, we may schedule additional classes (at **NO** cost to you) in order to prepare for the event.

We want the competitions to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all of our students. Good sportsmanship is a top priority.

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.**

Proper competition etiquette is staying for the AWARDS CEREMONY. Being supportive of the other dancers from our studio as well as observing the competition is an important part of the competitive experience.

***In the past we have had students pulled out of a competition when other events deemed more important come along. Please remember we are a TEAM and each team member has an important role in the routine. Please do not leave your fellow team members down.***

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