

## JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM

### GOAL

To give the dancer additional performance experience as well as learning dedication, discipline and teamwork.

### REQUIREMENTS

While participation is voluntary and placement is not based on auditions, commitment to the team is essential so that the dancer may get the most out of the experience. Dancers must commit to competing in at least **1 style of dance**; tap, jazz or hip hop, to be a part of the team. Placement will be determined by the instructors the first week of class. **One to two years of dance experience is needed to be placed on the Junior Team and all dancers need to be enrolled in a ballet class in order to participate.**

**JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** will meet for the 2013-2014 school year every **Tuesday**. Additional practices may be held and will be at the discretion of the instructor(s). We will do our best to give you ample notice of any additional rehearsals.

1. Dancers are required to take a corresponding technique class in addition to competition team rehearsal. Regular attendance at technique classes is required. If one does not attend technique class on a regular basis, he/she will be removed from competition routines or from the team entirely. Please see ATTENDENCE POLICY. The purpose of having a corresponding technique class in addition to competition rehearsal is to allow the dancer a chance to warm-up, increase flexibility, prevent injury, teach correct technique and placement, and work on the technical elements that will be incorporated into competition routines. Competition classes focus mainly on learning, staging and cleaning routines. Without the technique class, the dancer is not only prone to injury, but his/her improvement and growth as a dancer is significantly lessened.
2. Team members will learn and compete in **at least 1** routine per desired style during the year.
3. Choreography and staging takes a lot of creativity, effort, and time. Out of respect for our instructors/choreographers, we ask that you help protect our material by not posting team music mixes or choreography videos, whole or in part, online in any form. Thank you in advance.
4. **The JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** will compete with their class at 3 local competitions/public events. Public events may include, but are not limited to, parades, local fairs, nursing homes, and other community events.

### ATTENDENCE POLICY

**THE JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** is a ONE YEAR commitment. If a dancer chooses to leave the team at any point of the 2013-2014 year for other reasons then listed under #7, there will be a penalty of \$200 to cover the cost of instructor salary to restage performance pieces.

1. **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** members are required to attend all team class times as well as their corresponding technique class. They are expected to come dressed and on time.
2. Dancers will be allowed to make up technique classes during another similar class (please see Kari or website for class times and for approval); however, all classes must be made up within

that same month. Competition rehearsals WILL NOT be made up and dancers must learn the material from another dancer in that class to allow for maximum use of time with the entire team present.

3. Team members will be allowed to miss **3 pre-approved rehearsals**. Exceptions to this would be student/family illness, family death and pre-approved school functions. If a dancer misses more than 3 rehearsals, **without prior approval**, he/she will be removed from the class with no refund of fees. A penalty of \$200 will be incurred to cover the cost of instructor salary.
4. **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** members and their families agree to maintain a positive attitude and set a good example for other students by being respectful in class, arriving on time, and being prepared and open-minded. Appropriate body language/demeanor and discussions, verbally or posted online, will be appropriate, positive and becoming of a dancer in this studio. Inappropriate conduct will NOT be tolerated and will result in removal from the class with **NO REFUND**. Any dancer failing to comply with these rules will receive one warning from the instructor and a conference with said dancer's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before being dismissed from the group
5. If a dancer becomes ill, is unable to attend a competition, or decides not to continue with the competition class, he/she is required to pay for the costume. If another dancer decides to take his/her place, they may sell their costume to them for no more than 75% of the original cost. Please keep in mind that these dancers work together as a unit and if one dancer is missing, it affects not only the staging of the routine, but group morale as well. It takes a great deal of time and effort to restage a routine, please be respectful of the time and effort of the dancers and instructors in order to make up for absences.
6. If a dancer is injured and no longer able to participate with the **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM**, the remainder of the team balance for the year will be voided. Competition fees and costume fees already paid for and prior class fees will not be refunded.
7. Recital is mandatory for competition team participants. Dancers are expected to perform in recital with their technique class and their competition team. This is done so that we may maintain the same number of students in the technique class and showcase the accomplishments made during the year. Not all competition numbers may appear in recital as allowing adequate time for costume changes and the length of the show will come into consideration.
8. We can only help your dancer grow if he/she is attending classes. A dancer's development depends on his/her commitment. We are committed to helping dancers meet their goals. We ask that everyone do their part.

### **FEES**

The cost to participate on the **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** is \$650 for the year. This fee may be paid in a lump sum of \$585 which includes a 10% discount if paid by October 1, 2013 or \$65 a month for 10 months. THIS FEE IS THE SAME FOR ALL DANCERS REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY STYLES OF DANCE YOUR DANCER(S) PARTICIPATES IN. All team members will have the opportunity to participate in a Power Flex strength class every Tuesday at no additional cost.

1. **THE JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** dancers/families will agree to pay all competition entry fees on time and on the 1st of the month in which the competition is scheduled.
2. In addition to class fees, the dancer/family agrees to pay for team costumes (this does not include recital costume as this is part of the "technique" class) and all competition entry fees.

### **MASTER CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

**JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM** members are required to attend **one** master class/workshop within the academic year. Team members are encouraged to take part in these workshops in order to enhance their dance experience, however, attendance is not required at **ALL** events, but highly encouraged.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. There will be a "Parent Liaison"/"Team Parent/s" who will help organize various activities within the team. For example, coordinating rhinestoning of costumes, meal-planning for dancers at conventions and competitions, organizing parent events/activities during conventions/competitions, organizing team bonding events outside of rehearsal time, passing along information about costumes and meeting places while the team is traveling via email or other mode of communication, etc.
2. Team Members are required to wear team warm ups/sweats at competitions and events.
3. A lot of thought has gone into placement, choreography, music selection and costuming for each piece. Please do not question the instructors on these matters. Thank you in advance.

## **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE TEAM**

### **FAQ**

**Q: What will it REALLY cost?**

**A: Team Class Fee:** \$650 for the year

**Costumes:** Approximately \$75 each (\$75-225)

**Competition Fees:** Approximately per dance \$40 (\$40-120)

**Convention fees:** \$300-500 per convention

**Travel Expenses:** Varies per family

**Master Classes:** 1 required a year at \$40

**Approximate Total:** \$1190-2000

**The joy of seeing the Junior Synergy Dance Team bring home Platinum's:** Priceless

**Q: My son/daughter would like to do a solo and/or a duet or trio, do they REALLY have to take a private, duet/trio technique class?**

**A:** Yes. Students who wish to compete as soloists or in a duet/trio need individual instruction to achieve the skill set needed to perform individually or as a duet/trio. Private technique classes are essential in achieving these skills.

**Q: Will there be any additional team class fees if extra practices are needed?**

**A:** Yes, but it will not exceed \$200 per dancer.

**Q: What competitions are we attending for the 2013-2014 year?**

**A:** We have not decided on the competitions/conventions we will be attending yet.

**Q: Are we required to attend a competition that will require air fare?**

**A:** No. This will be optional and will be a team decision.

**Q: Will outside choreographers be used for any dances?**

**A:** No

