



To: New 2023-2024 HSPVA Dance Majors

From: Janie Carothers – HSPVA Dance Chair

Congratulations & Welcome to the HSPVA Dance Department. We are excited to meet with you during Artist Academy Day – Thursday, August 24, 2023, to begin your HSPVA journey. After reviewing the Dance Information in this packet, bring your questions to Artist Academy and we can clarify and share more information with you. Below is a list of items that need to be taken care of as soon as possible and preferably over the summer.

TO DO LIST:

1. A completed **Dance Department Medical/Physical Form** filled out by a physician must be on file in the HSPVA Dance Office by August 28, 2023, or sooner for students to participate in any physical dance class on our campus. This form can be found on the www.HSPVA.org website under Dance Downloads if you misplace the one provided. We require this physical form that is unique to the HSPVA Dance Program. You may send via email to: jcarothe@houstonisd.org with Students last name and physical 2023 in subject line of email. If anything happens to your student between now and the first day of school that will affect their physical participation in our program, please email jcarothe@houstonisd.org immediately. *Flyer – attached for Dance Physical Event – Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1- 3pm sponsored by HSPVA Dance Guild and Club Terpsichore.*

2. **Dance Attire** – We will begin dancing the second day of school, August 29, 2023. Deadline for proper dance class attire will be Tuesday, September 18, 2023, if not sooner. Please refer to attached Master Class Leotard/Men’s Apparel attachment for required attire options.

Females

Ballet/Modern Dance Attire

- Black Camisole, Tank or Short Sleeved Style Leotard
- Pink or Skin- Toned Tights w/feet
- Pink or Skin- Toned Ballet Shoes with sewn elastic
- Black Tights without feet
- Black Master Class Tank Leotard – See Leo Style*
- Pointe Shoes – Level 2 – September
- Pointe Shoes – Level 1 – January
- Tap Shoes – January
- Tue/Thurs – Solid Color Camisole, Tank Leotard
- Black Jazz Shoes
- Black Character Shoes – September

Males

Ballet/Modern Dance Attire

- Dance Belts (2) Nude* & Black
- Black – Heavy Dance Tights with feet*
- Black – Heavy Dance Tights without feet
- Black Ballet Shoes with sewn elastic
- Black & White Compression Crew Shirt*
- Black Jazz Shoes
- Black Tap Shoes – January
- Tues/Thurs – Solid Color tight fitted T – Shirt or Compression Crew shirt
- 1-2 inch black elastic band for waist

3. **Lunch** – Lunch at HSPVA the first couple of days can be very hectic. We suggest that your son/daughter bring their lunch the first week until the lunch line adjusts to the needs of the student body.

4. The first day of school each dancer needs to bring **2 combination locks**. One for your hall locker – which will house all academic books and binders and the second lock for your Dance locker – which will house your dance bag, dance attire/supplies. We do not assign dance lockers without a combination lock. **Please bring pertinent information for contact with you and parents to fill out and complete paperwork.** (Home address, zip code, telephone numbers including home, cell, work #'s for you and your parents as well as student and parent **email address**’).

5. Important Dates – 2023 – 2024 HSPVA Dance Season

The important, mandatory dates for the upcoming season are sacred and all Kinder HSPVA Dance Majors are involved on a production crew or performing. Please make arrangements for your dance major to be available all-day during school and for Technical/Dress Rehearsals and Performances. Dance Production is part of the unique Kinder HSPVA Dance curriculum and students receive a grade for participation in all production dates below. We try to make after school rehearsals limited due to private studio instruction and civic dance company obligations, however **we expect every dance major to be present and available for all performances and rehearsals listed below.**

2023-2024 - Dance Season - Production & Technical Rehearsals

FALL Dance Concert - Thursday & Friday - November 16 & 17, 2023 - 7pm

Tech/Staging in Denney - November 6 - 17th

Crew expected for all PM Dance Blocks plus Tech rehearsals and performances

- Tech - Act I - Friday - November 10 - 4 - 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act II - Monday - November 13 - 4 - 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act I & II - Tuesday - November 14 - 4 - 7:30pm
- Dress Tech/Photo - Wednesday - November 15 - 4 - 8pm
- FDC Performances - November 16 & 17, 2023 - 7:00pm

SPRING Dance Concert - Thursday & Friday - March 7 & 8, 2024 - 7pm

Tech/Staging in Denney - February 26 - March 8th

Crew expected for all PM Dance Blocks plus Tech rehearsals and performances

- Tech - Act I - Friday - March 1 - 4 - 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act II - Monday - March 4 - 4 - 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act I & II - Tuesday - March 5 - 4 - 7:30pm
- Dress Tech/Photo - Wednesday - March 6 - 4 - 8pm
- SDC Performances - March 7 & 8, 2024 - 7:00pm

Senior Dance Recital Preview - Tuesday - April 16, 2024 - Studio A & B - 9 am

Senior Dance Recital - Thursday - April 25, 2024 - Denney Theatre - 4pm

- *PM dancers expected to attend Preview or Performance*

Dance Showcase I & II - Friday - April 26, 2024 - Denney Theatre - 2:30 pm - Free

Showcase Rehearsals begin during PM Dance Block - Monday - Friday - March 18 - April 26th

Level I & II Dancers are expected to attend all rehearsals and Tech/Dress - Performance

- Dress Parade & Studio Run - Thursday, April, 18
- Dance Moves in Denney - Tuesday - April, 22
- Staging begins Monday - Tuesday - April, 22 & 23 - Denney Theatre - PM Dance Block
- Level I - Staging - Tech Rehearsal - Tuesday - April 23 - 4 - 5:30pm - Denney Theatre
- Level II - Staging - Tech Rehearsal - Wednesday - April 24 - 4 - 5:30pm - Denney Theatre
- Dress - PM Dance Block - Thursday - April 25th
- Performance - Friday - April 26th - 2:30 pm

6. **The Dance Guild** is our very involved and supportive group of volunteer parents. To foster communication between parents and faculty and create a cohesive, nurturing environment for our children, we ask every parent or guardian to become an active participant in the Guild. Please visit <https://hspvafriends.org/guilds/the-dance-guild> for more information on how you can support our family of young artists. For additional information about the Dance Guild, please contact Shannon Werme, Volunteer Manager of HSPVA Friends, at shannon@hspvafriends.org.

We are looking forward to you joining the Kinder HSPVA Dance Department and an exciting year together!

Have a great summer.

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