

**Leesville Road High School - Dance Ensemble  
2018-2019 Audition Information Packet for Parents**

Dance Ensemble auditions will be held in the black box on Thursday, February 8th at 2:30. Dancers will receive a number and will audition in numerical order. They will be assessed on various technical skills (leaps, turns) and how quickly they learn choreography. The list of 2018-2019 Dance Ensemble members will be posted on the door to Black box on Friday, February 9.

Below is a summary of what you can expect from a cost and commitment perspective should your dancer be selected to be part of the 2018-2019 Dance Ensemble. **Please read carefully and ensure you are willing to adhere to the commitments before your dancer auditions. Please send the permission slip (last page of this document) in with your dancer to the audition.**

**Costs**

**Fair Share Fees** - \$50.00 per semester

Fair Share is the amount of money assessed to each dance member to cover the expected operating expenses for each dance class.

**Periodic expenses for classes/workshops at nearby colleges/high schools.** These are typically between \$10-20 and occur 2-3 times per year.

**Uniforms (based on last year's prices – subject to change)**

- Jacket -\$54
- Uniform - \$59 pant and tank combined
- Bow - \$8
- Black tennis shoes - \$80ish
- Various costume pieces on an as-needed basis for basketball games and concert pieces - TBD

**Spring Trip** - \$1000-1200 per dancer and chaperones (optional but encouraged – further detail below). A non-refundable deposit will be due once the dates/plans are established, with monthly incremental payments leading up to the trip.

**Dance Boosters – Parent Commitment**

The Leesville Road High School Dance Boosters is a parent-run booster club that supports all dance classes at Leesville Road High School including Dance Ensemble. All parents/guardians of students enrolled in the dance program are automatically members and are expected to participate. Each dancer's family is expected to volunteer a minimum of five hours per year. Volunteer hours can be earned by serving on the board or in a lead role, helping with dance concerts, performances, or fundraising events, or with various other activities as needs arise.

**Dance Booster Contacts 2017-2018**

**Board Members:**

Dance Instructor – Shannon Carr

President – Lisa Nelson – will be open for 2018-2019 year

Vice-President – Tammy Hnatek

Secretary – Pam Layh

Treasurer – Denise Proctor

### **Lead Roles:**

Fundraising - Vicki Rubin – will be open for 2018-2019 year

Webmaster – Liz Lemons

Merchandise (uniforms, spirit wear) – Lisa Nelson - will be open for 2018-2019 year

Volunteer Coordinator – Lisa Nelson - will be open for 2018-2019 year

### **Meetings**

**Parent Meeting (Mandatory for ALL DE Parents and dancers):** There will be a mandatory meeting for all dancers selected for Dance Ensemble on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. Important information will be covered at this meeting, including expectations for dancers and parents, initial trip information, and detailed uniform information/fitting. At least one parent and dancer must attend this meeting.

**Dance Booster meetings** are held the once per month in the Black Box at 6:00 pm. This is a great way to get involved as well as know what events or fundraising activities are coming up.

### **Fundraising**

There are many opportunities available to offset the cost of dance expenses (see list below). Any funds raised by dancers will be applied to their account and deducted from their balance. Past fundraising examples:

- BBQ (Fall)
- Go Play Save Books (Fall)
- Butter Braids (Fall & Spring)
- Dance ensemble Concert
- Staff One (parents work at local college games/concerts)

### **Spring Trip**

Each spring Dance Ensemble goes on a 3-4-day trip to give the students exposure, experience and education of dance in different parts of the country as well as free time to visit area attractions. Dance Ensemble members, board, and Ms. Carr select the destination for the spring trip.

### **Other Activities/Events**

**The following activities all require parent volunteers to provide time and/or resources.**

- Team Building events (Summer)
- Clinic & Team Lunch @ Pool –August (before school starts)
  - Parent Volunteers provide lunch
- Home Football game performances – August to October
  - Parent Volunteers provide snacks and drinks for dancers
- Potential dance conferences/workshops at colleges in NC (parent drivers, chaperones)
- Dance Ensemble Concert – fall
- Raleigh Holiday Parade – November

- Holiday Party - December
- Winter Concert – December/January
- National Dance Honor Society Banquet – May
  - Parent Volunteers help setup, cleanup and organize event
- Spring Concert - May

**LRHS Dance Ensemble Audition Permission Slip**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child  
(parent name)  
\_\_\_\_\_, to audition for LRHS Dance Ensemble.  
(student name)

Should my child be selected for Dance Ensemble, I understand and agree to the time, volunteer, and financial commitment as outlined in 2018-2019 Audition Packet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date