

*MT. CARMEL
DANCE
TROUPE*

2014-2015

*Audition
Information*

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Mt. Carmel Dance Troupe

2014-2015 Tryouts

Mt. Carmel Dance Troupe:

The Mt. Carmel Dance Troupe are the performance team at the high school. They are a group of talented dancers who represent their school year-round through the art of dance. It is an honor to be a member of MCDT and dancers must strive to work their hardest at all times. The troupe will perform at all home football and most basketball games, pep rallies, and community events. In their 2011 season, Troupe continued to raise the bar for MCHS by landing two of their four routines in finals at USA Nationals, taking home a 2nd and 4th place at finals. Dancers on Troupe will audition to compete. Those on Troupe are encouraged to never settle with what feels comfortable, as they will continue to push themselves in their training. From the time their dedication begins in May, the team will focus on expanding their knowledge of the dance world by staying committed to their training, taking master classes, working with professional choreographers, and committing to their teammates, all while representing MCHS in a positive manner.

Requirements:

- Dancers interested in enrolling in the Advanced or Intermediate Dance Class, please contact Terri Shipman, Dance Director, for further information.... (858) 484-1180 ext. 3161 or tshipman@powayusd.com.
- Any grade level is welcome to audition for MCDT.
- 3 HOURS of training at a studio weekly (outside of MCDT). *Six to eight hours of training/weekly is recommended for those who wish to be on competition teams.*
- Practice 2 times/week (*after school hours*). Occasional mornings are also used for practice before school. 2014-2015 practice schedule is TBD.

The Audition (Room S-11):

- **May 13th** (3:30-4:30 Advanced and Intermediate dance class auditions, 4:30-6:00 Callbacks for Dance Troupe).
- **May 14th** (3:30-5:30 Continue with Dance Troupe audition material/Learn 2 audition routines).
- **May 15th** (3:30-6:30 Dance Troupe Auditions) Results will be e-mailed by 12:00pm on Friday, May 16th to all who auditioned.
- **IMPORTANT: Dancers will be selected from the Intermediate & Advanced dance tryout on Tuesday, May 13th TO PROCEED TO AUDITION FOR TROUPE.**
- Dancers will be taught both a short **hip-hop and contemporary jazz dance**, which they will audition with on Thursday, May 15th.
- Dancers will need to bring 6-8 “8-counts” of individual choreography for the **Dance Troupe audition** on May 15th. Please know that not every dancer may be asked to show choreography.
- Dancers will be REQUIRED to demonstrate the following:
 - * Leaps (Right, Left, and Center) and Calypsos (single-stag leap).
 - * Triple Pirouettes (quad if possible). A clean spot is a MUST.
 - * A-la-Secondes (Controlled in center and upper body)
 - * Something of CHOICE across the floor (this is your time to shine!)
 - * Technical Turn combination
 - * Battements/Flexibility
 - * Smooth Transitions/Fluidity/Timing with the group
 - * Most importantly...the ability to **perform** with technique woven throughout your movement.

What To Bring/What To Wear:

- Dancer must wear ALL BLACK tight fitting top and hot shorts (no baggy clothes or pants please). Must wear jazz shoes (no paws), and shoes for hip-hop. Please have hair secured.
- If you proceed to the Troupe audition...CONGRATULATIONS!!
Bring the following (5) items with you on Thurs., May 15th:
 - ** **1** Letters of Recommendation (dance instructor). Your instructor may e-mail their letter to mcdancetroupe@yahoo.com.
LETTERS OF REC. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN A MEMBER OF MCDT.
 - ** Most current progress report/report card
 - ** Individual Choreography with **iPod** of your music (jazz, contemporary, or lyrical please).
 - ** Information sheet (“MCDT Dancer”), **with a stapled 5x7 or 8x10 headshot. (headshots not needed for those who have previously been on Troupe).**
 - ** Signed parent information sheet that states your parent is aware of your audition, upcoming dates, and your expectations of Troupe for the 2014-2015 year.

MCDT DANCER

Name: _____

Grade (Fall 2014): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Dancer E-mail (required):

Cell Phone #: _____

Home phone #: _____

Years of dance experience: _____

Hobbies/Extracurricular activities:

How do you wish to grow as a dancer on MCDT?

What defines a leader "Captain?"

What makes a team a TEAM?

Please describe your current and past training (studio, school, competition):

What will you contribute/add as a member of MT. CARMEL DANCE TROUPE?

What motivates you?

MCDT Parent/Dancer Information

*Tentative Dates for the 2014-2015 Year:

SUMMER:

- *MANDATORY USA Elite Dance Camp: July 25th-July 28th at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks.*
- *WCE Summer Dance Experience August 1st- 3rd (Glendale Hilton, Glendale, CA).*
- *3-4 Carwashes @ PQ Albertsons*
- *12 signed technique classes. Signed classes are due the day we leave for camp (July 25th).*
- *Football & Conditioning Prep Week (August 11-15). Dates/Times TBA.*

FALL/WINTER:

- *ALL home football games: (Sundevil Stadium) Dates TBA*
- *Annual Dance Clinic Fundraiser (Grades 4th-8th): Sep-Nov date TBD.*
- *2015 Competition Team Auditions TBA (August-November)*
- *Winter Dance Concert with Advanced and Intermediate dance classes (December)*
- *Master Classes and Special Guest Instructors every other month (TBA)*

SPRING:

- *Home basketball games (girls and boys): Dates TBA*
- *West Coast Elite Dance Regionals and State Championships (2-3) (January-March- Dates TBA)*
- *USA Regional Competitions (February-3 comps). ALL Saturdays/Occasional Sundays- Dates TBA*
- *CADTD comps (February or March)*
- *USA Nationals (March 19th-22nd) Anaheim, CA*
- *Spring Dance Concert (May or June)*
- *Poway Unified District Dance Festival (Late April/Early May)*

I have read the above dates and I'm aware of the expectations and the commitment for my son/daughter if he/she makes Mt. Carmel Dance Troupe. If I have any further questions, I will email Laurel Iannuzzi, Dance Troupe Director, at mcdancetroupe@yahoo.com.

***Print PARENT Name: _____ Sign: _____**

***Print STUDENT Name: _____ Sign: _____**

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2014-2015 MCDT!!!

**Our 1st MCDT meeting will be Monday, May 19th in S11 @ 3:30 pm.*

**1st Parent Meeting---parents only please (Tue., May 20th at MCHS- Rm. S-11 @ 6:30pm). Payment for USA camp will be due at this meeting. Please plan for around \$400.00. Final amount TBA.*

Those interested in being a Captain must have been on Troupe for ONE YEAR, and is either a Junior or Senior. A captain must have strong leadership skills and be ready to lead their team for the entire year. I am looking for a Captain(s) that sets a great example for others on and off the dance floor. The captain(s) is the “voice” of the team and cooperates with the Coach the entire year. Captains should act in a timely manner, are proactive, positive, motivating, and make decisions that will not just better themselves...but their team!! You must bring a typed essay (see Laurel for more info). You will speak at our first meeting in front of the team. Any returning members votes will be accounted for, as well as our current Seniors that are graduating. Voting will be done at our meeting anonymously for whom they feel will lead their team best, with a thorough written explanation. Our 2014-2015 Captain(s) will be announced by Wednesday, May 21st. Please bring with you the following to our 1st meeting:

** 3 items that describe who you are (candy, music, books, pictures, etc- **BE CREATIVE!!**)*

** A Planner and a pen. No cell phones please ☺*

“There is only one way to succeed at ANYTHING and that is to give EVERYTHING!”

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