

# ST. LUCY'S PRIORY HIGH SCHOOL

## DANCE TEAM

### *INFORMATION PACKET*

Welcome to the tryout process! Please read this packet carefully and complete all of the items. Being a member of the Regent Dance Team will be a positive, exciting and demanding experience. Do not try out if you will not be able to commit to the requirements presented in this packet. Thank you for your interest in the Regent Dance Team. Good Luck to all prospective members!

#### **I. IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- A. Parent Permission Slip and Tryout agreement form must be completed & turned in to Mr. B prior to trying out.
- B. Students **MUST** have maintained a 2.0 GPA every grading period in the current school year.
- C. All tuition and fees **MUST** be current.
- D. Students will be required to perform a mandatory routine.

#### **II. DANCE TEAM CLINIC & TRYOUTS**

##### A. DATE & TIME OF CLINIC

1. Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 3:10 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – in the Gym

##### B. DATE & TIME OF TRYOUT

1. Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 p.m. – in the Regent Gym

##### C. PROCEDURES

- 1. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRY-OUT UNLESS YOU HAVE TURNED IN THE PERMISSION SLIP! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. Dancers trying out will wear black shorts and a white t-shirt. Hair should be pulled away from your face. Jazz shoes and/or clean white sport shoes are acceptable.
3. Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, applicants will need to check in no later than 3:10 p.m. to receive a try-out number that will be attached to their clothing. Applicants should immediately begin to warm-up.
  - a) At approximately 3:15 p.m. the dancers will meet the judges and begin tryouts. All dancers will be sent out of the room to wait their turn.
4. The order for tryouts will be based on number assigned.
5. Dancers will perform a choreographed piece they learned at the clinic. (Dancers will also be given the option of demonstrating any extra style or technique.)
6. Judging will be done by a panel of 3 or more individuals. The judges are experienced industry professionals.
- 7. Tryouts are closed to all students, parents, friends, teachers , etc.**
8. Before leaving the audition verify that all the information you provided is accurate (i.e. contact phone number and emails).

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#### **E. SELECTION**

1. Selection will be based on a point system. Points will be awarded for various aspects of the try-out process, including tryout performance, effort and personal interviews.
2. **There is NO pre-determined number for this team.**
3. The team will be announced on the SL website on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **III. "THE" COMMITMENT**

##### **A. REQUIREMENTS**

1. All students are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA. Falling below this will result in the team member being ruled ineligible.
2. Team members must be in compliance with the St. Lucy's Attendance, Behavior and Discipline Policy guidelines, and financial responsibility required to remain eligible to participate. **NO REFUNDS** if a team member is removed from the team.
3. A physical exam will be required before students can start practicing. The paperwork is available **on the SL website** under Athletics/physical form.

##### **F. REHEARSALS**

1. Regular attendance and punctuality at practice is part of the discipline of any successful team. We have set some high standards for the Regent Dance Team and it is important that each member take personal responsibility for her part in achieving them.
  - a) Two unexcused absences from practice will result in a temporary suspension from all dance team activities.
  - b) Continual unexcused absences will result in removal from the Dance Team.
  - c) There will be consequences for students who are tardy to practice.
2. Mandatory attendance at the following activities is required: rallies, Boutique, Open House, competitions and other school events.
3. As competition season draws near (December – April), dancers may need to attend rehearsals outside regularly scheduled times. A schedule will be provided as early as possible.

##### **G. COMPETITIONS**

1. Ultimately our goal will be to compete in one or more categories.
2. Auditions will be held for the competition dances.
3. The competition season runs from December through April. When the time comes, discussion regarding which competitions the team will attend will take place. The schedule will be circulated as it becomes available.
4. The team makes a commitment to each dancer and requires a firm commitment in return. Dances are tightly choreographed for a specific

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number of dancers. Formations are interrupted when a dancer is missing. In addition, penalties are assessed in competition for fewer dancers. **Therefore, it is critical that dancers be at every competition.**

5. As a condition of being on the dance team, each dancer must agree and commit to NOT missing a Regent Dance Team competition unless the absence is excused.
  - a) AN ABSENCE FROM A COMPETITION MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM.
6. Dancers wishing to prepare and perform solos for the competition season are welcome to do so. (Soloist will be required to pay their own competition fees prior to the competition. These fees can run anywhere from \$15 - \$150 per solo, depending on the competition).

### **H. FUNDRAISERS**

1. The team will participate in fundraisers throughout the school year. Each team member is expected to participate in the fundraiser.

### **I. COSTUMES**

1. The advisors and the coaches will collaborate to design and obtain the costumes for competition.
2. Every effort will be made to keep the cost of costumes at a minimum.
3. All costumes must be paid for prior to being ordered.

### **J. PARENT SUPPORT**

1. Parental support is critical to our success, thus welcome to the TEAM! It takes a lot of time, money and commitment to have a successful dance team.
2. A family representative **must** attend each parent meeting.
  - a) Important information is discussed at the parent meetings.
  - b) The date of first parent meeting for those parents whose daughter make the team, will be provided as soon as possible.

### **K. DANCE TEAM EXPENSES**

1. As stated above each member is required to pay **\$1,250.00**.
  - a) **The first payment of \$300.00 is due on April 29, 2013.**
  - b) The second payment of \$237.50 on May 15, 2013.
  - c) The third payment of \$237.50 on June 14, 2013.
  - d) The fourth payment of \$237.50 on July 15, 2013.
  - e) **The final payment of \$237.50 on August 15, 2013**
2. The following items are included in the \$1,250.00: warm-up jacket/pant, dance/pom uniform, 1 pairs of jazz shoes, dance skirt, duffel bag, workout/dance clothing, team music fees, USA REGIONAL, STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, and USA NATIONALS. A dancers account must be final prior to any performance.

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3. Additional cost will be based on what we are unable to raise with our fundraisers.
4. **Uniform fitting will be on April 29, 2013 in the dance room 501.**
5. Participation in the fundraisers is mandatory and will help cut costs for added costumes and competition fees.

### **PLEASE NOTE!!**

Attached to this packet is an application/permission slip. Please make sure this form is completed and turned in prior to trying out. It is recommended that you turn your application/permission slip as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to make sure that everything is complete if you wish to try out. **All information is due PRIOR to the audition on April 11<sup>th</sup>** . No one can interrupt the coach/moderator during the tryout and nothing will be accepted once the audition process begins.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!!**

MR. BENCOMO  
DANCE COACH/DIRECTOR