

# **PALATINE ORCHESIS DANCE CLUB 18-19 INFORMATIONAL PACKET**

## **DO YOU WANT TO DANCE ALL YEAR?**

**Orchesis is an after school dance program and company that gives members the opportunity to learn new dances and perform at a formal staged concert and school related events. Overall, Orchesis is a great way to increase your exposure to dance, improve your performance quality, and create friendships. Included in this packet is all the information you will need to know about the application and the combined Company and General Orchesis audition process, rehearsals and performances. If you have any questions, please email either of the coaches!**

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Coleman & Ms. Ramirez**

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# PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESIS 18-19

Thank you for your interest in the 2018-19 Orchesis season at Palatine High School. Please take some time to read through all the information in this packet. In order to be sure that everyone involved is willing to make the commitment and abide by all the rules and regulations set forth, please be sure you understand all of the issues addressed in this packet.

## WHAT IS ORCHESIS?

Orchesis is a performing dance company/club that encourages all forms of dance including: jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, lyrical, tap, character, ethnic styles etc. It is a co-curricular activity that, along with performing focuses on exploring, creating and producing dance as an art form. Orchesis is also an excellent opportunity to make close friends and offers many performance opportunities at several school related events.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please be aware of the commitment. Orchesis is one season and allows dancers the opportunity to dance all year. Any member of this group needs to consider other Fall/Winter/or Spring activity/athletic commitments. Many dramatic productions as well as other Fine Arts activities will require a time commitment that may conflict with the expectations of Orchesis.

Please make every effort to schedule work around Orchesis rehearsals and performances. While the desire to participate in outside club sports, work or any other activity is understood, we have found the whole group suffers when its members have too many other commitments. If you plan on being involved in other activities, a hard copy of schedules must be arranged and discussed with Mrs. Coleman. **PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING DANCE SHOW REHEARSALS, TIME CANNOT BE SHARED WITH OTHER SPORTS/CLUBS!!!** Failure to adhere to orchesis rules, rehearsals and performances may result in suspension from dances and performance opportunities and possibly from the group when necessary.

## CONDUCT

Orchesis members at Palatine High School are to abide by the Palatine Code of Conduct. The way students act, as well as appear in school is very important. Students should be leaders, respected by their peers. No member should put themselves in compromising situations. Consequences may be issued per co-curricular code. All members must have good academic standings according to the Code, or dismissal from performances will be issued.

## DAILY ATTENDANCE AND REHEARSALS

Dancers **MUST** be on time to all rehearsals, meetings and performances. Driver's Ed must be planned around rehearsal schedules. Work schedules cannot interfere, for example consistently leaving early from rehearsal or tech week to get to a job. If you acquire 3 unexcused absences, a consequence or removal from the dance will be issued.

## **FALL 2018:**

General Orchesis: Mondays/Tuesdays: 6-8pm

Company Orchesis: Mondays 3:40-6pm & Tuesdays 6-8pm

Highly Recommended Extra Tech Day: Thursdays 4-5pm @ The Dance Loft in Palatine

Price: TBD (we will have fundraising to offset this cost)

**WINTER BREAK** (no practices): NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

## **WINTER/SPRING 2019.....TECH SCHEDULE & REHEARSALS!!!!**

**WHEN:** Monday thru Thursday (dependent on number of performance pieces). Auditorium Rehearsals begin daily on January 30<sup>th</sup> thru the February show dates.

### **MAIN PERFORMANCES:**

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- Homecoming Pep Assembly– September 21st
- Lunchapalooza – October 25<sup>th</sup>
- D211 Dance Showcase @ Fremd High School – January 12th
- Dance Show – February 14,15,16
- Danceapalooza – March 15th
- Mr. Pirate (company only) – March 21st
- Pep Squad Spring Performances (Amy Rudolph, Hockey Tournament)
- Variety Show – TBD

### **CLOTHING**

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The following items will be needed for Orchesis rehearsals and performances.

#### **Mandatory:**

Team T-Shirt	\$10-15
Jazz Shoes/ Turners (Black or Nude)	\$20-\$50 (depending on performance/choreographer choice)
Team Jersey	TBD
Team Longsleeve	TBD
Dance Show Costumes	(depending on performance/choreographer choice)

### **FUNDRAISING**

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Each member is **REQUIRED** to actively participate in all fundraising activities. The money will be used for costumes, props, dance show pizza, and the end of the year banquet. Fundraisers: Dance Show Bake Sale, Concessions and Dining Out Fundraisers.

### **AUDITION INFO FOR COMPANY AND GENERAL ORCHESIS**

It is necessary to hold auditions for ALL Orchesis placements for the 2018-19 school year.

#### **Try-outs:**

**When:** Tuesday August 21st, 2018

**Time:** 6-8pm

**Where:** Dance room (Rm. 190)

• There will be one fall audition for all grade levels. • Judges will be the Orchesis dance directors • Judging will be done **CONFIDENTIALLY** and will be done on a point basis. The judges score sheets following tryouts **WILL NOT** be for public viewing at any time. • You will not be able to audition until the permission form is submitted to the coaches. • The audition is a closed tryout. No parents are allowed in the tryout area. • Auditions will be done in groups of three or four. Groups will be chosen randomly. After you have tried out, do not leave in case of callbacks. • Each group will perform one taught routine, and include additional individual skills. Audition skills may include: double and triple turn, leaps (straight and center), extensions, layouts, splits, calypso

**Tips:** Bring a water bottle. Wear dance/athletic attire and bring jazz shoes, gym shoes or turners (NO SOCKS or JEANS).

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# INTEREST FORM –Submit at auditions on August 21st

*Please Print Clearly*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level you will be for the 2018-19 school year: 9      10      11      12

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. I am aware of the time and dedication necessary to be an Orchesis member, and I am willing to accept these responsibilities as stated in the informational packet.    YES    NO    (Circle one)
2. Why do you want to be a member of the PHS Orchesis team?
3. What qualities do you consider important that you should have while being a part of a team or group?
4. Are you currently taking a technique or dance class? If so PLEASE LIST any dance, or performance related experience. Include name of studio, dance styles and years of experience.
5. Please include any commitments, lessons or any other activities that you are involved in after school or on the weekends. List day of the week and time. Be Specific!

6. Years Participated in Orchestis at PHS (Please Circle) 0    1    2    3

7. Which of the following are you interested in:

☐COMPANY ONLY

☐COMPANY, but if I do not make company I will be interested in General Orchestis

☐GENERAL ORCHESTIS

**DIRECTORS CHECKLIST**

(do not write in)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TRYOUT # \_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST FORM \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANY OR GENERAL ORCHESTIS**