

Hello SOA dance parents and students,

It is that time of year where we have started planning for the 2025-2026 school year. As per our expectations for our students **ALL** students are required to participate in dance department calendar rehearsals and performances. Please see the list of events below. Students are **NOT** excused from their class rehearsals and performances because of conflicts with work schedules or out of school activities. Tech is performed during the school day unless notified by a teacher.

No Accommodations will be made. Fill out the form no later than: May 9th, 2025

Mandatory Dance Activities for the 2025-2026 school year

| Middle school Dancers | High school dancers |
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| <p><u>Dec 2nd & 3rd-</u> Winter showcase (all students) 2nd tech, 3rd show at 6:30pm</p> <p><u>March 24th & 25th:</u> 8th grade solos (8th grade & Freshman) 24th tech, 25th show at 6:30pm</p> <p><u>April 30-May 4th- Departmental</u> April 30 Tech, during school May 1 (early release) *Tech MS during school* HS after school* May 2nd 3:30 show call time 11 am. May 4th School show 2nd block.</p> <p><u>May 12th- Dancing with the teachers Fundraiser (all HS and MS are required to participate)</u></p> <p><u>6th, 8th Grade Required viewing: Jr Comp or Senior Thesis show (April 16 or April 21)</u></p> <p><u>7th Required viewing: 8th grade solos (March 25)</u></p> | <p><u>Oct 28th</u> Thesis Adjudication 4pm (Seniors & Juniors)</p> <p><u>Nov 19 & 20th-</u> Junior Comp (Juniors, Sophomores) 19th tech, 20th show at 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Dec 2nd & 3rd-</u> Winter showcase (all students) 2nd tech, 3rd show at 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Dec 15th & 16th:</u> Senior Thesis (Seniors & Juniors) 15th tech, 16th show at 6:30pm</p> <p><u>March 9th-</u> Spring Thesis Adjudication 4pm (Seniors & Juniors)</p> <p><u>March 24th & 25th:</u> 8th grade solos (8th grade & Freshman) 24th tech, 25th show 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>April 15th & 16th:</u> Junior Comp (Juniors & Sophomores) 15th tech, 16th show 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>April 20th & 21st</u> Senior Thesis (Seniors & Juniors) 20th tech, 21st show and reception 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>April 30-May 4th- Departmental</u> April 30 Tech, during school May 1 (early release) *Tech MS during school* HS after school* May 2nd 3:30 show call time 10 am. May 4th School show 2nd block.</p> <p><u>May 12th- Dancing with the teachers Fundraiser (all HS and MS are required to participate)</u></p> <p><u>9th grade Required viewing in Spring Semester : Junior Composition or Senior Thesis</u> (none in fall semester)</p> <p>(TBA) One after school rehearsal for each guest residency to set a piece. Normally this is on the Thursday of the week of the residency**</p> |

Other Dance/performance events: (not mandatory but encouraged) for both HS and MS students

Oct 30th-Nov 4th 2025: HS TRIP- Disney Imagination dance workshop field trip (open to 12th grade 1st, then 11th and 10th, 9th) (est cost: \$1,500)

March 4-9th 2026: Regional High school dance festival for high school students, Norfolk VA **many classes to take plus scholarship and networking opportunities with professionals and college/university dance programs (estimated cost \$1,200)

March 26th 2026: Student Choreography Showcase : Open to 7th -12th grade students to participate in.

TBA- Middle school Trips- Team building & master classes, Trips to Gillard center for dance shows

Dance convocations: Students perform for their peers during the school day - once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester. Dates TBA.

Please detach the bottom section and return to your teacher no later than **May 9th**. ** this is a grade**

2025-2026 Mandatory date Acknowledgment form contract

Student name _____ 2025-2026 grade _____

[] We acknowledge that the dates above are mandatory and not attending these requirements will affect my child's grade.

[] We acknowledge that guest choreographer rehearsal dates are to be announced (once guest contracts are submitted) and my dancer will be at the mandatory after school rehearsal.

Parent name(printed)_____

Parent signature_____

Contact information:

Phone number _____

Email _____