

GLENELG DANCE TEAM

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TO: All Audition Clinic Dancers and Their Parents
FROM: Ms. Newsome
RE: Formal Audition

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The Formal Audition will be held on Friday, May 2, starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Dance Room near the gym area. This event is by invitation only! The invitations will be handed out on May 1 at the end of the clinic. Those auditioning will be warming up in the back hallway, and then performing for the judges in the Dance Room. Parents, family members, and friends will not be allowed into the warm-up area or the Dance Room. The dancers will perform in pairs selected by their sign-in number.

Due to the large number of students auditioning, this could be a lengthy process. The dancer may go home immediately after completing the audition. Parents are welcome to wait for their dancer, however, only the judges and dancers will be allowed into the audition facility. To avoid unnecessary waiting, parents should arrange to have their dancer call them when they have completed the audition. A pay phone is available outside of the office. Please make sure they have the correct change for a call. The dancer should wait to be picked up in the foyer of the front entrance of Glenelg High School.

Audition Attire: Please wear a sleeveless leotard of a dark color (black, navy, dark green) and a pair of dark colored shorts. If you do not have a leotard, a tank top is acceptable. If you do not have any dark colors, select a solid color top and shorts. The judges want to be able to see the way you move during the audition so please avoid anything with artwork or designs. You may wear jazz shoes, split sole shoes, or aerobic shoes. Please do not wear pants! Hair should be in a neat ponytail or a bun. Short hair should be neatly pulled back off of your face. Makeup is not necessary.

Bring: You *must* bring the permission slip signed by a PARENT and the auditioning dancer in order to be allowed to audition. You must also bring a copy of your 3rd Quarter report card to verify eligibility (while *incoming* freshmen (current 8th graders) are waived from the eligibility requirement until the end of the 1st Quarter, 2008, we still want to verify their current GPA). Please also bring a large bottle of water and a snack to eat while you wait to audition, it will make you more comfortable.

Audition Results: At the end of each audition, auditioning dancers will receive a letter listing their audition number and a phone number to call to hear the announcement of the successful auditions. The results will be available by 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3 and dancers may call between the hours of 10:00 a.m-6 p.m. on that day. The announcement will list the successful dancers by their *audition number*. The announcement will be removed after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please do not attempt to leave a message after the recording. This information will not be posted, nor announced, at any of the schools in order to respect the feelings of those participating.

If you are not successful: Please continue to participate in studio dance classes and improve your dance skills. Also, consider enrolling in the dance classes at Glenelg. The teacher is very gifted and it's a great way to improve while having fun and earning a grade! We would love to have you audition again next year. Please also consider joining the Silks for their auditions in May or the Cheerleaders whose auditions are held in late August. For further information call the GHS office at 410-313-5528. The official cheerleading page is hosted on the Glenelg High School website, www.howard.k12.md.us/ghs.org. The Silks page is hosted by the Glenelg Band and Marching Unit at www.glenelgbands.com.

If you are successful: Congratulations! You will be receiving important information via email shortly. Please print out all the attachments as they are vital to membership. The '08-'09 Dance Team Order Form is for your review only. It will be used when determining your sizes for uniform clothing items. The official Order Form will be completed at the Parent Meeting. Attached to the letter auditioning dancers will receive at the end of the audition, will be the approved Howard County Board of Education Physical Form. A requirement of membership is an annual physical evaluation by a licensed doctor. Please schedule this physical immediately! Since scheduling this appointment may take some time, this form should be turned in as soon as possible. Also attached to the letter mentioned above is a copy of the Med Form. Please completely fill out the Med Form and the Acceptance/Waiver Form. These, along with a copy of the front and back of your medical card, must be turned in at the Parent Meeting.

New member fittings for uniform and resale items will be scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on May 13 and 15, and on May 18 from 12-3 p.m.. Please respond via email to schedule this appointment.

Officer practices will begin Tuesday, May 20, 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the Dance Room. The entire team will begin practices on Tuesday, June 3, 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the Dance Room. A calendar will be attached in the above mentioned email. Please review it carefully and schedule the important dates for this activity. Camp will be held July 10 through July 13 at UMBC. Please make every effort to participate in this event, as it is a major contributor to the team's coming success.

The mandatory parent meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Glenelg. This is the first time the entire team and their parents will get together and important information about the coming year will be discussed. The purchase and ordering of uniform items and camp registration will be completed at this time. Please be prepared to make the appropriate payments. Finally, we will be reviewing the Constitution. Please bring a copy with you to this meeting.