EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE AUDITION 2014-2015
INFORMATION PACKET

WHAT:
A dance audition for the purpose of selecting students who will be enrolled in the Dance II or III classes for the 2014-2015 school year, and for selecting the members of the El Camino Dance Company for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dance II- This class will meet during 5th period. This course is designed for the intermediate dance student. Students will study a variety of dance styles with emphasis placed on technique, choreography, and performance. The students enrolled in this course will be involved in the annual Winter Dance II Show and Spring Dance II/III Show. Students enrolled in this course will earn Physical Education credit or Performing Arts credit.

Dance III- This class will meet during 6th period. This course is designed for the advanced dance student. Students will study a variety of dance styles with emphasis placed on technique, choreography, and performance. The students enrolled in this course will produce the annual Spring Dance II/III Show and will be involved with other performance opportunities throughout the year. Students enrolled in this course will earn Physical Education credit or Performing Arts credit.

El Camino Dance Company- This dance group will be comprised of highly skilled dancers who will represent El Camino High School at school and community events. Students selected for the dance company must demonstrate an exceptional skill and performance level. Dance company members must be enrolled in the Dance III class; however, company rehearsal schedule will be outside the school day on Mondays and Thursday from 2:30-4:30.
WHEN:

- **Tuesday May 6** from 3:00-5:00 pm in the dance room to learn audition dance combination and across the floor combinations.
- **Wednesday May 7** begin at 2:30 pm in the dance room. Auditions for Dance II or III. (Middle school student will be scheduled to audition starting at 3pm)
- **Thursday May 8** from 3:00-5:00 pm in the dance room for those who want to try out for Dance Company. A dance combination will be taught and then you will need to create your own choreography to attach to the taught choreography. The audition will happen this day as well. Only people selected for Dance III will be accepted into the Company.

WHO:

All students who will be enrolled at El Camino High School for the 2014-2015 school year may audition. All candidates and parents must agree to abide by the guidelines established for Dance II/III class and Dance Company. Signed contracts, candidate information sheets and teacher evaluations must be turned in prior to the audition.

Audition Process

In groups of 5, students will perform...

- Across the Floor combinations taught at Tuesday’s rehearsal
- Dance routine taught at Tuesday’s rehearsal.
- A 32 count (4 counts of 8) solo of any style choreographed and performed by the dancer. This is your chance to show us what you do best. The solo can be performed to or without music.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

1. Students will be evaluated in the following areas:
   - **Technique**- dance skill, alignment, placement, flexibility, and strength
   - **Expression**- performance qualities such as poise, confidence, facial expression, and projection
   - **Excellence**- performance of dance combination demonstrating knowledge, timing, and rhythm
   - **Creativity**- of your own choreography (32-count phrase)

2. **Prior participation in dance program at El Camino will be considered in terms of attitude, effort, performance ability, and attendance.** Current or prior participation does not guarantee placement for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. Candidates should wear dance clothing and dance shoes to the audition. (Bare feet are acceptable). **If auditioning only for Dance II, please wear shoes you can dance in outside.**

4. Students will audition in groups of five, with each group determined by audition number. You may leave as soon as you are finished.

5. You will be judged on your ability to do the...
   a. Across the floor combinations
   b. Dance combination
   c. 32-count solo choreography

6. A list of names of those students selected for the Dance II and III class and ECDC will be posted online by Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the “News” section toward the bottom of the El Camino Webpage.

   **We look forward to your audition!!**
EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE II and III CLASSES – GUIDELINES

The Dance II and III classes are designed for the serious dance student at the high intermediate-advanced level. Students will continue to work on technique development, study a variety of dance forms, and have performance opportunities throughout the year. The classes will produce a major production during the spring semester. Students will also have the opportunity to continue to develop their choreography skills. Students selected for this class must accept the following requirements:

1. Students will be expected to participate in class activities outside of the school day. Practices may run into 7th period and possibly later as “show time” nears.
2. Students must participate in ticket sales, fund-raising activities and any other activity necessary for the production of the show(s).
3. Students may incur expenses related to productions, such as dance shoes, tights, and costume items for student choreographed numbers. These expenses should be kept to a minimum.
4. Students must be able to rehearse on occasional weekends and evenings prior to the show.
5. Students must maintain a constructive attitude and be eager and willing to contribute where needed. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! Students should be able to look beyond what is best for them, and look at what might be best for the entire class or production. Students must maintain a positive attitude and understand that the director makes the final decisions.
6. Students must understand that bad attitudes toward the teacher or other students in the class may result in permanent removal from the class at any given time as decided by the teacher.
EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMPANY GUIDELINES

The dance company is designed for the serious dance student to have the opportunity to represent El Camino High School at school and community events. ECDC is a semester long dance group. Members of the dance company must possess exceptional technical skill and a high performance level. Dance company members must be enrolled in the Dance III class and dance company rehearsals will be scheduled in addition to the class. The dance company will perform Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary and other forms of dance at various school functions which may include pep rallies, football games, community events, etc. with a cumulative performance of all their work during the semester in January. Students selected for ECDC must accept the following requirements:

1. Members will be selected for the dance company from the audition held on May 8th 2014.
2. The size of the dance company will be determined by the ability demonstrated by individuals at the audition (between 12-18 dancers).
3. At the time of auditions, candidates must have at least a 2.0 GPA, no more than 1 “F”, and no U’s in citizenship. This must be maintained throughout membership on the dance company.
4. Company members must represent El Camino High School with the highest standards.
5. Attendance will be required at all practices, performances, and competitions. Illness and serious family emergency will be the only acceptable excuses. Ms Langen-Kramp must be notified in advance of an absence.
6. Rehearsals for dance company performances may take place after school or in the evening. A “reasonable” rehearsal schedule will be established after the company is selected. There may be some summer rehearsals (dates to be announced).
7. Dance company members must purchase necessary costumes/uniforms for company performances. The cost will most likely be under $100.00.
8. Company Captains may be selected for ECDC. The selection criteria will be determined by Ms Langen-Kramp.
9. Dance company members will be expected to support and abide by the decisions made by Ms Langen-Kramp and the Company Captains.
10. Dance company members must be willing to be flexible, accept constructive criticism, and make quick adjustments.

11. ECDC members must maintain a constructive attitude and be eager and willing to contribute where needed. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!! If you can’t be a “team player”, do not audition. Company members must understand that bad attitudes toward any adult or student may result in removal from the company at any given time.
**DANCE AUDITION INFORMATION SHEET**

**NAME** _________________________________

**ADDRESS** ____________________________________________

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**STUDENT CELL** ______________________________________

**EMAIL** _____________________________________________________________

**GRADE LEVEL NEXT YEAR** ______________

**DANCE EXPERIENCE** __________________________________________________________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME** ____________________________________________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME/CELL PHONE** ______________________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL** ____________________________________________

**AUDITIONING FOR:** (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY – you will NOT be considered for the one(s) you do not circle)

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EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE II/III CLASS GUIDELINES-
AGREEMENT

I, __________________________, understand the requirements for
enrollment in the El Camino High School Dance II/III class. I am willing
to accept these responsibilities.

__________________________________________  _________________________
Signature of Participant                       Date

I, ________________________________, have read the preceding
information and understand the obligations, financial responsibilities,
and code of conduct requirements for enrollment in the El Camino High
School Dance II/III class. If chosen, my child has my permission and
support to participate as a student in the Dance II/III class. I also realize
that a strong parental support group is necessary and I will do my best to
help out when called upon.

__________________________________________  _________________________
Signature of Parent                            Date

Please indicate any health conditions or restrictions that you are aware of
that may limit participation of your child during the audition or as a
student in the Dance II/III class.

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EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL
DANCE COMPANY
(ECDC)
GUIDELINES/AGREEMENT

I, ___________________________, understand the requirements for participation on the El Camino Dance Company (ECDC). I am willing to accept these responsibilities.

_________________________________________
Signature of Participant Date

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Teacher Evaluation for Dance Club and Dance Company

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This information will remain confidential. Every dancer must have 3 teachers from the current semester complete an evaluation. Please return this form to Mandy Langen-Kramp's mailbox as soon as possible. **Middle school teachers, do not give this form to the students. Please send it through District Mail to ECHS Attention Mandy Langen-Kramp.** The evaluations are due by May 2, 2014.

Dancer's name: __________________________
Teacher's name: __________________________
School: __________ Subject: ________________ Period: ________
Teacher
Signature: ________________________________

1. Attitude towards school  
(attendance, tardiness, attentiveness)  
   Poor  Fair  Satisfactory  Good  Excellent
   1    2    3    4    5

2. Conduct in class
   1    2    3    4    5

3. Quality of class work
   1    2    3    4    5

4. Courtesy  
   (to faculty, staff, and students)  
   1    2    3    4    5

5. Maturity/Judgment
   1    2    3    4    5

6. Responsibility/Self Discipline  
   (daily preparation, assignments)  
   1    2    3    4    5

7. Cooperation
   1    2    3    4    5

8. Leadership Capability
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9. Role Model  
   (sets good examples, respected by others)  
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10. Representation of our school
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