

# *Combs High Dance* AUDITIONS, 2023-2024

## Dance Placement Workshop and Audition Information

Combs Dancers – It's time once again for auditions!  
Here's some information on the audition schedule and what to expect when you audition!

### *Intermediate, Advanced, or Company?*

Which class is right for you? Are you ready to move up?

**Beginning** (Dance 1) is for the dancer that has little to no experience and is a great class for those looking to learn the precise techniques of ballet, jazz, and modern dance styles, as well as perform on stage for the dance concert. There's no audition! You just need to register for Dance 1 with the counselors at CHS. **Great for actors!**

**Intermediate** (Dance 2) is a step up from beginning, and is where dancers can become more serious about learning technique and the art of choreography. Dancers will be able to perform in several pieces per concert and have the opportunity to choreograph a piece for their class to perform as well as work with guest artists!

The **Advanced** (Dance 3) class has the opportunity to perform in concerts, assemblies, and workshops. There is no set number of members for Advanced or for RUSH, and acceptance is based upon the natural break in audition scores. Dancers in **RUSH Dance Company** (Dance 4) will have apparel fees and will also have required weekly rehearsals outside of class time. There may also be additional fees for conventions and additional rehearsal requirements for community performances. These two classes rehearse together in and out of class time, and both require a great commitment. It is necessary for students to be dedicated and self-motivated to succeed at these levels.

### *General Info:*

All dancers auditioning will need to fill out the Audition Application Google Form, found in the 2023 Combs High Dance Auditions Google Classroom and Dance Class Google Classrooms. If you have taken a dance class in the last 2-3 years, or feel like you have the expertise to move into the more advanced classes, come have fun with us at the Dance Placement Workshops and Auditions! These are required for Advanced and Company auditions, and are highly recommended for Intermediate. If you are not currently in a dance class at Combs High School, please, plan to attend the auditions for proper placement.

### *What to Wear:*

Each day, dancers should wear clothing that is solid colored, conservative, and fitted to allow free movement and allow the judges to see a clear bodyline. No large visible lettering or logos – rhinestones allowed. Solid colored leggings or athletic shorts. Hair should be styled for performance and out of your face. Make up should be light performance day ready. No jewelry permitted. Footwear appropriate to the movement style recommended. No bra straps or midriffs showing, as this is not appropriate for the HS dance classroom. Sports bras under form-fitting tops okay. Dancers should look professional in their dress, and be school appropriate.

If you have any questions, please email [combshighdance@jocombs.org](mailto:combshighdance@jocombs.org) or check our website:

 [www.CombsHighDance.com/auditions](http://www.CombsHighDance.com/auditions) 

# What Will We Do?

For the auditions on April 6th, you will perform combinations you will learn in the Audition Workshops on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Combs High Dance Studio at the CPAC, so please plan to attend all three dates. Learning videos of these combinations will be recorded and available for review in the Audition Google Classroom on the Workshop dates, but it's definitely easier to learn in person!

## **Audition Google Classroom:**

The Google Classroom Opens on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, so make sure to join ASAP so you have access to the Audition Paperwork early. In the Google Classroom, you'll find an Application Google Form, Online Consent forms (for solo submission and Social Media postings), and Teacher Evaluations. You will want to have each of these filled out by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Workshops:**

CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the Hip Hop and Jazz Dance Combos. The time will be split between warm ups, the hip hop combo (bring street shoes) and the lyrical jazz dance combo (turners, jazz shoes, foot undeez, or barefoot is fine - no socks!). The Workshop is mandatory for auditions, but the recording time is optional for those that do not have space at home to practice and record solos.

- **Hip Hop Combo** – This center floor choreography combo will showcase your performance skills and your presentation.
- **Lyrical Jazz Combo** – This center floor choreography combo will showcase your technical skills in ballet, modern, and jazz.
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TURNS AND LEAPS WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the two Turns and Leaps Combos. The time will be split between warm ups, Combo 1, and Combo 2

- **Turns and Leaps** – There will be two different turns and leaps combinations to learn.
  - Combo 1 will be more challenging and therefore should be performed on your stronger side.
  - Combo 2 will also be challenging, but not quite as difficult. Perform combo 2 on your weaker turn side.

## **Additional Material Required:**

If you are auditioning for RUSH or Advanced, you will need to prepare a 1-2 minute solo of your own choreography showcasing the following items:

- Leg strength: Leaps, jumps, or kicks demonstrating power in legs
- Turns: Your best turn combo on your dominant side
- Back Flexibility: Backbends, arches, scorpions, king cobra, etc. to demonstrate flexibility of the spine.
- Performance: Happy, sad, excited, lost, confused... show me your character and make me feel with you!
- **NOTE:** Any additional tricks and tech you would like to showcase but don't want in your choreography may be uploaded in a separate video in the Audition Spreadsheet. These may include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - Aerials
  - Handsprings or Headsprings
  - Kip Ups
  - Leg Hold Turns or Scorpions
  - Walkovers or Chest Rolls
  - Toe Rises or Toe Falls
  - Any other trick you'd like to demonstrate mastery

Please, schedule a meeting with Mrs. Carson if you are auditioning for RUSH for more information on RUSH Requirements.

## **Auditions:**

All combos including the Hip Hop combo, the Lyrical Jazz combo, and the two Turns Combos will be a live performance (in front of the judges). The solo auditions will also be live performances this year.

If you have any questions, please email [combshighdance@jocombs.org](mailto:combshighdance@jocombs.org) or check our website:

# Audition and Workshop Schedule

**2023 Combs High Dance Audition Classroom** (opens March 21st) Class Code **icdzoqf**

**Invite:** <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjAwMzg1ODY3NTU0?cjc=icdzoqf>

- Read **Dance Placement Workshop and Audition Information Packet Completely**
- Complete Combs High Dance Audition Application- Due **March 31st**
- Complete Online Consent form - Due **March 31st**
- E-mail Teachers asking them to fill out the recommendation form. (ALL) Due **March 31<sup>st</sup>**

For more details, see the detailed info sheet on the Workshops and Auditions in the Google Classroom.

## Senior High Students

### Day 1/ Friday, March 31, 2023 – Conference Rm 411

Application, Online Consent forms, and Teacher Evaluations due. Advanced and RUSH auditionees, prepare a 1-2 minute solo of your own choreography and for RUSH, schedule meeting with Mrs. Carson prior to auditions. Captain Application Meeting – Returning RUSH Only.

### Day 2/ Monday, April 3, 2023 – 2:30-4:30, Dance Room

CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the Hip Hop and Lyrical Dance Combos. The Workshop is mandatory for auditions.

### Day 3/ Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – 2:30-4:00, Dance Room

URNS AND LEAPS WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the two Turns and Leaps Combos. Workshop is mandatory for auditions. Dance 3 & 4 solo choreography completed.

### Day 4/ Thursday, April 6, 2023– 2:30– end, Dance Room

Check in starting at 2:30 pm. Warm up on your own. 3:00 pm- Auditions will begin. Solos will perform as you audition. All results including Intermediate, Advanced, and the 23-24 RUSH Dance Company will be posted in the Audition Google Classroom by 8:00pm.

### Day 5/ Friday, April 14, 2023 – Conference, Room 411

Combs High Dance Club Officer Application Meeting

## Junior High Students

### Day 1/ Friday, March 31, 2023

Application, Online Consent forms, and Teacher Evaluations due. Advanced and RUSH auditionees, prepare a 1-2 minute solo of your own choreography and for RUSH, schedule meeting with Mrs. Carson prior to auditions.

### Day 2/ Monday, April 3, 2023 – 5:00-6:00, @ CMS Dance

CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the Hip Hop and Jazz Dance Combos. The Workshop is mandatory for auditions.

### Day 3/ Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – 4:30-6:30, Combs High

URNS AND LEAPS WORKSHOP: All dancers will learn the two Turns and Leaps Combos. Workshop is mandatory for auditions. Dance 3 & 4 solo choreography completed.

### Day 4/ Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 4:30 – end, Combs High

Check in starting at 4:30 pm. Warm up on your own. 4:45 pm- Auditions will begin. Solos will perform as you audition. All results including Intermediate, Advanced, and the 23-24 RUSH Dance Company will be posted in the Audition Google Classroom by 8:00pm.

### Day 5/ Thursday/Friday, April 14/15, 2023 – TBD

Combs High Dance Club Officer Application Meeting

## Captain Auditions

### Friday, May 8, 2023 – 4:30-6:30pm, Dance Room

- All New and Old RUSH Attend, 2023 Seniors optional but welcome!
- All members will have the opportunity to define what a captain looks like to them.
- Captains will have 10-20 minutes to teach a 30-45 sec combo to the group. See Captain Audition Info Sheet for details.
- All members present will vote for captain at the end of the rehearsal
- Upon Completion, we will hold the Captain Team Vote. Candidates will answer questions and whole team vote ballots will be distributed and collected virtually. Captains will be announced May 9, 2023 in the Audition Google Classroom.

# Audition Helpful Hints

In preparation for your audition, here is a helpful hint page that will help your audition run a bit more smoothly!

## 1<sup>st</sup> - Always be on time!

**Helpful hint:** 15 minutes early is considered on time!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> - Make sure you have all needed items

(i.e. jazz shoe, hair ties, the correct clothing, and a great attitude!)

**Helpful hint:** Make a list of things you need and check it twice before you leave!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> - Double-Check Your Appearance

**Helpful hint:** wear tight fitting clothing so that judges can see movement easily. Black or dark grey is best and please no bra straps!! Your hair **MUST** be pulled back, no stragglers or bangs please! Lastly, if you wear make-up, keep it natural.

## 4<sup>th</sup> - Be Professional

**Helpful Hint:** treat this as a job interview; be on your best behavior and BE PROFESSIONAL! The entire audition process will be run a lot smoother if everyone is cooperating and has an **awesome attitude!**

## 5<sup>th</sup> - Practice Your Technique

**Helpful Hint:** You all know the elements required, so practice hard and do your best!

*Good Luck!*

**“Don’t lower your expectations to meet your performance.  
Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations.  
Expect the best of yourself, and then do what is necessary to make it reality.”  
~ Anonymous**

*Combs High Dance*



# *Summer Dance Camps!*

Do you want to enhance your technique and performance skills this summer?  
Join RUSH Dance Company for our Summer Dance Camps in June and July!

Dancers will have the opportunity to work on technical and performance skills with guest teachers and choreographers to prepare for the upcoming school year in turns, jumps, leaps, strength, and flexibility. Stay out of the hot summer sun and don't miss out on your chance to dance all summer long!

**Cost: Only \$15 per dancer each week!!**

## *Schedule*

*June:*

Dancers will work on Intermediate and Advanced technique and choreography. This camp is open to all levels of dancers who are dedicated to improving technique and performance.



**Monday – Thursday, June 5 – June 29**  
**Times TBA, in the CHS Dance Room**

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**RUSH SUMMER INTENSIVE!!** Dancers and Officers will work on Advanced choreography for competition and performance, and leadership training for the year. This camp is open to RUSH Dance Company dancers and Advanced Level Dancers interested in understudying for RUSH or to audition for those new to Combs.

*July:*



**Tuesday – Thursday, July 11 – 13**  
**From 8 am – 3 pm in the CHS Dance Room**



Dear Dancers and Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to audition for RUSH Dance Company for the 2023-2024 school year! You are in for an exciting experience!



RUSH Dance Company is more than just a dance class, but a team. This means that as a RUSH member, you would be a role model in Combs High Dance and on the CHS campus. RUSH members are expected to attend all classes and rehearsals on time, choreograph one or more pieces to audition for the semester dance concerts, participate fully in any and all fundraisers, and most importantly be a leader both in and out of the classroom.

Beginning in June, RUSH members will take part in a very rigorous rehearsal schedule including conditioning and technique in ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, and hip hop. There may also be a choreography study and other responsibilities to make concert a success. Dancers who wish to be officers also have the opportunity to attend Leadership Camp at the beginning of the school year, which is an amazing experience for all who attend. If you

are interested in becoming an officer, please, see Mrs. Carson right away so that we can put you on the list of candidates.

For the first part of the RUSH audition, dancers must audition for RUSH Dance placement. Once they have reached this level, they will be invited to continue their audition process as a team Captain, if they are interested and eligible. The audition process may be partially online and partially in person. Don't stress - Just show up, do your best, and most of all HAVE FUN!

Please, review all of the audition information available in the Google Classroom completely, as some aspects of auditions have changed since years past.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [combshighdance@jocombs.org](mailto:combshighdance@jocombs.org).

Good luck and we'll see you at auditions!  
Mrs. Carson

