

*Back -to-School Night 2009*  
*Dance Guard Parent Information*

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~ Dance Guard Class Mission Statement:

This performance-based class will primarily focus on integrating a variety of dance styles with technical guard skills. Through performance preparation, students will focus on precision and unison movement to develop advanced kinesthetic awareness. Students will learn how to combine their mental and physical capacities for learning and gain a more well-rounded education as they incorporate the arts into their everyday lives. Upon completion of this course, students will gain confidence as a performer, greater kinesthetic awareness, and a feeling of greater self-worth.

~ Dress Code:

Students' daily dress code includes their Anderson Dance Guard t-shirt (provided) with black dance pants and jazz shoes. If a student does not have jazz shoes, they will dance barefoot. Order information for these items was provided the first week of class and most students have already ordered & paid. Students are expected to come to class everyday prepared to dress out and dance.

~ Families and friends are encouraged to attend the Winter Dance Concert:

ALL dance students will perform in the Winter Dance Concert. This event will showcase Dance levels I-IV and the Anderson Dance Guard. This performance experience is a vital aspect of your child's fine arts education. Participation in both the dress rehearsal and the shows are **mandatory** and will count for TWO major test grades on the 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks. The dance department will host a fundraiser in October to raise funds for show costumes. **Please sign-up tonight or e-mail if you are able to assist with this event!**

<b>*** Dress rehearsal:</b> <b><u>Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 4:15 - 8:00pm***</u></b>
<b>*** Winter Dance Concert:</b> <b><u>Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shows at 5:30pm &amp; 7:30pm***</u></b>

Students will stay after school on both days, dinner will be provided.

**We have enjoyed working with your students so far and are looking forward to a fabulous year! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us!**

Thank you,

*Erin + Jaime*