Dear Future Charger Girls,

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining us for the 2023-2024 Season!

This packet contains information to help you understand what being a Charger Girl entails, and to help you best prepare for auditions this Spring!

Please feel free to email Mrs. Gillett at whitney.gillett@duchesne.org, and/or Mrs. Lastovica at melissa.lastovica@duchesne.org with any questions you may have about the programs, auditions, scoring etc.

To Sign-Up for Auditions, please use the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baca29a3f8c61-charger2

Thank you so much, and we look forward to dancing with you at auditions!

-Mrs. Gillett and Mrs. Lastovica

The Duchesne Charger Girls: The Duchesne Charger Girls is a performance based dance team whose main goals are to grow as dancers, grow as a team, and serve our community. In order to best grow as dancers and as a team, Charger Girls train year round as a group in choreography, technique, leaps, turns, strength and conditioning. The Charger Girls also perform at Duchesne Varsity Home Games and Pep Rallies, STH Football and Basketball Games, perform in the annual Fall Duchesne Dance Show, and compete as a team in the Spring.
Auditions:

When: April 12th-14th 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Where: Duchesne Gymnasium
What to Wear: All black fitted dance clothing and half ballet shoes

How Auditions Will Work:

Charger Girls Auditions will span over the course of 3 days. **Day 1:** dancers will work on technique and learn an audition combo. **Day 2:** dancers will learn 2 more combos. **Day 3:** dancers will have their formal audition for all judges demonstrating the choreography and technique they have worked on during Days 1 and 2.

CG Dance Placement:

Charger Girls will now place into competition team dances, as well as dance show dances, based on skills demonstrated at Auditions. All dancers will train together year round in technique, TLT, and choreography, and all dancers will perform at DASH games, STH games, and Pep Rallies together.

Our hope is that this will best showcase our wide variety of Duchesne Dancers’ strengths and skills in dances best suited for them, while also continuing to train and grow as one collective team.

Please see the list of skills required to make the Charger Girls Dance Team and the list of skills required to place into Advanced Dances on the Team. Placement for competition dances will be announced at the time the team is announced.

Skills Needed at Auditions to Make the Team:

- 2x Pirouette
- Fouette Turns and/or A La Second Turns (*work in progress with clear potential*)
- Jeté Leap
- Center Leap (*work in progress with clear potential*)
- Arabesque Jump
- Turning Arabesque Jump (*work in progress with clear potential*)
- Special Skills (i.e. tumbling, leg grab turns, etc..) - Bonus
- Ability to Pick up Choreography Quickly
- Ability to Pick up Style in Choreography
- Precision/Execution of Choreography
- Performance Quality
- Professionalism
Additional Skills Needed to Place into Advanced Dances:

3x Pirouette
Fouette Turns (3 into a 2x pirouette)
A La Second Turns (3 into a 2x pirouette)

Special Skills (must have one - examples: Aerial, Walkover, Leg Grab Turn, Floor Work Tricks, Skater Turn etc.)

(Skills needed for each Advanced Dance will be dependent on the Choreography and may differ between dances)

Practices/Camps for the Charger Girls Program:

Summer Pre-Season Camps
Uniform Measurements - April 23rd 7:00-8:15 a.m. - Duchene Gymnasium
Crowd Pleasers Intensify Camp - June 7th 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Kingwood MS (optional but encouraged)
Choreography Camp- July 24th-28th 2022 11:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. Duchesne Gymnasium (required)

Practices During the School Year:

MODS 1-6
Monday-Friday 7:00-8:20 a.m.

(some choreography sessions and practices may be called earlier with advanced notice)

Charger Girls Performances:

Game Day Performances:

Fall Athletic Season
DASH Varsity Home Volleyball and STH Varsity Home Football

Days of the Week: Typically Tuesdays and Thursdays after school
Approximate # of Game Day Performances: 3-5
Winter Athletic Season
DASH Varsity Home Basketball and STH Varsity Home Basketball
Days of the Week: Typically Tuesdays and Fridays after school (some Thursdays)
Approximate # of Game Day Performances: 3-5

(Please note that there are no Spring Game Day Performances, as Charger Girls will be in competition season.)

Pep Rallies:
One DASH Pep Rally per Athletic Season - Fall, Winter, and Spring
(Exact dates are announced once they are set by the Athletic Director)

Additional Performances:
White House Lawn Dance Party to promote Extravaganza - during School Day
Duchesne Upper School Open House Performance - on a Sunday in the Fall
(Exact dates and times are announced once they are set by the Admissions and Advancement Office)

Fall Dance Show:
Dance Show Performance Dates
(Exact times subject to change as school calendar is solidified)
Thursday November 9th, 2:30 p.m. (during school day)
Friday November 10th, 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturday November 11th, 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Dance Show Tech/Dress Rehearsal Dates
(Exact days/times dancers will be called are tbd, but dancers must be available for the following dates and times for tech/dress rehearsal should they be called)
October 30th-November 3rd, 6:00-8:00 a.m.
November 6th-8th, 3:45-6:30 p.m.

Charger Girls Competition Season:

Charger Girls compete in the Classic Division in styles such as Jazz, Contemporary, Pom, Open, and Novelty. In addition to placing into Advanced Team Dances, dancers have the opportunity to qualify for solos, duets, trios, and small group numbers called Merit Dances based on their scoring at auditions. Merit dance pairings and offerings are subject to change each year.
Approximate Competition Dates/Details:
Competitions are 1-2 day events, held most often on Saturdays, but sometimes between Friday-Sunday, in late January through March, potentially leading into the 1st couple weeks of April. The Charger Girls Team is required to compete in 4-5 Team Competitions, with additional optional weekends available for Merit Dances.

(Exact competition dates to be announced over the Summer as soon as our season is solidified.)

Good luck as you prepare for auditions this coming Spring.
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