

# *Combs High Dance* AUDITIONS, *2021-2022*

## Dance Placement Workshop and Audition Information



Combs High 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 Rush?*

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 require a great commitment and 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. Auditions for Intermediate Dance will take place during the Beginning and Intermediate Dance Classes, unless you are new to Combs or not currently in a class. For those students, as well as those auditioning for Advanced or RUSH Dance Company, you will need to sign up for the 2021 Combs High Dance Auditions Google Classroom. If you have taken a dance class in the last 2-3 years, or feel like you have the know-how to move into the more advanced classes, come have fun with us at the Dance Placement Workshop and Auditions!

### *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 (female) or athletic shorts (male). Hair should be styled for performance and out of your face. Make up should be performance day ready. No jewelry permitted. Footwear appropriate to the movement style recommended. No bra straps or midriffs showing, please, as this is not appropriate for the high school dance classroom. 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:



**CombsHighDance.com**



## *What Will We Do?*

For the first part of the auditions, you will perform combinations you will learn online in the Google Classroom. These combinations will be available in the Google Classroom on the listed dates, and will be divided by “Intermediate Audition Combo” and “Advanced / RUSH Audition Combo” categories.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** The Google Classroom Opens with the first round of combos **due on April 27 by 11:59 pm**. Judging will take place on April 28, and results will be posted in the Google Classroom.

- **Turns** – There will be two different turns combinations per level.
  - 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.
- **Ballet Combo** – This combo will start on the right and go directly into the left side. You should not stop between the sides.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>:** The Google Classroom Opens the second round of combos **due on May 1 by 11:59 pm**.

- **Jazz Combo** – This across the floor combo should be performed on both sides; however, you should stop after the right side and then repeat the combo on the left.
- **Tricks** – For this criteria, please submit any of the following tricks you can do. Yes, if you can do all of them, you should.
  - Aerial
  - Headspring
  - Kip Up
  - Leg Hold Turn
- **Solo** – For this choreographic portion, you will be asked to submit a Solo not to exceed 1:30 seconds. You will have 6 songs to select from. This submission should showcase YOUR technique and YOUR ability to choreograph. Do not have someone else choreograph this for you.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** The in-person auditions begin with **CHS students checking in at 2:30pm and CMS at 4:30pm**. You will learn and audition the following items on May 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- Contemporary Combo – This combo will be performed as taught.
- Hip Hop Combo – This combo will be performed as taught.

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



**CombsHighDance.com**



# Audition and Workshop Schedule

**2021 Combs High Dance Audition Classroom** (opens April 16th) Class Code **5oa7khc**

Invite: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzEyNDUxNTY5MDcz?cjc=5oa7khc>

- Read **Letter from Director**
- Complete RUSH & Advanced Application- Due April 23rd
- Complete Online Consent form - Due April 23rd
- E-mail Teachers asking them to fill out the recommendation form. (ALL) Due **April 23rd**



## Senior High Students

### Day 1/Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Upload Audition Material to the 21-22 Audition Submission form before Midnight. 1st cuts for RUSH Dance Company and Advanced will be made on April 28th and posted in the 2021 RUSH and Advanced Auditions Google Classroom.

### Day 2/Saturday, May 1, 2021

Upload Audition Material to the 21-22 Audition Submission form before Midnight. 2nd cuts for RUSH Dance Company and Advanced will be made on May 2 and posted in Google Classroom.

### Day 3/Monday, May 3, 2021

Check in starting at 2:30 pm/ warm up on your own 3:00 pm- Auditions will begin  
The 21-22 RUSH Dance Company will be decided and revealed.  
Feel free to stay or you may leave after your audition.

### Day 4/ Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Captain Application Meeting - If you are interested in being a captain on RUSH Dance Company, you must be at this meeting from 2:20-3:00 pm. There are various expectations of captains and various levels of leadership, which is new for the Company. Please, be prepared to attend this meeting.

### Day 5/ Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7pm Mandatory New RUSH Company Member VIRTUAL Meeting Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/rgf-edif-map?hs=122&authuser=0>

## Junior High Students

### Day 1 / Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Upload Audition Material to the 21-22 Audition Submission form before Midnight. 1st cuts for RUSH Dance Company and Advanced will be made on April 28th and posted in the 2021 RUSH and Advanced Auditions Google Classroom.

### Day 2 / Saturday, May 1, 2021

Upload Audition Material to the 21-22 Audition Submission form before Midnight. 2nd cuts for RUSH Dance Company and Advanced will be made on May 2 and posted in Google Classroom.

### Day 3 / Monday, May 3, 2021

Check in starting at 4:30 pm/ warm up on your own 5:00 pm- Auditions will begin  
The 21-22 RUSH Dance Company will be decided and revealed.  
Feel free to stay or you may leave after your audition.

### Day 4 / Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Dance Club Officer Application Meeting - If you are interested in being an Officer for the Combs High Dance Club, you must be at this VIRTUAL meeting from 4:00-4:30 pm. There are many opportunities for leadership for Advanced and RUSH dancers even at the Freshman level. Please, be prepared to attend this meeting if you are interested in a leadership position in dance.

### Day 5/ Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7pm Mandatory New RUSH Company Member VIRTUAL Meeting Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/rgf-edif-map?hs=122&authuser=0>

## Captain Auditions

### Friday, May 7, 2021

- Seniors optional but welcome due to Fine Arts Night Presentations - All other new and old RUSH attend.
- All members present will vote for captain at the end of the rehearsal
- Check in starting at 2:15 pm/ warm up on your own (End at 4:00pm)
- 2:30 - Captain Teaching Demonstration and Audition Begins- Each Captain Applicant will have 10-20 minutes to teach their piece, TBD after a final number of applicants is determined.
- Upon Completion - Captain Team Vote - Candidates will answer questions and whole team vote ballots will be distributed and collected. Captains will be announced May 8, 2021 on the Combs High Dance Webpage.

# 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**





# *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!

**MONTHLY - \$45 / DANCER OR DROP IN RATE - \$5 / DAY**

## *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 7 – July 1  
from 7-9 am in the Dance Room**

---

**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 13 – 15  
From 8 am – 3 pm in the Dance Room**





Dear Dancers and Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to audition for RUSH Dance Company for the 2021-2022 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 will also be a choreography study and many responsibilities to make concert a success. Dancers who wish to be officers also have the opportunity to attend Leadership Camp in Heber in July, which is an amazing experience for all who attend. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please, see Ms. Downing 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 Advanced Dance placement. Once they have reached this level, they will be invited to continue their audition process. Consider this the first round ☺ The audition process will 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. Downing

*Combs High Dance*

