SPSG 2027



DATES:

January 5th: Jazz I (Hopscotch Dream Team) and Contemporary (Carry Me). BHS Basketball Game. NEW Gym

January 15th: Jazz II (Mr. Worldwide) and Jazz III (Bubblicious). BHS Basketball Game. NEW Gym.

January 22nd- Hip-Hop (Need for Speed). BHS Basketball Game. OLD gym.

February 6th- Winter Freeze Gymnastics Meet. This is our studio's home gymnastics meet and fundraiser for gym equipment. IF you volunteered to work, please attend the 5:30pm meeting at the studio on 2/5 and arrive by 8:30am on the 6th.

February 26-28 – PAC Competition. Madison, WI. Performance is at the Oregon High School Performing Arts Theatre. *I am staying at Tru by Hilton Stoughton.

March 13- Picture Day. In addition to regular photos, team members need their jackets & jeans for an entire team photo.

March 19-21- Star Power Competition. River Arts Center. I am staying at Fairfield by Marriott in Baraboo because I couldn't find a room in Sauk Prairie.

April 19- Spirit Day! Team members are REQUIRED to wear at least their jackets or recital shirts and send Meghan a photo.

April 22-25- Recital! Rehearsals and shows. Details can be found under the, "Recital Music & Info," tab on the website.

June 27-July 3- Nationals in Banson. *FOR STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY. We will update you after the March competition. *I booked a hotel at Hilton attached to the convention center.

COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAMS: Guide to Season 13

APPEARENCE

HAIR
Jazz I Girls: Two, high space buns.

All Other Girls: Low Pony Tail with center part. Slick and clean. Use all the hair gel & Hairspray. No fly-aways. STRAIGHTEN ENDS! We got a point deduction (twice) in past years for students having curly/wavy ponies.

Brantley: Bald cap for Jazz II.
Clogging/Hip-Hop: Add some hair gel to control any fly aways.

Make-Up
Red Lips: Maybelline Super Stay Ink Crayon Lipstick in Own your Empire is most commonly used.

Eyes: Grey/Browns (neutral) eye shadows.

Extras: Please add usual foundation, blush and mascara. Does not need to be overly heavy. Eye lashes are optional.

*Boys do not need any make-up.

POINT DEDUCTIONS

Finger Nails
No fake nails. Polish must be nude or clear. NO bold nail polish!

Hair Color: No bold or unnatural hair colors (unless they can be hidden).

Jewelry
NO jewelry. Small stud earrings are okay but please try and avoid unless you have newly pierced ears. No hair ties on wrists or ankles.

Glasses
No glasses during performance.

Costume
Write a check-list. We MUST match for a perfect "costume," score. Make sure you have the correct tights, costume, shoes and accessories. Hair accessories should be on the child's right side of pony. Double check your tights a few weeks in advance. If you need extras, be organized and text me in advance. I can't help you "that day." Tights are $9 year round. Fishnets are $12. You can purchase from Meghan anytime.

AWARDS

Required Items
All team members need to bring and wear black leggings (any brand) and their SPSG jackets for awards. Neutral colored shirts should be worn under the jackets. If you are wearing a cropped shirt, zip the jacket up!
Shoes, hair and accessories are your choice for awards.
*You normally have time to change into this after you perform.

Details
Awards usually take place about 30 mins-2 hours AFTER performance. I will email performance and award times **7-10 days in advance.** IF YOU DIDN'T GET AN EMAIL, I don't have the schedule. As soon as I get the email, you will know. Asking me before I send the email will result in a "I do not know yet," text. All students should attend awards. Besides the team captain, no cell phones should be used or brought onto the stage. Team captains will oversee collecting the trophies and standing on the team's behalf.

After awards, you are able to leave.

NEW! I have never attended PAC, our February competition BUT I know that their awards are unique. After a performance, judges can set off an alarm. IF your group has an alarm, you will perform again before awards. Please be prepared for this! It also means that most routines will be on site for at least 4 hours per session.

NATIONALS

RESULTS
I will know if you qualified for nationals AFTER the March competition. Using your scores, placement and class behaviors, I determine which groups will attend nationals.

Sometimes we all qualify, sometimes we don't. I will notify you before April 1st on these results.

DAY OF COMP:

Day/Time:
I will receive the specific day/time that a team performs, **7-10 days in advance.**

I will email you as soon as I receive this. Please save all three days until you know your specific slot. I also recommend booking hotels for both nights and then cancelling when we get details.

Hotels are not necessary (especially if you only have one routine) BUT we can perform anywhere from 8am to 10pm so sometimes a hotel is a nice option.

Arrival
Each student is in charge of their own transportation. Meghan cannot help with transporting children.

All teams will need to arrive 1.5 hours BEFORE performance slot.

Sometimes we run right on schedule. Sometimes they run late or EARLY. Be prepared for this.

When you arrive to the venue, please find our dressing area. This is easiest if the child snaps or texts a team member. Sometimes we are assigned a dressing space and sometimes we have to find our own.

Items can be kept in the changing spaces at your own discretion.

Arrive dressed and ready. We will stretch and run the routines once everyone has arrived.

If Meghan is busy with another group, your team captain will stretch you. OR Erin will stretch the level I's.

Parents may stay with children while waiting for coaches BUT once they arrive, parents need to go find a seat.

TEAM ETTIQUETTE

Behavior
I expect my team members to be good sports and polite to everyone around them. If you are unhappy with your score, crying is not going to help. Use feedback and scores as a push to better yourself. Cheer on EVERY other team and stay positive, especially during the awards ceremony.

I should not see/hear my team members being disrespectful, using bad language or displaying any form of PDA while at the venue and in the SPSG jackets. Be a good role model. All videos and pictures shared, should be of good/clean taste.

Families representing SPSG should also act professionally during our competitive weekends. Nothing is more embarrassing than parents having extremely poor reactions over scores. If you have a question about a score or something from the event, please talk to Meghan at the following practice, not at the competition. Remember that your

child will feel your energy, staying positive will create a better experience for you kid. We want them to have fun and we don't want to be a "Dance Moms," Studio.

Attendance
Please review the team attendance policy. Team practices are mandatory, and your 3 absences should ONLY be used during emergencies, illness, or big family vacations. Each season that a team has not made nationals, it has been because of a huge lack in FULL group practices.

If you are going to be absent, please be courteous of your coaches and classmates. We require a 24-hour notice (unless ill) and notes written, automatically, **by parents or teachers**. If you can give us more than a 24 hour notice, that is appreciated. Failure to follow the absence policy can result in team removal. Or as was proven this season, it will cut your score low enough to NOT qualify for next years team. Please, please don't make me feel bad for enforcing the same policies on EVERY student. I need to be fair!
****This is a family effort. I need PARENTS to email me. I will not accept emails from students.**

Parental Responsibility

I have 10+ groups performing each weekend. Sometimes they overlap or we have little time between one performance and one set of awards. Thus, we cannot be responsible for your children.

Please be prepared to collect your child immediately after their awards session as I will not be able to stay with them.

If they have to self-stretch because Meghan is with another group, you can stay with them. Once Meghan arrives, you may find a seat. Please encourage your child to stay with their teammates at all times.

BASKETBALL GAMES

Details
Each game starts between 7-7:30pm. We perform at halftime. I do not know exactly when that will be BUT usually it is between 8 and 8:30pm.

Please arrive around 7:00pm, dressed and ready.

Please meet in the hallway, we are in the NEW gym this year.

We will stretch and run the routines, quietly, while we wait.

IF you perform on a Tuesday, Meghan & some students will arrive AFTER 7:30pm. She teaches until 7:15pm that night. Please begin stretching and prepping without us. We will be there to run the music and join you by 7:30-7:45pm.
*If your child is on Tuesday tap/ballet and wants to leave early to prepare for the game, that is fine with Meghan.