

# FATHER LOPEZ DANCING GREEN WAVES AUDITIONS 2016-2017

**Mandatory Parent/Guardian Meeting** – dancers are welcomed to join their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

6:00 pm

Father Lopez Multipurpose Center (MPC)

**Audition Clinics** – you **MUST** attend ONE day of the Audition Clinics to tryout. You may attend BOTH days if you feel it will better prepare you for the audition. Both days will be exactly the same material.

**Audition Clinics:**

Thursday, May 12, 2016

4-6:30 pm

GYM

Friday, May 6, 2016

4-6:30 pm

MPC

**Final Audition:**

Saturday, May 14, 2016

9:00 am – finish (approx. 12 pm)

MPC

ALL PAPERWORK IS DUE AT THE FIRST DAY OF DANCE CLINIC ATTENDED

**WHAT TO WEAR**

- Please wear ALL BLACK to clinic and audition.
- Jazz pants, tights and shorts, leotards, fitted tank tops are all acceptable clothing.
- Shoes: jazz shoes or dance sneakers
- Hair: pulled back and off face – bun preferred
- NO JEWELRY

**WHAT TO EXPECT DAY OF AUDITION:**

**SKILLS EVALUATION**

- Right Split
- Left Split
- High Kicks
- Right Leap
- Left Leap
- Center Leap/toe touch/Russian
- Right Pirouettes
- Left Pirouettes
- Skill of Choice (optional)

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

- Memory
- Showmanship
- Sharp motions
- A good foundation in dance technique
- A positive, team-player attitude
- The ability to accept and apply constructive criticism
- A willingness to try new skills
- Flexibility and physical fitness
- Ability to move

YOU WILL LEARN CHOREOGRAPHY AT THE CLINICS.  
NO NEED TO COME PREPARED WITH A DANCE ROUTINE.

## ABOUT DANCING GREEN WAVES

There is a DGW Constitution that is required to be reviewed and signed at the beginning of the team season. This is an overview of items from it and what to expect if chosen to be on the team. Please read this information, as these are the expectations of each dancer and need to be fully considered before trying out and joining the team.

### GENERAL INFORMATION, EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES:

1. All Dance team members must abide by the Father Lopez Catholic High School (FLCHS) Dancing Green Waves (DGW) Constitution.
2. All FLCHS school rules must be followed. Athletic participation requirements:
  - Must have at least a 2.0 GPA. Grades will be checked and are taken into consideration at all times, including auditions.
  - Must have a current physical exam on file before start of season.
  - Must complete all athletic participation forms required for all student athletes.
3. Practice/Attendance – **ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL!**
  - Members are expected to attend ALL practices, home football games, competitions, community performances, basketball game performances and any other planned activity of the team – whether the dancer is dancing or not. Poor attendance will result in possible dismissal from the team.
  - **DGW practices are Monday and Wednesday 3:45 – 6 pm and Thursdays 2 – 4 pm.** All practices are mandatory and dancers are not to miss or leave early unless excused by coach.
  - Any time a dancer is late to school, leaves school early or is absent, they may not participate at practice; however, they are expected to be there unless excused by the coach.
  - Any absence must be reported directly to the coach **before** practice, performance or activity. Failure to report the missing of any DGW activity will result in an unexcused absence. Three unexcused makes future participation on the team up for discussion. **TWO WEEKS** noticed is the recommended time frame to give coach notice for missing a practice or any other DGW activity.
  - Because of the time and commitment required to be a member of the dance team, it will be difficult to participate in other school sports. Being a DGW is a yearlong seasonal commitment.
  - It is understood that many students have part-time jobs, participate in church and community activities, and take dance classes. Scheduling must be worked out in advance and missing because of poor scheduling is not a valid excuse. Team members **will not allow a job or any other activities (including studio dance activities)** to interfere with any DGW practice, performance or activity. Multiple unexcused absences will result in a dancer's suspension or dismissal from the team.
  - There will be additional practices on Fridays and/or Saturdays (mostly competition season). There will be advance notice for these practices.
  - Coach will release schedules for all DGW commitments in advance in order to make scheduling other activities easier, such as doctors' appointments.
  - Missing dance team practice and/or school (except for field trips, if known ahead of time) the day before or the day of a game will result in not performing. However, this member must still attend the event in uniform.
  - Everyone must practice at outside of DGW practices. Inability to learn and perform a routine may result in an individual's not performing for that game. There will be auditions for performances.  
**\*\*\*We want our dancers to get the best high school experience and realize that schedule conflicts happen. Please let the coach know of ANY conflicts that occur so that we can work out any issues with both sides. Communication is key and needs to come from both parent(s)/guardian(s) and dancer!**
4. Uniforms:
  - Personal dance items such as shoes, tights, practice clothes, etc. are the responsibility of the dancer to acquire and have when needed. There will possibly be team practice clothes which dancers will be responsible for paying for.
  - Uniforms will be checked out to dancers as they are needed or for the year. They **are property of the team** and **must be returned** when asked for. They are also **NOT** to be worn except when designated by the coach or has approval to do so outside of DGW use.
  - Uniforms or props ruined, lost or stolen may have to be replaced by dancer at their own expense.

5. Fees:

- Team costs include such things as costumes, props, music, choreographers, camps/clinics, competition, travel and food. The cost varies from year to year and team to team. Students and parents need to help us raise this money in order to maintain the program.
- There will be a set amount for each dancer to bring in (through fundraising, parent contribution, etc.).
- There are fundraising programs set up to help raise funds. Full participation from every dancer is expected.

6. Conduct:

- Members of the team must remember that they are directly representing DGW and FLCHS, not just themselves. While a DGW, they must have proper conduct, attitude and attire, as they are a direct reflection of our school, student body and team. Excessive absences, tardies, improper conduct on or off campus behavior will be considered good cause for dismissal.

7. Parent Involvement:

- Parent involvement is key to the success of our program. There are email updates sent to parents that often need response. It is imperative that parents read, respond (when necessary) and stay in contact with the coach.
- There are also times we need parent volunteers. Please let the coach know what you can do.
- All parents (and others who want to be involved) must go through a fingerprinting process in order to interact with the team. Further information is available, please ask coach.

**IMPORTANT MANDATORY DATES TO CONSIDER**

- Dance Clinic Fundraiser: June 6 – 10
- Dance Practice: June 13-16 TBD
- Summer Practices: June and August times and days TBD (we will take July off) **\*\*This will be the last summer with a flexible practice schedule.**
- Camp (if funds are raised): July 30 – August 2
- Football Home Games: August – November 2016
- Occasional Basketball Games: November 2016 – February 2017
- Competition Season: January to March 2017
- Friday and Saturday practices (dates given weeks in advance)

**APPLICATION EXPECTATIONS**

- Academics: a 2.0 GPA is required to try out and needs to be maintained throughout the school year.
- Attendance: school and practice attendance is important.
- Skills: we look to see what your current skills are (as listed) as well as your ability to learn and adapt to a group. Many factors go into the decision of a dancer's placement and it is with the entire team in mind that we select this way.
- Parent Support: it is important that a parent and/or legal guardian sign application as verification of their support for possible selection to the dance team.

# APPLICATION FOR THE DANCING GREEN WAVES 2016-2017 TEAM

(Please bring completely filled out to try-outs and attach a current photo of yourself)

Name:

Home Address:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Parent Contact Phone Number:

Parent Email:

In case of emergency contact:

Present Grade:

Present School:

Present GPA:

**QUESTIONS** (Please answer completely and thoughtfully. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

**Dance Training:**

Where:

How long:

Styles trained in:

List other experiences related to dance: (studio classes, gymnastics, sports, camps)

List other school and outside involvements you are in/plan to be in:

Please write a short paragraph on why you want to participate in our program.

What type of member will you be?

What is unique about you?

How will you impact the program positively?

## PERMISSION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to try out for the Dancing Green Waves at Father Lopez Catholic High School for the 2016- 2017 school year. If selected, they have permission to participate in all dance team functions.

It is understood the responsibilities of being a member of the dance team. All parties signing agree to abide by what is asked of being part of DGW, as well as trust and support the coach as she enforces these requirements.

While I/we know FLCHS is committed to the dance team program and provides extensive support, I/we understand that the coaches and the school assume no financial obligation due to expenses incurred by the dance team program for required outside items not provided by DGW/FLCHS.

I understand there is a chance of injury because this is an athletic event.

I/We will respect the coach's final decision, I/We will support our daughter no matter what the outcome, and I/We will trust in the school's ability to pick an appropriate team, without question or argument. I/We understand that the coach's decisions are final and that neither the coach nor the administration will be available in person, by phone or by email to discuss the outcome of tryouts.

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Student signature/Date

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Parent signature(s)/Date