A dance audition for the purpose of selecting students who will be enrolled in the Dance II or III classes for the 2015-2016 school year, and for selecting the members of the Wildcat Songleaders & El Camino Dance Company for the 2015-2016 school year.

DANCE II

This class will meet during 5th period. This course is designed for the intermediate dance student. Students will study a variety of dance styles with emphasis placed on technique, choreography, and performance. The students enrolled in this course will be involved in the annual Winter Dance II Show and Spring Dance II/III Show. Students enrolled in this course will earn Physical Education credit or Performing Arts credit.

DANCE III

This class will meet during 6th period. This course is designed for the advanced dance student. Students will study a variety of dance styles with emphasis placed on technique, choreography, and performance. The students enrolled in this course will produce the annual Spring Dance II/III Show and will be involved with other performance opportunities throughout the year. Students enrolled in this course will earn Physical Education credit or Performing Arts credit.

WILDCAT SONGLEADERS

The Wildcat Songleader dance team is a program that allows dancers at El Camino High School to competitively dance for their high school. Additionally, the team will perform at select sporting and community events. Mandatory practice will be held twice a week, but additional rehearsals may be required. The team will be supported by team fundraisers and personal donation. See www.wildcatsong.com for additional information.

EL CAMINO DANCE COMPANY

This dance group will be comprised of highly skilled dancers who will represent El Camino High School at school and community events. Students selected for the dance company must demonstrate an exceptional skill and performance level. Dance company members must be enrolled in the Dance III class; however, company rehearsal schedule will be outside the school day on Mondays and Thursday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.
DATES

All related events will take place in the dance room behind the gym.

Tuesday, May 5th

Audition Clinic for all dancers
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Learn audition dance combination
- Learn across the floor combinations.

Wednesday, May 6th

Auditions for Dance II, III, Wildcat Songleaders
Begins at 2:30 pm. Middle School will begin at 3:00 pm
- Groups of 5 will perform dance combination and across the floor combinations
- A 32 count (4 counts of 8) solo of any style choreographed and performed by dancer. Music is not required.

Thursday, May 7th

Auditions for El Camino Dance Company
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Learn audition choreography
- Create your own choreography to attach to taught choreography
- Auditions will take place at the end of the day
- Only dancers selected for Dance III will be accepted into the Company

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Technique
Dance skill, alignment, placement, flexibility, and strength

Expression
Performance qualities such as poise, confidence, facial expression, and projection

Excellence
Performance of dance combination demonstrating knowledge, timing, and rhythm

Creativity
Showcase of your own choreography (32-count phrase)

Please note: Prior participation in dance program at El Camino will be considered in terms of attitude, effort, performance ability, and attendance. Current or prior participation does not guarantee placement for the 2015-2016 school year.
CANDIDATES

All students who will be enrolled at El Camino High School for the 2015-2016 school year may audition. All candidates and parents must agree to abide by the guidelines established for Dance II/III class, Songleaders & Dance Company. Signed contracts, candidate information sheets and teacher evaluations must be turned in prior to the audition.

AUDITION ATTIRE

- Dance clothing (Ex: Black tights, shorts and fitted top)
- Dance shoes (bare feet acceptable unless auditioning for Dance II only)
- Hair pulled off the face (Ex: slicked back ponytail or bun)

RESULTS

Dance II, III class, and ECDC posted online by Friday, May 8th at 4:00 pm in the “News” section toward the bottom of the El Camino Webpage.

Wildcat Songleader dance team will be posted at www.wildcatsong.com by Friday, May 8th.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR AUDITION!
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DANCE II & III CLASS GUIDELINES

The Dance II and III classes are designed for the serious dance student at the high intermediate-advanced level. Students will continue to work on technique development, study a variety of dance forms, and have performance opportunities throughout the year. The classes will produce a major production during the spring semester. Students will also have the opportunity to continue to develop their choreography skills. Students selected for this class must accept the following requirements:

- Students will be expected to participate in class activities outside of the school day. Practices may run into 7th period and possibly later as “show time” nears.
- Students must participate in ticket sales, fund-raising activities and any other activity necessary for the production of the show(s).
- Students may incur expenses related to productions, such as dance shoes, tights, and costume items for student choreographed numbers. These expenses should be kept to a minimum.
- Students must be able to rehearse on occasional weekends and evenings prior to the show.
- Students must maintain a constructive attitude and be eager and willing to contribute where needed. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! Students should be able to look beyond what is best for them, and look at what might be best for the entire class or production. Students must maintain a positive attitude and understand that the director makes the final decisions.
- Students must understand that bad attitudes toward the teacher or other students in the class may result in permanent removal from the class at any given time as decided by the teacher.
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DANCE COMPANY (ECDC) GUIDELINES

The dance company is designed for the serious dance student to have the opportunity to represent El Camino High School at school and community events. El Camino Dance Company (ECDC) is a semester long dance group. Members of the dance company must possess exceptional technical skill and a high performance level. Dance company members must be enrolled in the Dance III class and dance company rehearsals will be scheduled in addition to the class. The dance company will perform hip hop, jazz, contemporary and other forms of dance at various school functions which may include pep rallies, football games, community events, etc. with a cumulative performance of all their work during the semester in January. Students selected for ECDC must accept the following requirements:

• Members will be selected for the dance company from the audition held on May 8th, 2014.
• The size of the dance company will be determined by the ability demonstrated by individuals at the audition (between 12-18 dancers).
• At the time of auditions, candidates must have at least a 2.0 GPA, no more than 1 “F”, and no U’s in citizenship. This must be maintained throughout membership on the dance company.
• Company members must represent El Camino High School with the highest standards.
• Attendance will be required at all practices, performances, and competitions. Illness and serious family emergency will be the only acceptable excuses. Ms. Langen-Kramp must be notified in advance of an absence.
• Rehearsals for dance company performances may take place after school or in the evening. A “reasonable” rehearsal schedule will be established after the company is selected. There may be some summer rehearsals (dates to be announced).
• Dance company members must purchase necessary costumes/uniforms for company performances. The cost will most likely be under $100.00.
• Company Captains may be selected for ECDC. The selection criteria will be determined by Ms. Langen-Kramp.
• Dance company members will be expected to support and abide by the decisions made by Ms. Langen-Kramp and the Company Captains.
• Dance company members must be willing to be flexible, accept constructive criticism, and make quick adjustments.
• ECDC members must maintain a constructive attitude and be eager and willing to contribute where needed. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!! If you can’t be a “team player,” do not audition. Company members must understand that bad attitudes toward any adult or student may result in removal from the company at any given time.
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WILDCAT SONG LEADERS GUIDELINES

Complete contract will be provided for all new team members (approximately 5-10 dancers)

CALENDAR & SCHEDULING ALL EVENTS WILL BE LISTED ON WWW.WILDCATSONG.COM

- A two-week notice will be given for all mandatory events. The season will begin in June 2014 and will end in March 2015. (USA summer camp, football/basketball games, USA Regionals & USA Nationals)
- Notify the coach by writing a note, calling or sending an e-mail immediately if there is a conflict.

ATTENDANCE & GRADES

- Dancers are expected to attend school regularly.
- All dancers must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. Failure to do so may result in suspension or expulsion from the team.

RESPECTFUL & TEAM BEHAVIOR

- Dancers are to represent themselves, their school and community with pride and appropriate behavior at all times.
- Dancers will also abide by team, school, and district guidelines and policies.
- Any student engaging in activities inside AND outside of the school day that have negative impact on the team or its image (i.e. consumption of alcohol, using drugs, promiscuous behavior, etc.) will be disciplined, possibly resulting in suspension and/or removal from the team. This includes, but is not limited to, all forms of social media such as Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, and ask.fm.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT

- Although not required, each family is encouraged to participate in team fundraising and/or provide financial assistance to the team by personal donation.
- Whenever possible, parents should encourage dancers to work out problems or concerns directly with the coach or other team members involved.
- Parents are encouraged to call and email the coach to address concerns about their dancer or a team situation that involves their dancer. Most problems are easily solved through improved communication.
DANCE AUDITION INFORMATION SHEET

NAME _________________________________

ADDRESS _______________________________________

______________________________________________________

STUDENT CELL ______________________________________

STUDENT EMAIL _______________________________________

GRADE LEVEL NEXT YEAR __________________

DANCE EXPERIENCE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME ____________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME/CELL PHONE ___________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ____________________________

AUDITIONING FOR:
CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY – you will NOT be considered for the one(s) you do not circle

DANCE II DANCE III SONGLEADERS EC DANCE COMPANY

GRADE CHECK:
SONGLEADERS and ECDC candidates ONLY – not for Dance II or III
A print out copy of your grades (without signatures) is acceptable.

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DANCE II, DANCE III, & ECDC AGREEMENT

I, __________________________, understand the requirements for participation in the El Camino Dance Department. I am willing to accept these responsibilities.

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Signature of Participant                        Date

I, __________________________, have read the preceding information and understand the obligations, financial responsibilities, and code of conduct requirements for participation on the El Camino High School Dance Program. If chosen, my child has my permission and support to participate as a student in the Dance Program. I also realize that strong parental support is necessary and I will do my best to help out when called upon.

__________________________________________  ________________
Signature of Parent                            Date

Please indicate any health conditions or restrictions that you are aware of that may limit participation of your child during the audition or as a dance student at ECHS.

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El Camino High School
SONGLEADER DANCE TEAM APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone #: ___________________________ Cell #: ___________________________

E-mail address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _________________________________________________________________________________________________

Parent E-mail: ___________________________ Cell #: ___________________________

What school do you currently attend? __________________________________________________________________________________

Current/Past Injuries: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Dance Experience: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Current Studio and Number of Hours per Week: ____________________________________________________________________________

Why do you want to be a part of this team? Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

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I, ___________________________ , understand the requirements for participation on the Wildcat Songleader Dance Team. I am willing to accept these responsibilities.

__________________________________________________________
Signature of Participant                                      Date

I have read this packet thoroughly and fully understand the commitment that my dancer and family are undertaking. I give my child permission to audition for the ECHS Wildcat Songleaders and will support his/her participation. I realize that Mrs. Daniels will be checking my child’s attendance and grades. I understand that all judges’ decisions are finals and are not subject to review.

__________________________________________________________
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian                          Date
El Camino High School

TEACHER EVALUATION
for Dance II, III, Songleader and/or EC Dance Company

This student is trying out for the El Camino High School Dance II or III Class, Wildcat Songleaders and/or El Camino Dance Company. Since citizenship and leadership are important to the success of our dance show and other performances, we need your assistance. This rating will play a part in the decision to offer this student a position as a dancer at El Camino. Consider each category carefully before rating them.

This information will remain confidential. Every dancer must have 3 teachers from the current semester complete an evaluation. Please return this form to Mandy Langen-Kramps’s mailbox as soon as possible. Middle school teachers, do not give this form to the students. Please send it through District Mail to ECHS Attention Mandy Langen-Kramp. The evaluations are due by Friday, May 1, 2015.

Dancer's name: ____________________________________________________________

Teacher’s name: __________________________________________________________________________

School: ___________________________________ Subject: _______________________________________

Teacher Signature: __________________________________________________________________________

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Please write any additional comments on the back. These are greatly appreciated.