

Dear Parents and all kids who made the Extreme Ballroom Company for the 2022-23 year,

We appreciate all of you coming out and hope that you had a good experience at tryouts. We think this is going to be another fantastic year!

First—Unless you simply can't find your student's name listed somewhere on this posting, then we ask that you please understand that I cannot and WILL NOT take calls and e-mails regarding the placement of your child in our program, and neither will my TEACHERS or STAFF at this time. Sometimes a Junior who still looks younger, will be moved to a pre-teen team, and vice-versa. Check all the ages first before you email us with a missing name. We are all in need of time with our own families now, as it has been, and always is a very busy year☺ Everyone this year was actually placed on one of our teams or tech. classes! This is amazing!! We are very proud of all of you!!

Second—Many of you are wondering about the Cabaret Team. We will hold tryouts for this at our boot camp. We will keep you posted.

Third—We added an “all girls” team this year. They don't dance together, but will learn a latin routine “alone,” hip-hop, and lyrical. We are going to do an additional tryout later to add more girls to this team. We want this to be a great team and know that some of you girls who didn't audition for it may want to change your minds. So, for now, just keep that in mind as you see some of our posts for it in the future.

Fourth-We did not have enough PT boys to have a PT Blue team this year. We also still need some for PT Gold so please help us find some if you can. We would love to add boys to our “all girls” PT white team so that they could have partners this year. We will keep trying for this. We also are no longer having a Jr. White team. We added another Jr. Medley team, and the new name will be Jr. Silver. They will be doing a two dance medley instead of a 3 dance medley, because it is more of a beginning level Medley team, but we are SUPER excited about this concept!! So if you made the Jr. Silver Medley team, you really are on a medley team!!

Fifth-If you made Youth Gold team, some of you will see an “L” or “S” next to your name. This means that you are currently only either on the Latin or Standard team for Youth Gold. I also did indicate on at least the girls' list, who would be sharing in those styles as well. This doesn't mean that you won't perform in the other medley's but it does mean you will not compete them. Also, because there are more girls than normal on this team, as we get closer to nationals, you will not be switched into a dance you are not assigned to. We just won't have time to do that and be ready. I would like to meet with you all very soon to explain this to you in more detail, but for now this will suffice. Also, if you are on Youth Blue and have an A-1 (L) by your name or an A-2 (L) or an A-1 (S), that means that you are an alternate for Youth Gold in Latin if you have an L by your name, or in Standard if you have an S by your name. If someone from youth Gold quits the Latin team, Addisyn Belnap will be the first moved into that spot, and Tahni Smith the 2nd. Madi Black will be the first one moved into the Standard position if a youth gold girl quits.

Sixth--Please remember that we have auditions for a reason: To place the kids where they need to be. We have done that now, and I know some of you may disagree, but that is why we have judges, and the decisions are final. Something that I worry about each year at this time, is that we maintain our reputation of fostering good manners and courtesy among parents, students and teachers. Auditions are a difficult OR joyful time for all. Many friends who have danced together for some time get moved on to different teams, some make the team they have always wanted, others not. Please be sensitive to one another and remember once a friend, always a friend. Thinking you are better than someone else because you made a higher team is a trait that is not welcome

at Extreme. On the flipside of that, those who did not make a higher team and talk badly about those who did, is equally not acceptable. DO NOT belittle one another. It only makes you look weak.

Parents remember, your children will be ok, if YOU are supportive, positive, and encourage your children to be grateful that they get to be a part of a wonderful program, no matter what team they made. New relationships will be made and much fun awaits all of our students!!

Finally- I just want to thank all of you for your support this year and every year. So much love and support...I can't believe it! We would never have been able to pull off a competition without all of you helping and making it spectacular, as well as the concert. I truly do feel we have a great feeling in our studio, which has been told to me by many coaches who have come here to work with our kids. They have said that there is just a different feeling here. I know it is because we have the best kids and families in the world at Extreme and I want to keep it that way!! Please be sure and read your Summer Responsibilities Page. It is just around the corner☺ Thanks and have a GREAT memorial weekend with your families!!

Sincerely, Staci Huston and all the staff at Extreme Ballroom!