Here is some more info on our Sparkler Dance Company for next season! Let me know for sure after reading this if you have any questions, hesitations, etc. I just need to know by June 15th so I can make the class you need show up correctly to register.

If your child is ready for more of everything we offer, our Sparkler dance company can do that. These kids get 90 min of class, so longer time spent on technique and more repetition, so they'll progress faster. They get not only their 3 class dances in tap, ballet and jazz, but they also get to perform in our Sparkler Company Production at the end of every show. This means they get 2 costumes (a combo costume and a separate costume for the production). They also get sparkly earrings to wear (we have clip ons as well) for the recital.

Requirements to be a Sparkler

* Be focused in class (we value work ethic over talent!). We don't hold auditions, but we do recruit those dancers and parents that we think would be a great fit. WE HAVE A 16 STUDENT CLASS LIMIT. This season we had 18 in a class (due to scheduling conflicts and a little overfilling on my end). We’ll try our best to keep every age group to 16.
* Consistent attendance (we have 3 absence a semester policy). This includes illness, major family or school events. It does not include skipping for soccer practice for example. We expect our kids to work hard outside of class as well as in class. I know these kids practice because I don’t have to go over choreography for memory issues or make the same corrections. That being said, my Pixies still get a leader for their recital dances and even the company production.
* Dance Convention – Mandatory – We go to Dupree Dance Convention in late January typically. It's in St Louis and it's a 2 day convention where they get to take classes in all styles over the weekend from very experienced master teachers. Parents can fundraise (we have a small booster club) for the costs associated with this. Fundraising is OPTIONAL, but only those who fundraise benefit from them. Usually veteran company moms will take the lead on fundraisers and they communicate through our Sparkler group FB page.
* Parent Expectations – be on time, pay on time, be positive and supportive for your dancer and don't stress, let me take care of them. We also value greatly your help. We don't charge much (if at all) for extra events or rehearsals, but we do appreciate your help at events in return.
* When the opportunity arises and it fits in our schedule, we will participate in community performances. Those are also optional as we have so many in company that it's ok if the entire group can't attend, but we will take it on a case by case and need to know what dancers we have to work with for an event.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Sparkler Competition Team – starting at 2nd or 3rd grade depending on student readiness.

      If your child has dreams of competing with dance, we draw our competition team from our Sparklers, meaning you can't compete unless you are part of company. I follow a "shallow end" concept, meaning don't jump into too much at once. Ease in by joining the company first, then when starting to compete only start with one number. Company is a great next step for those who want more of everything we offer.

MVTHS Rockin Rams or Drama Club

Both of these activities work really well with our high school dance schedule. I’ve got a good relationship with the coaches too. Don’t worry that your future high schoolers won’t be able to do both, they can and we can help them thrive in them!!

Hopefully this helps guide you to the path you want for next season! Just let me know your decision before the end of this season so I can get things set before July 1st registration and then I'll give you more instructions on registration.