

We would like to thank you for registering for our Invitational. We know you have many options to choose from, so we appreciate your support in choosing New Prague in your competition schedule this year! We are looking forward to an exciting and fun day of competition. This letter contains all of the information you should need for our event on Saturday, January 20th, 2024.

School Address: 221 12th St NE, New Prague, MN 56071 Please review the school map and directions for parking that was attached to your coaches email with competition details. All dance team buses should go to the **back of the building** - exit the roundabout at the corner of 270th and Columbus Avenue North and head towards the back of the high school, entering at the bus loop area. You may see buses up front, these are busses dropping off for One Act Play. All dance team buses should arrive in the back. **If your team is not taking a bus and driving separately, please let us know in advance.

Dance Team Arrival: Teams will need to enter through Door #6 (Labeled B on the Map) which is around the backside of the school. Upon arrival, you will check in at our registration table and then be directed to your classroom/dressing room by a volunteer or member of NPDT. We will give your coaches and/or captains a quick tour of the school pointing out the bathroom locations, Coaches' Room, Gyms, and Trainer.

Just for Kix Exhibition Teams: Your dancers may arrive through the front main entrance as most of your dancer's parents are driving them to the competition.

Each team will receive a folder with competition information, as well as a trash bag for your classroom. Our custodial staff asks that you please use this bag for trash and place it outside your classroom when you leave for the day. Please make sure your rooms are left the way you found them and clean up after yourselves.

Registration & Arrival Time for AAA Teams: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration & Arrival Time for Just For Kix Exhibition Teams: 11:45 AM

Registration & Arrival Time for A and AA Teams: 12:00 - 2:00 PM

*keep in mind for bus traffic - AAA Awards begin at 1:20 PM so those teams will be departing around 1:45 PM

Bus Parking: Labeled C on the Map provided.

**Please let your bus drivers know that they are allowed to watch the competition for free, and we also have a room for relaxation and provide them with a voucher for a free meal for the day.



Spectator's Entrance: Please park in the Main School Parking Lot and enter through the main entrance doors (Labeled E on the Map). Ticket sales begin at 8:30 AM and doors will open to the gym for seating at 8:40 AM. Side A teams will FACE the sound table and Side B teams will face AWAY from the sound table. If the parking lot is full, there is additional parking across the street at Trojan Stadium, or along 12th Street.

AAA Teams & Exhibition facing Side A: Eagan, New Prague, Mounds View, Spring Lake Park, Just for Kix

AAA Teams facing Side B: Buffalo, Chaska, Farmington, Owatonna, Woodbury

AA Teams facing Side A: Albert Lea, Apple Valley, Belle Plaine, Big Lake, Faribault

AA Teams facing Side B: Fairmont, Marshall, Spectrum

A Teams facing Side B: BOLD / BLHS, Cannon Falls, Goodhue, Providence

ADMISSION PRICING & TICKET SALES: (CASH ONLY at the door or Eventbrite)

\$10 ADULTS \$8 STUDENTS (Grades K-12) & SENIORS (55+) CHILDREN UNDER 5 - FREE

ONLINE TICKET LINK: *admission prices above do not include online convenience fees https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-prague-dance-team-invite-2024-tickets-790198975407?aff=o ddtdtcreator

For concessions, flowers, candy, and trinket sales we will accept CASH and Venmo payments.

EVENT PROGRAMS: Please scan our QR code the day of the competition to get to access our digital program. There will also be a link on our website: www.newpraguedanceteam.com.



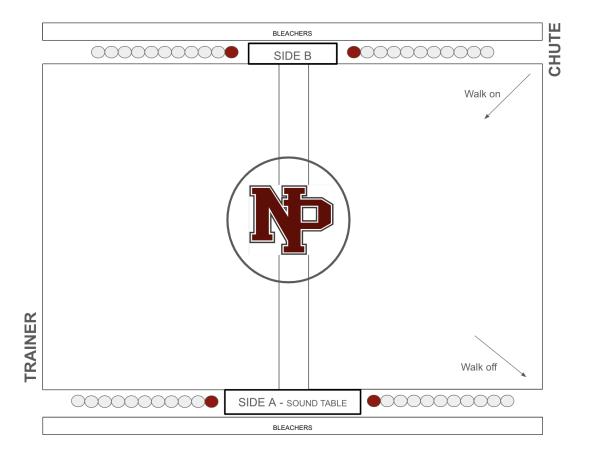


JAM Judges Entrance: Please park in the Main Parking Lot and enter through the main entrance. The Tab Room is in the main office conference room, the first doors on the right as you enter the school. We will have the Judges Room down the Hallway in room 115. Upon arrival, check-in at the front ticket sales area if you need assistance and a volunteer you will show you where to go.

Livestream: There will be a free livestream for the competition through our school's HUDL camera which will face Side A. Side B performances can be viewed from this Livestream, but will, unfortunately, be facing the back of your performance. https://www.youtube.com/c/newpragueareaschoolsactivities

Data Information: Thank you for submitting your Data Sheets already. If we are missing anything we will reach out. We will have them printed for our announcer, so you will not need to bring any with you.

Marking & Pre-Performance Time: We will NOT have scheduled marking times for this event. You should arrive downstairs lined up in the hallway to the back Auxiliary Gym at least 10-15 minutes prior to your competition time. You will enter the back of the Auxillary gym and have a few minutes to run your routine, warm up turns, hit formations, etc. before you move into the other half of the AUX gym (you can bring your own speaker if needed but must keep at a low volume as our Aux gym is connected and open to the performance gym). You will then move into the next half of the Aux gym for "in the hole" and then to the hallway between the AUX and MAIN gyms for "on deck" / in the chute.





Coaches Table & Chairs: There will be 3 chairs set up at each of the coaches' tables and 10 chairs on both sides for additional coaches, dancers, managers, etc. We will also have the front row of bleachers reserved for your team to use as well to watch performances. Coaches will need to give a thumbs up for the signal to go with music. There will be at least one chair per side reserved for Rouse Productions as well.

Music: Sound will be provided by Perkins Media. Please upload your music by Friday, **JANUARY 13th**. Click this link for directions to upload your music. You must complete a separate form for EACH routine you are competing/performing. https://perkinsmediagroup.com/newprague/

Please be sure to have a backup of your music (CD, phone or other device) available and with you when you arrive to the coaches table at the time of your performance.

Schedule of the Day and Performance Times: All performance times are APPROXIMATE and could move ahead if time allows, but we will try to keep the scheduled breaks so that divisions will start at the scheduled times (i.e. if we move ahead in AAA Jazz, we will take the lunch break and not start AAA Kick until the scheduled start time). Please make sure you are ready and downstairs at least 10-15 minutes prior to your estimated performance time.

Competition Updates: Please join our Competition Day BAND group for important updates during the competition: https://band.us/n/a5a200deQeMbp

Trainer: The trainer will be on-site and will be located inside the main gym. There is a door to access from the hallway if needed so that you do not need to enter the competition floor.

National Anthem: Teams will not need to line up and participate in the National Anthem, but the first 3 AAA teams in order of performance should be lined up in the chute and Auxiliary gym ready to go by 8:45 AM and by 1:45 PM for the AAA evening competition. (The *National Anthem will only be sung in the morning*).

Coaches Room: Our coaches' room is centrally located in our Media Center, and will have an assortment of food and beverages offered throughout the entire day for coaches to enjoy. There will not be a coaches meeting, as all of the details and information needed will have been provided.

Senior Recognition: Once all teams have entered the Main Gym for awards we will ask coaches to come forward to the awards table area and collect gifts that we will provide to you, to be given to your Seniors. We will call each team and Senior by name, and we ask that the Head Coach or selected coaches (you decide) present them to your Seniors as we acknowledge and announce them. Please have your Seniors remain up front for photo opportunities before returning back to your lines.



Awards: There will not be an organized processional for awards. All teams should be ready in the Auxiliary Gym to enter the main gym 10-15 minutes after the final performance. All teams will enter the gym and stand in a vertical line facing the direction you competed. Senior Recognition will happen before final placement awards are announced. Here are the placements that will be awarded:

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A VARSITY KICK AWARDS	1	2	3		
A VARSITY JAZZ AWARDS	1	2	3		
A JV KICK AWARDS	1	2			
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AA VARSITY KICK AWARDS	1	2	3	4	
AA VARSITY JAZZ AWARDS	1	2	3	4	
AA JV KICK AWARDS	1	2	3		
AA JV JAZZ AWARDS	1	2	3		
AA B SQUAD JAZZ AWARDS	1				
PLACEMENTS AWARDED FOR A	AAA				
AAA VARSITY KICK AWARDS	1	2	3	4	5
AAA VARSITY JAZZ AWARDS	1	2	3	4	5
AAA JV KICK AWARDS	1	2	3	4	
AAA JV JAZZ AWARDS	1	2	3	4	
AAA B SQUAD JAZZ AWARDS	1	2	3		

Score Packets: Score sheet packets will be available in the coach's room (Media Center) following each awards ceremony. Full scores will be emailed by JAM following the conclusion of the competition.

Concessions, Vendors, and Trinkets: We have a great menu planned out for the day and ask that NO outside meals or beverages be brought into the school. In addition to concessions, there will be Maui Wowi, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Nautical Bowls, trinkets and gifts, as well as flowers available to send to your dancers dressing room. Please tell your team and spectators to bring CASH for these items. Venmo will be an option for concessions, flowers, trinkets, and gifts as well.

Competition Shirts: We will organize any orders that were placed and have them ready for you the day of the competition. There will not be any shirts for sale the day of the event.

Thank you again for joining us at our New Prague Invite this year. We are excited to spend a fun day of competition with your teams. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out!

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We look forward to seeing you on January 20th!