

JUGHEADS

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Juggle Jam 13 (JJ13) Notes

Essential Info. for 11-Week Countdown

SHOWS: Our shows are Friday and Saturday, May 13 & 14 at Hopkins HS. **May 13:** Call is 5:45 pm; doors open @ 6:30; show runs from 7-9:30. **May 14:** Call is 3:15; doors open @ 4; show runs 4:30-7 p.m. **Friday Rec. will NOT meet May 13.**

CLUB REHEARSALS: Every (Edina) school day until JJ13 is a full rehearsal (except May 3, 11 & 13). We're completing choreography in March; April & early May will focus on running our routines many times. Please stay at club rehearsals 'til 5:45 p.m. and inform the coaches of **ANY** absences or *partial* absences.

ALL-CAST EVENING DRESS REHEARSALS are May 3 and 11 from 6-9 pm. Wear club T-shirts on **5/11** for our only '10-'11 all-company photo at 6 pm. **Let Paul know of tardies and absences.** *NOTE: There will be NO REGULAR CLUBS on the days of our two all-cast dress rehearsals (May 3 & 11).*

AUDITIONS: Any Jughead desiring to perform a solo or team routine for JJ13 needs to audition on **Tuesday, April 12 in Wooddale-Edina's gym.** Every prospective act must perform in the 3/11 Winter Showcase and fill out an application by 3/25. Contact **Coach Billy** for more information. *NOTE: Auditions are expected to be more competitive than ever; unique and polished acts rise above acts filled with juggling technicality yet are lacking in entertainment value.*

SKITS: Coaches Stefan and Ben are heading up variety introductions. If any Jughead has a skit idea and/or is interested in performing, talk to them ASAP; skit plans will be set by 4/28.

TICKETS PACKETS will be distributed this month. Relatives, mentors & friends come from far and wide to see our annual JJ!

SLIDE SHOW PHOTO WEEK: Group and individual photos will take place during after school clubs March 7-11.

T-SHIRTS: On May 3, Jugheads will receive JJ13 T-shirts for each club of membership; parents, please indicate sizes on the Spring Tuition Form so we can avoid *guessing* your child's size.

COSTUMES: Club routines are embellished by distinctive costumes: **Monday:** Superheroes vs. Villains; **Elite:** Female Pop Stars; **Advanced:** Commercials; **Thursday:** The Grinch; **Friday:** Fantasy Movies. Khaki shorts and JJ13 Tees are also required for the opener & finale.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: JJ is a huge production made possible by MANY parent volunteers. Therefore, our hope is that one parent from each JH family will volunteer for **one show or dress rehearsal night.** Show night volunteers need not purchase a ticket for that night, but do not expect to see much of the show. See the enclosed Parent Volunteer Sheet.



Spring Club Tuition Due

Early registration deadline: March 15

Spring JH tuition covers April 4-June 10 and includes a JJ13 T-shirt. Register by 3/15 for a \$15 discount per Jughead, per club. **Indicate T-shirt size** and club code on the enclosed form. (If using PayPal, please **email us your child's size.**)

CLUB	CODE	COST	OFF DAY
Monday Rec.	11SPR-MON	\$210	May 30
Elite Club	11SPR-ELITE	\$210	May 3*
Advanced Club	11SPR-ADV	\$210	May 11*
Thursday Rec.	11SPR-THURS	\$230	—
Ultimate Club	11SPR-ULTI	\$260	—
Friday Club	11SPR-FRI	\$210	May 13*

*No regular club those days, but mandatory evening events.

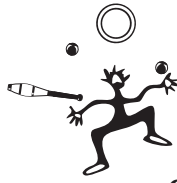
Coach Corner: Billy Watson

"Developing Coaches through Juggling Since 2008"

Dutiful philosophy major that I am, I try to lead an examined life. Lurking in the back of my mind there is always that persistent, nagging question: "Am I doing the right thing?" When life is viewed from a respectful distance, the answer is often easy. For instance, I'm working on a four-year liberal arts degree, and that certainly seems to be the right thing for me. But, what is black-and-white from far away becomes grayish when zoomed-in to the details of day-to-day existence. Then, the same question loses its simplicity: I take 24 credits a semester at the expense of a social life and an extra hour of sleep each night. Am I doing the right thing? As my fellow philosopher Hamlet would say: there's the rub.

Yet, there are moments when I'm completely free of any such doubts—wonderful moments when "There's nothing that I'd rather be doing" and "There's nothing that I ought rather to be doing" converge. Giving a tour of UST to a senior Jughead, pacing a juggler through her first 5K, bonding with the Ultimate Club in a hotel hot tub, sharing dinner with a JH family, and handing out high-fives by the dozen as the opening notes of "Rock this Town" inaugurate another Juggle Jam—these, for me, have all been doubt-free moments. If only life could always be so unambiguous!

And this brings me to my purpose in writing this column: the opportunity to coach at JH has blessed me with many of the most inarguably fulfilling and most obviously "right" experiences in my 22 years of trying to live well. And, for that, I'm very thankful. I owe many thanks to the parents who support JH, the 133 jugglers who comprise our company, and, most of all, to my life-long friends Paul & Wendy Arneberg for sustaining a program that develops not only youth, but coaches too!



Planning for June '11-June '12

Camps, Clubs, Assistants, Volunteers

SUMMER CAMPS: Later this month, look for the registration form for our five weeks of summer juggling camps (6/13-7/15; no camp on 7/4). **NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** Parents eager to secure a spot for fall clubs can plan on receiving a mailing around May 27 (earlybird discount and re-registration guarantee deadline: June 10). Please be aware that fall registration for Monday, Thursday, and Friday Clubs will open to the general public (i.e., incoming rookies for '11-'12) on 6/13. **ASSISTANTS & VOLUNTEERS:** Paul is working on rosters of camp and club assistants (9th-12th grade) for summer & next school year. Summer apps are due 3/25; all current and potential school year leaders should discuss club preferences by 4/30 so that their names can appear in our fall mailing due out 5/27.

JH Community News

- **6th ANNUAL EYJA JUGGLING SHOWCASE:** More than 20 acts will entertain folks like YOU on Friday, 3/11 from 7:30-9 p.m. at South View Middle School in Edina. It's a great way to kick off our 2011 performing season, and it's FREE! 500 courtesy tickets are available to help spread the word.
- **TWO APPLICATION REMINDERS for performers & leaders:** *Friday, March 25* is the application deadline for both the 2011 Summer Camp Assistants and Juggle Jam 13 Specialty Act Auditions (for April 12). Even students who would like to volunteer for summer camps and/or earn community service hours for lettering in juggling or fulfilling a church or school project should fill out a Summer Asst. App.; *note that the deadline is a month earlier than last year.* Both forms are available at JH; attachments will be emailed upon request.
- **MONDO Jugglefest is April 1-3;** forms are available in the JH gym. Coaches Paul & Billy will lead 10 Jugheads on Fri., 4/1, and about 20-30 Jugheads all day/evening on Sat., 4/2. Discount deadline is 3/4; registrations accepted through 4/1.
- **THE SHOEBOX TOUR** is returning to the Twin Cities! Jughead favorites **Jay Gilligan and Wes Peden** will perform on Wed., 3/9 at 1419 Washington Ave S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$10 for an 8 p.m. showtime. More info.: sbt11.blogspot.com.

- **CONDOLENCES** to the family of **Dave & Kit "Ole" Olson** at the passing of his father, **Howard Olson**, at age 82.
- **IJA-Rochester** registrations are due 3/4. Q's? Email Wendy.
- **SENIOR JUGHEADS'** families are encouraged to submit Jughead-related photos to Paul & Wendy by 4/29 to enhance the personal touch to JJ13's Senior Presentation. Our 12 seniors will be honored during JJ13 according to "seniority": club involvement and overall years in the company. Friday night honorees: **Danny L., Broderick K., Jack L., Mara M., Alex B., and Scott S.**; Saturday night: **Sean C., Jonny L., Chris L., Chris O., Joey S., and Brenden Y.**

Paul's Platform

"Juggling the Heart, Mind, and Will: Part 2"

Last month I likened the act of juggling three balls to the three branches of our government and the three human dimensions of heart, mind, and will. To paraphrase Shakespeare, "All the world's a juggling act," and achieving and sustaining balance can be tricky.

As we enter full-force into our most active season of March through July, it bears repeating that juggling is merely a tool through which youth are developed here. Yes, we work on literal juggling acts for shows and festivals through our clubs and camps, but the "magic" really happens when young lives learn the principles of balance in life that far transcend mastering juggling skills. Overcoming stage fright (in shows and in relationships), setting and realizing goals, and finding fulfillment in an eclectic community of youth from diverse ages and families are just some of the ways that JUGHEADS is a microcosm of life. This is a safe place for kids to explore new avenues of self-expression—even if they "drop" in the process. JH membership helps to foster new dimensions of balance through both silly pursuits (dancing & juggling in costume) and serious pursuits (growing in emotion, intellect, and resolve).

Welcome to spring at JH, where the developmental skills of juggling—both physical props and life skills—take center stage!

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