



JUGHEADS

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Juggle Jam 14 (JJ14) Notes

Essential Info. for 11-Week Countdown

SHOWS: Our shows are Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19 at Hopkins HS. Call time is 5:45 pm; doors open @ 6:30; show runs from 7-9:30. **Friday Rec. will NOT meet May 18.**

CLUB REHEARSALS: Every (Edina) school day until JJ14 is a full rehearsal (except May 8, 16 & 18). We're finishing choreography in March; April & early May will focus on running our routines and adding costumes. Please stay at club rehearsals 'til 5:45 p.m. and inform the coaches of **ANY** absences (even *partial* ones).

ALL-CAST EVENING DRESS REHEARSALS are May 8 and 16 from 6-9 pm. Wear club T-shirts on **5/16** for our only '11-'12 all-company photo at 6:10 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 8 & 16).

AUDITIONS: Any Jughead desiring to perform a solo or team routine for JJ14 needs to audition on **Tuesday, April 17 in Wooddale-Edina's gym.** Every prospective act must perform in the 3/23 Winter Showcase and fill out an application by 3/30. Contact **Coach Scott** for more information. NOTE: *Auditions are expected to be competitive; unique and polished acts rise above acts filled with juggling technicality yet are lacking in entertainment value.*

SKITS: Coaches **Scott and Kelvin** 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 4/27.

TICKETS Reserved tickets will go on sale online beginning Monday, April 9. General seating tickets will be available on jugheads.com and sold at both dress rehearsals (May 8 & 16).

SLIDE SHOW PHOTO WEEK: Group and individual photos will take place during after school clubs March 12-16.

T-SHIRTS: On May 8, Jugheads will receive JJ14 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: Distinctive costumes are key to club routines: **Monday:** Game Shows; **Elite:** SNL Skits (boys: some form of red pants for finale); **Advanced:** Viral Videos; **Thursday:** Live Action News; **Friday:** The Lion King on Broadway. **Khaki shorts and JJ14 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 all/much of the show. See the enclosed Parent Volunteer Sheet.



Spring Club Tuition Due

Early registration deadline: March 17

Spring JH tuition covers April 9-June 6 and includes a JJ14 T-shirt. Register by 3/17 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.	12SPR-MON	\$195	May 28
Elite Club	12SPR-ELITE	\$195	May 8*
Advanced Club	12SPR-ADV	\$195	May 16*
Thursday Rec.	12SPR-THURS	\$195	—
Ultimate Club	12SPR-ULTI	\$260	—
Friday Rec.	12SPR-FRI	\$175	May 18*

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



Danny Gratzer leads three-ball warm-ups for last year's Monday Rec. Rookies.

Planning for June '12-June '13

Camps, Clubs, Assistants, Volunteers

SUMMER CAMPS: Later this month, look for the registration form for our five weeks of summer juggling camps (June 7-July 13; no camp on July 4). **NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** Parents eager to secure a spot for fall clubs can plan on receiving a mailing on May 30 (earlybird discount and re-registration guarantee deadline: June 14). Please be aware that fall registration for Monday, Thursday, and Friday Clubs will open to the general public (i.e., incoming rookies for '12-'13) on June 15. **ASSISTANTS & VOLUNTEERS:** Paul is working on rosters of camp and club assistants (9th-12th grade) for summer &



next school year. Summer Asst. Apps. are due March 30; all current and potential school year leaders should discuss club preferences by May 1 so that if applicable, their names can appear in our fall mailing due out May 30.

Platform

“Driver’s License and Other Little Goals”

There are big goals in life, but the seemingly insignificant little goals are the key to actually achieving the big ones. For me, one of these goals is my driver’s license renewal due up about a month from now. For the first time in 15 years, I want to (honestly) list my weight as “170 lbs.” Silly? Maybe. Vain? Perhaps, especially now that I’m sharing it so publicly. But in the wake of my yo-yo weights from about 1997-2007, I developed an iron will regarding my current resolve to get fit and stay fit--whether it be for marathons or a simple I.D. card. Hey, in my present hiatus from road racing, my D.L. renewal is a different kind of objective deadline!

I could go on about how my personality is extremely predisposed toward goal achievement once I set my mind on a thing. But suffice it to say that my D.L. weight goal relates to other seemingly insignificant or even silly goals that the coaches, student leaders, and I reinforce in the Jugheads on a daily basis. “Stay in rhythm in warm-ups. Don’t pick up a drop ‘til after a pose or a dance step. Learn and use leaders’ and peers’ names. Achieve all of the Rec. standards by the end of the year. Be honest with your snack choices and clean-up. Inform us of rehearsal absences. Be courteous in team drills.” Now, none of these are explicit (or implicit) grad. standards for any high school represented among our members, nor will college or job applications ask for a candidate’s five ball record. However, little goals lead to bigger goals, and discipline in small areas usually leads to discipline in bigger areas. Jesus put it this way in a parable to His followers: “You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much” (Matt. 25:21, ESV).

In a previous column, I listed my Top Five reasons I maintain my personal fitness: God, Marriage, Career, Quality of Life, and Longevity. However, something as simple and finite as a D.L. renewal is a very reachable standard, especially after 4.5 years of training. This season is all about the Jugheads achieving reachable standards, and it’s the little choices and little goals they’ve set and achieved since last fall or over the past 10 years that add up to all current successes. Be faithful in a little now, and one cannot know the positive impact awaiting down the road--in both mundane and grand manifestations.



JH Group at MadFest 2012

JH Community News

- **WELCOME TO COACH CHRIS LOVDAL**, a late-year addition to Monday Rec.! Chris was a 9-year Jughead and member of the Class of ‘11. While not an honors student and marching bandie at the U of M, Chris juggles much in his free time, including as an U.C. Volunteer. He’s filling a need in Mon. Rec. due to the club’s size and JJ14 multi-tasking.
- **7th ANNUAL EYJA JUGGLING SHOWCASE:** Twenty (20) acts will entertain folks like YOU on Friday, 3/23 from 7:30-9 p.m. at South View Middle School in Edina. It’s a great way to kick off our 2012 performing season, and it’s FREE! 500 courtesy tickets are available courtesy of the EYJA to help spread the word.
- **TWO APPLICATION DEADLINES for performers & leaders: Friday, March 30** is the application deadline for both the 2012 Summer Camp Assistants and JJ14 Specialty Act Auditions (for April 17). Even students desiring to volunteer for 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. Both forms are available at JH, or request an emailed PDF.
- **SR JUGHEADS’** families are encouraged to submit Jughead-related photos to Wendy by 5/4 to enhance the personal touch to JJ14’s Senior Presentation. Our seven seniors will be honored according to “seniority” (club involvement and overall experience). Friday night: **Annie R., Chris J., and Nathaniel G.**; Saturday night: **Mikey L., Danielle S., Maggie A.**

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