

## TRYOUT/PLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Tryouts and placements for the new 2026/2027 season will be held in April/May for the Varsity, JV, Junior High, Youth & Youth Prep dance teams. Dates are as follows but please check back often for the latest information!

### **Varsity & JV Dance Teams** (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades 2026/2027 school year)

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm in Seton's MPR/Gym. Meet with coaches and learn 25/26 choreography/combo.

\* This night is for any dancer who was NOT on varsity in the 25/26 season.

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00pm in Seton's MPR/Gym. Learn tryout combos; pom, jazz & hip hop.

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm in Seton's MPR/Gym. Finish learning combos (if necessary) & review required elements.

\* The list of required elements can be found in our handbook and will also be reviewed at open dance classes.

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-finished in Seton's Gym. Perform in front of Seton Dance Varsity & JV coaching staff.

\* Dancers will have individual meetings with coaches and informed of tryout results.

ALL COACHES DECISIONS ARE FINAL. Dance experience is REQUIRED.

All dancers wishing to tryout must have prior admission to Seton High School and have completed the registration process.

Forms Necessary for Participation: Handbook and we also take into account grades as part of our tryout process; therefore a copy of your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card is also required.

All other forms (Emergency Contact, OHSAA Physical, Lindsay's Law, Concussion & TriHealth ImPact Testing) are in your Seton Final Forms account so as long as your account is showing as GREEN prior to the start of tryouts you are good to go.

### **Junior High Dance Team** (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades 2026/2027 school year)

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:30pm in Seton's MPR. Learn tryout combos; pom & jazz.

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00-8:30pm in Seton's MPR. Review combos & required elements.

\* The list of required elements can be found in our handbook and will also be reviewed at open dance classes.

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-9:00 in Seton's Dance Studio. Perform in front of Seton Dance coaching staff.

ALL COACHES DECISIONS ARE FINAL. Dance experience is RECOMMENDED.

Forms Necessary for Participation: Handbook, Seton Emergency Contact, Lindsay's Law and OH Concussion

### **Youth & Youth Prep Dance Teams** (4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades 2026/2027 school year)

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm in Seton's MPR. Learn combo & teach/review dance elements.

\* The list of dance elements can be found in our handbook and will also be reviewed at open dance classes.

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm in Seton's MPR. Review combo.

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-9:00pm in Seton's MPR or Dance Studio. Perform in front of Seton Dance coaching staff.

ALL COACHES DECISIONS ARE FINAL. Dance experience is NOT NECESSARY. Every dancer wishing to participate will be placed on either the Youth or Youth Prep team at the end of the placement process.

Forms Necessary for Participation: Handbook, Seton Emergency Contact, Lindsay's Law, OH Concussion and Letter of Commitment (must be signed by end of evening at mandatory parent meeting on May 13).

The additional letter of commitment is required indicating your understanding of our rules and expectations at this level. Both the Youth and Youth Prep teams are competition teams and a commitment to the team, including all practices, competitions & performances, is necessary for participation.

**NOTE:** Since 6<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2026/2027 season are eligible for both the Junior High team and Youth/Youth Prep program they have the choice of which team(s) they would like to participate in the tryout/placement process for. If they chose to try out for Junior High and are not chosen for that team as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, they will be placed on either our Youth or Youth Prep team based on their Junior High tryout and will need to confirm their participation on their assigned team to those individual team coaches. Dancers are not required to try out for Junior High as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Please review the below open dance

class info. and handbook for explanation of the differences between our Junior High team and Youth/Youth Prep program when making the decision on what is best for your dancer.

## QUESTIONS REGARDING TRYOUTS/PLACEMENTS?

Should you have any questions regarding tryouts/placements feel free to contact our staff. Just email us at [setondance@gmail.com](mailto:setondance@gmail.com) and your email will be responded to shortly!

We will also have an informational parent/dancer meeting on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Seton's Library. We will discuss all aspects of Seton's Dance Program, and our staff will be available for questions at that time. We will have tentative budget numbers and general event calendars as well for the new season. This meeting is NOT mandatory for your daughter to tryout or participate, dancers are however welcome to attend with their parents.

## OPEN DANCE CLASSES

There will be open dance classes offered for all girls trying out for Varsity, JV or Junior High teams and those dancers participating in the placement process for our Youth and Youth Prep teams. These classes will be geared towards each age group and will work on dance technique, improving current skills and teaching new skills. **Dance classes are mandatory (unless a school conflict exists – please notify coaches in advance) if you are planning to try out for the Varsity or JV teams. If you are interested in trying out for either our Junior High team or participating on the Youth/Youth Prep teams, it is highly recommended that you attend the open dance classes for your age level.**

**Varsity & JV Dance Teams** (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades 2026/2027 school year)

Mondays 5:30-7:30 at Seton in the MPR – Classes start March 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 at Seton in the MPR – Classes start March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Junior High Dance Team** (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades 2026/2027 school year)

Thursdays 6:00-8:00 at Seton in the STUDIO/MPR – Classes start March 26<sup>th</sup>

- No class April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Holy Thursday)

**Youth/Youth Prep Dance Teams** (4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades 2026/2027 school year)

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 at Seton in the STUDIO/MPR – Classes start April 7<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE:** Since 6<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2026/2027 season are eligible for both Junior High and the Youth/Youth Prep teams they can attend any of the open dance classes for either of those levels. We encourage any 6<sup>th</sup> grade dancer with prior dance experience to participate in the Junior High classes/tryouts so they are aware of how that process works for their 7<sup>th</sup> grade season when they must try out for Junior High. If they chose to try out for Junior High and are not chosen for that team as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, they will be placed on either our Youth or Youth Prep team based on their Junior High tryout and will need to confirm their participation on their assigned team to those individual team coaches. Dancers are not required to try out for Junior High as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Please review the above tryout info. and handbook for explanation of the differences between our Junior High team and Youth/Youth Prep program when making the decision on what is best for your 6<sup>th</sup> grade dancer.

## MASTER CLASSES

These classes are in addition to the Open Dance Classes being offered above and are highly recommended for any dancer wishing to be a part of our program in the 2026/2027 season. Should a Master Class be scheduled for the day of an Open Dance Class the Master Class schedule below will override the above Open Dance Class schedule listed.

**NOTE:** Beginner/Intermediate classes are geared towards those dancers who are looking to be on our Youth Prep, Youth or Junior High teams (prospective JH dancers with limited experience) in the 26/27 season. Advanced classes are for those dancers who will be trying out for Junior High who have prior dance experience, JV or Varsity. These advanced classes will be quite challenging for the Junior High girls, so they are invited to attend the beginner/intermediate classes as well if they like.

Pom – TBD

Hip Hop – TBD

Jazz – TBD

Contemporary - TBD

Technique - TBD

## TWINKLE DANCE CLASSES

Registration for our Twinkle classes during the 2026/2027 season will open on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM for all new dancers. We will have priority registration for our returning dancers starting on Wednesday, April 8<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM and ending Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM to give us time to figure out how many additional dancers we can take during the open registration period. Any returning dancer who would like to be guaranteed a spot for the new season must register during this priority registration period as space will be extremely limited once it is opened to new dancers. Our classes fill very fast so please register ASAP once you can do so. Again, this season there will be a non-refundable registration fee of \$50 that will go directly to Seton Athletics. Your dancers' registration will not be complete if this fee is not paid during the online registration process.

The registration link will be posted on the Seton High School webpage ([www.setoncincinnati.org/athletics/dance](http://www.setoncincinnati.org/athletics/dance)) and their secure portal will be used for processing of the registration details and fee of \$50 to Seton Athletics.

This season we believe we will be able to again keep the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:00-6:00 classes at Seton consisting of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for the 2026/2027 school year and the Monday 6:00-7:30 class at Pilgrim Preschool (4418 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati, OH 45211) will be for all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders only. This 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class is extended so we can better prepare these dancers for our youth prep team should they choose to continue in our program. We will communicate any changes in the class schedule and/or location of class with the parents of the registered dancers as soon as possible once registration is closed, we know the grade splits of dancers registered, and everything is confirmed.

The cost for the season is \$330 per 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade dancer and may be paid all upfront or split into 2 payments of \$165 each due in August & October. The cost for the season is \$380 per 3<sup>rd</sup> grade dancer and may be paid all upfront or split into 2 payments of \$190 each due in August & October. This cost includes instruction, facilities (3<sup>rd</sup> grade class is higher due to Pilgrim rental costs), 2 competition registration fees, Twinkle dance t-shirt, costume & 1 pair of tights. Dancers will be required to have tan slip-on jazz shoes for all practices, competitions & performances which they will purchase on their own. We will provide a link for jazz shoe purchase, or you can source yourself as long as they meet the requirements above.

Classes will begin the week of August 17, 2026.

- SHINE Class is held on Monday nights, 5:00-6:00 in the Studio at Seton HS (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)
- GLIMMER Class is held on Monday nights, 6:00-7:30 at Pilgrim Preschool (3<sup>rd</sup> graders)
- SPARKLE Class is held on Tuesday nights, 5:00-6:00 in the Studio at Seton HS (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)
- GLITTER Class is held on Wednesday nights, 5:00-6:00 in the Studio at Seton HS (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)