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Dear Richland One Parent:

This year Dreher High School is looking for talented elementary and middle school dancers to join its high school dance cast in an original dance production of **Willy Wonka**. The show will run **December 2-4, 2026** in the Dreher High School auditorium for a total of four shows (three evening shows and one morning show during the school day).

The arts are an integral part of Dreher High School's curriculum with a dance program that annually produces high quality work. This is an opportunity for your child to have an additional school year performance and be mentored by talented high school dancers. It is our intent that this experience will nurture and encourage your child to pursue and continue their involvement with the arts throughout their public-school career.

Auditions for Willy Wonka will be held on **Saturday, August 22, 2026**, in the Dreher dance studio (Room 131)**.** Grade level auditions will be held accordingly:

Grades 2nd-3rd:	(Registration at 8:30am)	Audition Time **9:00am**	**Squirrels**	Jazz/Musical theatre
Grades 4th-5th:	(Registration at 9:30am)	Audition Time **10:00am**	**Oompa Loompas**	Jazz/Musical theatre
Grades 6th-8th:	(Registration at 10:00am)	Audition Time **11:00am**	**Golden Ticket Kid**	Jazz/Musical theatre

Students are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their audition to register and warm up. Those auditioning should have their hair securely pulled back and be dressed in clothes appropriate for dance movement (**i.e.** *dance leotard, biker shorts or leggings or shorts and tank top*, but no baggy clothing). Dance styles vary according to part.
(Male students are welcomed and encouraged to audition!)

REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN AFTER LABOR DAY: September 9th - November 18th, 2026

• **2 & 3rd** Grade Rehearsals	Wednesday	**3:30pm-4:00pm**
• **4 & 5th** Grade Rehearsals	Wednesday	**4:00pm-4:45pm**
• **6th-8th** Grade Rehearsals	Wednesday	**5:00pm- 5:45pm**

STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO:
1. All rehearsal dates & the entire show schedule (See dates & times on back of this sheet)
2. Students must have timely transportation & purchase their own dance shoes and tights (if applicable).
3. Pay a $125 Show Fee (Covers: participation fee, costume & cast t-shirt)

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO EMAIL YOUR AUDITION FORM IN AHEAD OF TIME.
• This will help prepare for the number of students attending & expediate the registration process.
• (Audition numbers will be assigned in the order they are received).
• **Registration forms should be received by Wednesday August 19th.** Scan and email your form to *kathleen.lee@richlandone.org*.

If you have any further questions, please email Kathleen Lee at kathleen.lee@richlandone.org.

DREHER DANCE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: (September 9, 2026 – November 18,2026

Squirrels	Wednesday	3:30pm -4:00pm	2nd & 3rd **1st rehearsal Sept. 9th**
Oompa Loompas	Wednesday	4:00pm-4:45pm	4th & 5th **1st rehearsal Sept. 9th**
Flowers	Wednesday	4:45pm-5:00pm	6th- 8th **1st rehearsal Sept. 9th**
★ NO REHEARSAL:	Wednesday	November 25th	**Thanksgiving Break**

★ $125 FEE (Costume, T-shirt & participation fee)

★ **Show Fee** is **Due September 9, 2026** (At your child's 1st dance rehearsal)

★**ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF PAYMENT:** Cash, Money order or Certified check

★ Your child will own and take home their costume after the production.
(This fee does not include shoes or tights should those be needed for your child's character performance)

★ FALL SHOW REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

TECH WEEK – Costumes should be worn, Hair slicked back bun & Full stage makeup applied

1. Friday	Nov. 13	3:30pm-9:00pm (call times differ)	**TECH ACT 1**	Photos
2. Saturday	Nov. 14	3:30pm-9:00pm	**TECH ACT 2**	Photos
3. Monday	Nov. 30	4:00pm – 8:00pm	**DRESS REHEARSAL**	
4. Tuesday	Dec. 1	4:00pm - 7:00pm	**FINAL DRESS**	
5. Wednesday	Dec. 2	6:30pm call time	7pm SHOW 1	
6. Thursday	Dec. 3	6:30pm call time	7pm **SHOW 2**	
7. Friday	Dec. 4	9:30am Call time	10am **SHOW 3**	
8. Friday	Dec. 4	5:30pm call time	7pm **SHOW 4**	

Elementary & middle school students will be called for one hour during the longer tech/dress rehearsals. However, they will need to stay for the entire duration of the final dress rehearsal on December 1st to practice the curtain call.

SHOW SCHEDULE:

Wednesday	December 2	**7:00pm Show**	(6:30pm) call time
Thursday	December 3	**7:00pm Show**	(6:30pm) call time
Thursday	December 4	**10:00am School District Show**	(9:30am) call time
Friday	December 4	**7:00pm Show**	(6:30pm) call time

Elementary and middle school students need to arrive at 6:30pm with make-up and hair done for 7pm shows. Students will need to be checked in by a parent and picked up by a parent.

★ PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

Each **students' parent is expected to help chaperon in their child's dressing room** at least one time during November 30 - December 4 (rehearsals/show schedule). If you have preferred dates email Mrs. Lee once your child receives their audition results: **kathleen.lee@richlandone.org**

AUDITION FORM

MALE COSTUME SIZES
CIRCLE ONE:
CHILD /YOUTH **or** ADULT
SHIRT: S M L XL
SHORT: S M L XL
PANT: S M L XL

T-SHIRT ORDER
☐ Female ☐ Male
T-SHIRT SIZE: XS S M L XL
☐ **CHILD /YOUTH** or ☐ **ADULT**

FEAMLE COSTUME SIZES
BUST: _____
WAIST:_____
HIPS:_____
GIRTH:_____

STUDENT NAME:_____**SCHOOL:** _____**GRADE:**_____

Address: _____City:_____Zip:_____

Mother's Name:_____ Father's Name: _____

Mother's Cell:_____ Father's Cell: _____

MOTHER'S EMAIL: _____ **FATHER'S EMAIL:** _____

PRIMARY PARENT CONTACT FOR SHOW DETAILS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT :_____**CELL:**_____

Students' years of dance experience: _____ List current (and/or previous dance training) your child has had:

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ANY PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS?: _____**ALLERGIES?:**_____

My child is medically cleared to participate this activity: YES or NO

PARENTAL CONSENT

(PLEASE CHECK & SIGN YOU HAVE READ ALL THE INFORMATION BELOW):

☐ I certify that my child is in good physical health and has no physical injuries limiting them from fully participation in this activity.
☐ I give permission for my child to audition for Willy Wonka (and if cast) perform in the fall dance production at Dreher High School.
☐ I have read the rehearsal / show performance schedule and **I my child can commit to all rehearsal & performance dates/times.**
☐ I can and will have my child **dropped off and picked up on time**.
☐ I understand and agree that my child will miss **a 1/2 a day of school on Friday, December 4, 2026** to perform in a show for Richland I.
☐ I understand **regular (timely) attendance and appropriate behavior** during all rehearsals **is mandatory** for participating in this show. (Appropriate behavior is defined as following school day classroom rules.)
☐ I understand missing more than one rehearsal (and/or poor behavior) is grounds for termination from this activity. (No refunds)
☐ I understand, if cast, it is the parents' responsibility to provide their child with performance tights and shoes if applicable.
☐ I understand as a parent, **I am required to volunteer in my child's dressing room** at least once during the run of the show.
☐ I understand **MY CHILDS $125** (Costume, T-shirt & Participation fee) **IS DUE** at their 1st Rehearsal**: SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

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PARENT SIGNATURE **DATE**

TO PREPARE FOR & EXPEDIATE THE AUDITION PROCESS

Audition form should be emailed by Wednesday, AUGUST 19, 2026 to: kathleen.lee@richlandone.org

Those who send their forms in, in advance, will be assigned an Audition # and should go to the Pre-registered table when they arrive.

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