Welcome to The Collective!

Our colors are, **black**, white, and rose gold

**What is the Dance Collective?**

This group is the most elite among the SJCCA dancers. “The SJCCA Dance Collective” are the most advanced and talented dance technicians, performers, and young adults within the dance program. Collective dancers are held to the highest expectations concerning performance ability, attendance, and character. Our plan is to participate in SJCCA-sponsored shows, some community events, as well as 1-3 competitions within the school year. There will be more of a cost if you are part of this dance ensemble (which is broken down at the start of the season). Please also be aware of the possible events we will be participating in next school year (see our calendar page starting May 2021)! These dancers will have an attendance requirement of only 3 unexcused absences per quarter (please see the “Apprentice” section below for more information). Overall, this needs to be your top priority if you choose to compete with this team.

**What is an Apprentice?**

This will be a small group of dancers who are still in the “Period 4” class but may be unable to participate in the “extra events”. These “extra events” would be the competitions we plan to attend. This may be for financial reasons, scheduling conflicts, excessive absences, injuries, etc. These dancers will only be required to pay the Fair Share of $350. The practice apparel, Nike sneaker, and jazz shoe purchases are optional and may be done on your own by **August 16th** (more info to come). Apprentices will act as alternates for competition routines if we should need one, and the alternate is able. Any “Period 4” dancer who does not meet the payment requirements (by due dates) or attendance requirements will automatically be considered an “apprentice”. Students who enter The Collective as an apprentice may pay for the competitions as an alternate to still be a part of the experience should they choose. Please also note that some competition pieces may be audition-based so apprentices may be selected despite what you choose on your selection sheet.

**You will be asked to commit to being either a “competition dancer” or an “apprentice” via the *Selection Sheet* at the end of this school year. If you elect to decline the invitation to be in The Collective, please do so via email ASAP.**