

November/December Newsletter

- ◆ **Frozen Dance Camp** – Held on Fridays from 5:00-6:00, January 10, 17, 24 and 31 for children ages 3-5 years old. This fun camp will include crafts, party games and creative movement centered around the *Frozen* movies. We expect it to fill quickly with the new movie coming out, so register now to secure your spot before it closes out! Forms available online and in the office. The cost for this camp is \$65.
- ◆ **Apparel** – Our 2019 apparel order forms will be emailed out early next week. Sample sizes will be available to try on in the office the week of October 28th. Orders will be due *no later* than November 8th, and items will be arriving in late November/early December. We will be sending out an email to you as soon as the items arrive. Please be sure to mark on your order form if the item(s) are Christmas gifts so that we do NOT hand them to your child.
- ◆ **Recital Date/Location** – Our annual recital will be held at Villa Maria College on *Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 am and 4:30 pm*. Dress rehearsals will be Tuesday, May 5th; Wednesday, May 6th; or Thursday, May 7th. A group of four classes will be assigned an hour block on stage, including a run through of the finale. Your child will only be required to attend the dress rehearsal their class is assigned to. Children in combo classes or recreational classes will only be in one show. The competition team will be the only dancers performing in both shows. A detailed breakdown of times will be in the March/April newsletter. Classes will run after the show until June 1st. T-Shirts, DVDs, and recital patron info will be sent via e-mail. If you don't have access to a computer, paper copies may be picked up in the office.
- ◆ **Recital Fee** – A \$30 recital fee per single child or \$45 per family is due with February tuition. This fee covers rehearsal time, lighting, scenery and venue rental, labor, and other production costs associated with our annual recitals in May.
- ◆ **Parent's Watch Week** – Our first Parent Watch Week will be held from Monday, November 4th – Saturday, November 9th for *ALL STUDIOS*. Please plan to attend as we will be going over important information regarding the entire dance season. Extra children are encouraged to stay out of the dance room as they can sometimes be a disruption. If your child is being noisy please take them out of the room so as to not disturb the other dancers/parents. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- ◆ **Costume Sizes** – Costume measurements have been taken in class and orders are being processed. As always, all costume sizes have been sized according to the companies' size chart and the student's measurements. Please remember that some costumes may need alterations as they are not custom made. It is easier for a costume to be taken in where needed, rather than make it larger.
- ◆ **Costume Deposits** – Each performing class requires the purchase of a recital costume. The costume payment is broken down into a deposit and balance. The costume deposit is due with your *November tuition* and the remaining balance is due with your *December tuition*. Costume costs vary depending on type of class – a breakdown can be found below:



- ◆ **Kiddie Combination Classes** - \$62 to pay in full, or \$32 with November tuition and \$30 with December tuition.
- ◆ **Regular Classes** - \$70 to pay in full, or \$40 with November tuition and \$30 with December tuition.
- ◆ **Special numbers (solo, duet, etc.) and Competition Classes** - \$80 deposit to pay in full, or \$45 with November tuition and \$35 with December tuition.

All costume deposits are non-refundable after November 1st as we have already placed the order.

- ◆ **Weather Related Closings** – Closings due to weather will be announced via our **text alert system**, on WGRZ-TV Channel 2, WKBW-TV Channel 7, our Facebook page and our answering machine. If we are going to close the studio we will put a message on the answering machine no earlier than 3:00pm as the weather sometimes clears up in the afternoon. ****Please visit Remind.com to sign up for text alerts. This is a quick and convenient way to receive studio and closing alerts**.** There will not be any make-ups for cancelled classes due to circumstances beyond our control. More info available on our website.
- ◆ **Tuition** – The seasonal course fee is divided into 9 equal payments. **All payments are due between the 1st and 10th of the month.** After the 10th, a \$10 late fee will be automatically added to your account *per unpaid installment*. Payments may be mailed, placed in the tuition drop box at the studio, or paid online through *DanceStudio-Pro*. Please be advised that our credit card processing company has added a 2.7% service fee to all credit card transactions. To avoid this fee, you can pay with cash or a check. All accounts, **including the final payment due in April**, must be settled in full for your child to perform in the recital.
- ◆ **Studio Vacations** – The studio will be closed for **Thanksgiving** on *Wednesday, November 27th-Saturday, November 30th*. **Classes resume on Monday December 2nd**. For **Christmas** vacation the studio will be closed on *Sunday, December 22nd – January, 1st*. **Classes resume on Thursday, January 2nd**. All scheduled studio closings for the remainder of the year are posted on our website calendar.
- ◆ **Holiday Spirit Week** – This year we will be holding a Spirit Week December 16th – 21st with a different themed outfit each day to get everyone in the holiday spirit. The themes for each day will be announced as we get closer!
- ◆ **Holiday Parties** – We will also be having Holiday parties for all classes the *last week before Christmas Break: December 16th-21st*. We will still be dancing in class, so make sure to have your child wear their leotard and tights. You can bring in a treat if you would like, as long as it is peanut-free. Please consult with your child's teacher of any allergy concerns.
- ◆ **Picture Dates** – The studio will hold its class pictures on **Monday, March 30th - Thursday, April 2nd in place of regular classes**. Students will be running recital routines in the other studios since this is a few weeks before the show. Please plan on attending, even if you don't plan on purchasing a picture. We like to have the full class in the picture.
- ◆ **Competition Team** – The competitions and conventions that have been chosen for the 2019/2020 dance season are as follows:



- ◆ **Turn It Up Convention** – November 3rd at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
- ◆ **Wild Dance Convention** – November 3rd at Buffalo Grand Hotel
- ◆ **Velocity Convention** – November 16th-17th at Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
- ◆ **NYCDA Pittsburgh Convention** – January 31st-February 2nd at Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh
- ◆ **Tremaine Cleveland Convention** – February 22nd-23rd at Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
- ◆ **NYCDA Buffalo Convention** – March 20th-22nd at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
- ◆ **Dream Maker Competition** – March 13th-15th in Buffalo (*solos, duets, trios, specialty numbers only*)
- ◆ **StarQuest Competition** – April 3rd-5th at Shea's Performing Arts Center (*whole team*)
- ◆ **Groove Competition** – May 1st-3rd at North Tonawanda Fine Arts Center (*whole team*)
- ◆ **Summerdanse Competition** – May 15th-17th in Buffalo (*whole team*)

Please reserve the entire weekend as we do not know the exact day/time your child will compete until 1 week prior to competition.

The Hoffman School of Dance faculty wishes you and your family a safe and happy Holiday Season!!!