



April 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Dancers:

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your spring vacation whether you traveled or stayed home with family! Our June recitals are quickly approaching and you will be receiving a lot of information in these next few weeks!

MONTHLY TUITION - Due to Easter vacation last week, tuition payments for April must be made by **Wednesday, April 14th** to qualify for the free May tuition drawing. Since there is no tuition charge for June, the winner of our drawing next month will receive 10 free recital tickets! Congratulations to our winner from last month's drawing for free April tuition!

IMPORTANT!!! - NO DANCER WILL BE GIVEN ANY COSTUME UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING FEES ARE PAID THROUGH APRIL. This includes unpaid late tuition fees and bounced check repayments and fees. Feel free to inquire at the desk to see if you have any unpaid late fees listed on your registration card.

RECITAL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

The 2010 Recital Performance Schedule and accompanying letter of explanation was handed out beginning, Wednesday, March 24th. Since then, an error was found on the schedule. (You should have received an email regarding this error over Easter vacation if we have your email address on file.) Please note the below listed information regarding **Lisa's Monday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Lyrical / Jazz Class**.

Monday 7:30 Lyrical Class w/ Lisa will be performing in the following 3 shows:

- **SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH**
- **MONDAY, JUNE 14TH**
- **THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH**

This class will **NOT** perform in the Sunday, June 13th show as was printed on the original handout labeled "Recital Performance Schedule by Class". A **revised schedule** is now available at the studio. The revised schedule is printed on **lime green paper**. Please disregard the recital schedule printed on white paper. The revised schedule is also available on our website at www.youngdance.biz.

Please make sure you received the accompanying letter labeled "Explanation of the Recital Schedule" as I will not be repeating much of the important information that is included in that newsletter. If you have not received the revised "2010 Recital Performance Schedule by Class" and "Explanation of the Recital Schedule" handouts, please have your dancer pick up these sheets at the front desk or you may download them from our website. If you have any questions concerning the performance schedule, please do not hesitate to ask.

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK - Just a reminder, Parent Observation Week will be held Monday, April 26th - Saturday, May 1st. Parents only please, as we do not have the room to accommodate friends and other relatives. Siblings are not permitted to wait outside the classrooms unsupervised. In the past we have had problems with brothers and sisters running up and down the hallways and going into rooms in which they are not permitted. Please bring a folding chair with you for your comfort if you so desire. **TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION DURING YOUR DANCER'S CLASS AS A COURTESY TO BOTH THE DANCERS AND TEACHERS.**

Also, there will be many cars in the parking lot during observation week, so please be careful! Watch for children darting in between cars, etc. **DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON OUR LAWN OR IN THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE NEXT TO THE YELLOW CHAINS.** Parking is available on Marquette Avenue if there is not enough space in the lot. **DO NOT STOP YOUR CAR IN FRONT OF THE LOBBY DOOR ENTRANCE! We need to keep our driveway clear in order to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly! DO NOT BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY WHILE YOU ARE WAITING FOR YOUR DANCER! DO NOT PARK IN OUR HANDICAP SPACE NEAR THE FRONT DOOR UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAP STICKER IN YOUR VEHICLE! PLEASE OBSERVE OUR PARKING LOT SIGNS!** Thank you so much for your consideration! Thank you for your cooperation in helping make your observation week run smoothly!

RECITAL COSTUMES - Many costumes have arrived and classes have been trying them on, checking for fit. Dancers will be bringing home costumes along with a "costume instruction sheet" at the end of this month. The costume instruction sheet lists the required tights (style & color), hairstyle and additional instructions. If you have any questions after receiving your costume and instruction sheet, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for help. Dancers in each class are required to have the same hairstyle, shoes, tights, etc. **PLEASE READ THE COSTUME INSTRUCTION SHEETS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS "TO THE LETTER".**

REMEMBER - No dancer will be given any costume until all outstanding fees are paid through April. This includes unpaid late tuition fees and bounced check repayments and fees. Feel free to inquire at the desk to see if you have any unpaid late fees listed on your registration card.

HAIRPIECES - Some dancers enrolled in more than one class may require a change of hairstyle for each specific dance. All ballet dances require a bun hairstyle where as the majority of the other classes require some sort of curly hairstyle. Many parents have found that purchasing a curly hairpiece to match their child's hair color is an easy way to change from a bun to a curly style and vice versa. We have found www.cheerleaderhairpieces.com has some of the most natural looking hairpieces in many color choices. They will send you samples of the hair colors for you to make the appropriate choice. Check it out!

SHOES FOR RECITAL PICTURE DAYS - If you have not ordered shoes for the recital, please do so now. At this time, we cannot guarantee you will receive your shoes in time for our recital picture days **Sunday, May 16th, Tuesday, May 18th and Wednesday, May 19th**. Backordered shoes can sometimes take up to 6 weeks to ship. **Dancers must be in full costume with required hairstyle and make up for class pictures, even if you do not plan on purchasing any pictures.** As most of you know, our class pictures are displayed on our lobby TVs and in the hallways at the studio and we would like everyone to be included in these pictures. A lighter version of stage make-up is strongly suggested for pictures. Stage make-up information will be available at the end of the month.

RECITAL TICKET INFORMATION – Tickets for our June 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th performances go on sale SATURDAY, MAY 15TH. Please note the date change! It was announced in our March newsletter that our recital ticket sale date was Saturday, March 8th. That date has been changed to **SATURDAY, MAY 15TH**. You should have received an email (if we have your email address on file) over Easter vacation regarding this important date change. The date change is also printed on the “Explanation of Recital Schedule” that was handed out beginning Wednesday, March 24th.

Recital tickets are sold using a lottery system. The lottery system will be explained in a separate “ticket” newsletter in April. You are limited to a 10 ticket max. per family during the first week of ticket sales to insure that every family gets an even share of tickets. Beginning **Monday, May 24th at 4:30 p.m.**, all remaining tickets will go on sale.

Ticket sales on SATURDAY, MAY 15TH begin at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each for all performances. Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend our shows, except of course the dancers backstage and children age 3 & under if seated on the lap. Please make note at this time that absolutely no dancers are allowed in the auditorium during any of the performances unless they are not performing in that particular recital and have purchased a ticket for that particular show.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT PAID THEIR TUITION IN FULL THROUGH MAY (NO CHARGE FOR JUNE) AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING FEES.

TI PROGRAM NEWS - Welcome back to our 14 dancers who proudly represented the state of Wisconsin at Dance Excellence 2010 in Los Angeles, CA March 27th - April 3rd! The dancers had an amazing week where they took part in 3 days of intense master classes, performed at Disneyland’s California Adventure and participated in International Performance Boards where they received standing ovations and the highest possible ranking for all 5 of the dances they performed!!! Our dancers met other dancers from all over the world and came back inspired and renewed! Thank you again to all who contributed to their fundraising efforts this past year making it possible for the dancers to take part in this awesome event! Dance Excellence 2011... here we come!

2010 - 2011 TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM AUDITIONS

Please pick up an information packet at the front desk if your dancer is interested in auditioning for our 2010 – 2011 TI Program.
**Auditions will be held SATURDAY, MAY 14TH for dancers age 7 - 11 years
and SATURDAY, MAY 15TH for dancers age 12 years & older.**

RECITAL GIFTS – *Decorative Touch* will be taking orders for commemorative recital gifts. A teddy bear holding a star saying “A Star is Born”, a chick saying “Eggceptional Dancer” and Piglet with a flower are this year’s adorable items. Samples and order forms will be available at the front desk beginning Monday, April 19th. Orders may be mailed with full payment to *Decorative Touch* or placed in person on ticket day – **Saturday, May 15th. No orders will be taken after Saturday, May 15th!** Items will be available for pick-up at Greendale High School on your requested recital date. Items must be paid for in full when you place your order (cash, check or credit card in person; check only by mail). Stop by the front desk to take a look!

UPCOMING INFORMATION – In the next two months you will be receiving the following:

- **Performance Line-Up** – Lists the order of dances in each show.
- **Recital Picture Schedule and Picture Package Information.** *Sport Pics* will mail pictures directly to you!
- **Recital Costumes and Costume Instruction Sheets** – Lists costume pieces, accessories, required style and color tights, sewing instructions, placement of headpieces, required hairstyles, etc.
- **Stage Make-Up Application Instruction Sheet** – Includes diagrams and tips for applying cosmetics for stage and styling hair in the required hairstyles.
- **Dress Rehearsal Schedule** – Dress rehearsals will be held at *Greendale High School* on **June 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.**
- **Recital DVD & Videotape purchasing information. NOTE: NO VIDEO CAMERAS OF ANY KIND** are allowed in the auditorium during any of the recital performances on **June 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th!** Watch for DVD order forms in May.
- **Backstage Volunteer Information Sheet** – We need as much help as possible!!! Please consider helping backstage during at least one of our 7 shows. Our backstage staff will be here at the studio on **Saturday, May 15th (Recital Ticket Day)** to help you with your questions.
- **Summer Program Information** – A variety of classes will be held over summer from **June 21st – August 26th, 2010.**

IMPORTANT – If your dancer is absent from class from now until the June recitals, please make certain you check for information sheets they may have missed. There will be many informational notes coming home during the next 2 months of classes. If you have any questions, please call the studio so someone from our staff can answer them for you.

REMINDER – Don’t forget to be up-to-date on tuition payments!

- No costumes will be handed out to dancers whose tuition is not paid in full through April, including outstanding past due balances.
- In addition, no tickets will be sold to anyone whose tuition is not paid through May.

Thank you and think spring!
Sandy and Staff