



JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER



This is the *FINAL* monthly newsletter you will receive before the recital. If you have any questions after reading this newsletter and our Backstage & Recital Preparation sheet, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Dear Parents and Dancers:

Congratulations to *Paige Cornale*, winner of the 10 free recital tickets from our May tuition drawing! Remember, there is no tuition for June!

JUST A REMINDER...

There will be NQ classes held at the studio on **FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH** due to dress rehearsals at Greendale High School starting at 4:15 p.m.

There WILL BE classes held at the studio in the morning and afternoon on **SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH** (dress rehearsals begin at GHS at 1:30 p.m.)

There will be NQ classes held at the studio **MONDAY, JUNE 8TH – SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2010**. Summer classes begin Monday, June 21st.

REMEMBER... ALL DANCERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED DRESS REHEARSALS & RECITAL PERFORMANCES AT GREENDALE HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH – SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2010.

BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY:

- Purchased your recital tickets. Tickets are on sale to the general public beginning **MONDAY, MAY 24TH**.
- Reviewed the *Dress Rehearsal Schedule* – Dress rehearsals are held at *Greendale High School – 6801 Southway in Greendale*. All dancers must arrive 30 minutes prior to their stage time and plan to stay 30 minutes after their stage time. **ALL REHEARSALS ARE IN FULL COSTUME WITH PROPER HAIRSTYLE & MAKE-UP!!!**
- Purchased the correct tights and put final touches on your costuming if you did not do so for our recital pictures on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16th, 18th and 19th.
- Signed-up to help backstage for at least one of the shows. *We not a lot more volunteers!* Please volunteer on one of the evenings that you will not be in the audience. We truly appreciate all of our backstage volunteers!

RECITAL DVD ORDERING – Order information and forms will be available at dress rehearsals at *Greendale High School*. Don't forget to order your recital DVD at the shows or through the mail by **SATURDAY, JUNE 26th**.



NO VIDEO CAMERAS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING ANY OF OUR 7 PERFORMANCES!

You will be required to return your video camera to your car. You may videotape DRESS REHEARSALS only.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED AT ANY OF OUR 7 PERFORMANCES!

Camera flashes are extremely distracting and dangerous for the dancers on stage. Guests moving about the auditorium to take pictures is also very distracting, not only to the dancers on stage, but to the rest of the audience as well. Please remind your guests of these rules and to remain in their seats to enjoy the performances. Your dancer and all the other dancers have practiced for months to perform 2-3 minutes on stage. *PLEASE* take your flash pictures at dress rehearsal ONLY instead of during their short time on stage during performances. Please remain in your seats during the show and keep the aisles clear. Please inform your guests of this courtesy before they attend any of our 7 performances.

Please remember to limit movement in the auditorium during the performances. Do NOT get up in the middle of an Act to change your dancer. Make sure your dancer is on our costume change list so we can assign that job to our backstage staff.

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS – Please meet with the backstage coordinators during dress rehearsal week Friday, June 4th – Thursday, June 10th at *Greendale High School* to receive your assignment(s). **A Backstage and Recital Preparation sheet and list of volunteers is being handed out along with this final monthly newsletter.** May we add your name to our volunteer list?

PERFORMANCE TIMES / DANCER ARRIVAL TIMES – Showtime is **7:00 p.m. for all performances**. Each show is divided into two Acts with a 15-minute intermission in between. Each show including intermission runs approximately 2½ hours. Auditorium doors will open at 6:30 p.m. All non-volunteering parents should be out of the backstage area by 6:30 p.m.

DANCERS MUST ENTER THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE BACK DOORS. ALL DANCERS MUST WEAR A COVER-UP (large over-sized shirt, robe, etc.) OVER THEIR COSTUME AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID STAINS FROM ACCIDENTAL SPILLS.

SPECIFIC ARRIVAL TIMES ARE LISTED BELOW:

- * Dancers in 2 or more dance numbers within the same act should arrive backstage by **6:00 p.m.** Please follow the procedure outlined in the *Backstage and Recital Preparation* sheet if you have a costume change.
- * Dancers performing in only one dance per evening should arrive in the backstage area in costume with make-up and hairstyle complete by **6:15 p.m.**
- * All **backstage volunteers** should arrive no later than **6:00 p.m.**
- * Please enter the school through the back doors where our backstage staff will be set up.

For more information about show preparations, etc. please refer to the *Backstage & Recital Preparation* sheet.

PICKING UP YOUR DANCER AFTER A PERFORMANCE – PLEASE BE ON TIME!!! Dancers should be picked up by **9:30 P.M.** after each of the performances. Parents of younger dancers may choose to pick up their dancer backstage before the end of the show to take them home. **You**

must tell someone from our backstage crew that you are taking your dancer early! Dancers cannot however, be brought into the audience in costume to watch the remainder of the show. They will NOT be allowed to participate in the final bows during the FINALE.



REFRESHMENTS & INTERMISSION – Refreshments will be available before the show, during intermission and at the end of each of the performances. Refreshment prices vary as to what will be sold at each of the performances. Bottled water will be sold at every performance! In addition, flavor packets will be sold to add to your water bottles if desired! Dancers are allowed to purchase refreshments during the show only, not during intermission. **DUE TO THE LARGE CROWDS, DANCERS MUST REMAIN BACKSTAGE DURING INTERMISSION!** Do not ask dancers to meet you or your guests in the hallway during intermission.

Dancers must have a cover-up on over their costume at all times! Dancers age 12 and under are not allowed to leave the backstage area without an adult. All dancers are required to ask permission from the backstage crew to get refreshments or to use the restroom – NO EXCEPTIONS!!! **All dancers must stay in the backstage area unless they are purchasing refreshments or using the restrooms ONLY!** If the “refreshment privilege” is abused, we will not allow anyone out of the backstage area unless accompanied by an adult. In other words, no hanging out in the hallways!

WHAT TO EXPECT BACKSTAGE – Please keep in mind that there will be hundreds of dancers backstage. This may tend to be a bit overwhelming to a few of the younger dancers, but rest assured, we have been preparing them for the backstage experience. We continue to inform them of what will be happening backstage right up until recital week. Every person is encouraged to ask for help and is introduced to a familiar face to refer to backstage. We ask that children bring books and small games to help keep them entertained. They may also bring NON-STAINING snacks and drinks in spill-proof containers only. This will help to avoid any accidents. They may also bring a blanket or pillow to sit on. Parents not assigned to help or babysit backstage can help a great deal by bringing your child backstage, locating his/her dressing room (it will be posted) and acquaint your child to his/her fellow classmates. After your child is comfortable with their surroundings, feel free to go find your seat in the auditorium. Parents may go backstage during intermission to help their dancer(s) with a costume or hairstyle change.

In some rare cases one or two of the very young dancers (age 3 – 4) may not be comfortable backstage. Mom, you are welcome to stay backstage with them, but at this point in their preparation for the show, we are telling them that all moms go into the audience to watch the show unless you are a backstage helper. Each group is assigned a helper who is in charge of keeping their group “entertained.”

- * **PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE BACKSTAGE AREA CLEAN DURING REHEARSALS AND RECITALS. PICK-UP ALL GARBAGE, ETC. BEFORE LEAVING THE BACKSTAGE AREA AND DRESSING ROOMS!**
- * **IMPORTANT – NO MEN OR BOYS ARE ALLOWED IN ANY OF THE GIRLS’ DRESSING ROOM AREAS! MEN & BOYS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN THE BOYS’ DRESSING ROOM AREA.** Dads, if you are coming to pick up your female dancer please talk with the backstage crew posted by the dressing room doors and they will get your dancer for you. **Dads, we need you... if you are able, please volunteer to help backstage in the boys’ dressing room.**
- * **NO DANCERS ARE EVER ALLOWED IN COSTUME IN THE AUDIENCE! NO DANCER IS ALLOWED IN THE AUDIENCE IF THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THAT EVENING’S PERFORMANCE!!!**

RECITAL PICTURES – Pictures taken on May 16th, 18th & 19th will be mailed to you. Any problems with missing photos etc. should be directed to *Westphal Photography (Sport Pics)* at 262-780-2902.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE & OTHER AWARDS – Perfect attendance awards will be given during the dancers’ last day of regular classes this year – Monday, May 24th, Friday, May 28th, Tuesday, June 1st – Thursday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 5th. Awards are given to those dancers who attended all of their regularly scheduled classes this year. If your dancer attends more than one class per week they need to satisfy the requirement in only one class. You will only receive ONE award, even if you have perfect attendance in more than one class. It is not considered perfect attendance if you miss a class and make it up. If you missed a rescheduled class, you will still have a perfect attendance record.

We will also be giving out awards to dancers celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th recitals during the last week of classes. A list of these dancers is posted in the hallways of the studio. Please verify that you are included on this list if you should be if you have not done so already.

REGISTRATION FOR OUR 2010-2011 DANCE SEASON – All current students will receive registration information for the 2010-2011 dance season by mail in early July. Registration for fall classes will be held beginning MONDAY, JULY 19TH for returning students. Registration continues throughout the months of July and August.

LOST & FOUND – Please check the lost and found TODAY! All items not claimed by **June 5th** will be taken to Goodwill.

HAIR STYLING & COSMETIC APPLICATION SERVICES – Please feel free to set up an appointment with one of our hair and cosmetic staff if you need help during rehearsal week. We will take your name and phone number and your stylist will get in touch with you immediately!

2010 Commemorative Recital T-Shirts – T-shirts are selling *F A S T*! We will not be ordering more sizes... get your commemorative T-shirt today! **T-Shirt prices:** \$17.00 for one, \$34.00 for two, \$45.00 for three, \$15.00 for each additional. Add a shiny *Swarovski* crystal next to your name for only \$3.00! T-shirts must be purchased all at once in order to receive the volume discount.

Oak Creek 4th OF JULY PARADE – *Young Dance Academy* dancers will again be participating in the Oak Creek 4th of July parade! Rehearsals for the parade will be held **FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and SATURDAY, JULY 3RD from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.** at the dance studio. Dancers may sign-up to participate up to and including Friday, June 25th. Costume is your 2010 Recital T-shirt with jean shorts, pants, capris, etc.

This newsletter should answer all of your questions, if not, give us a call at (414) 768-9876!

Thank you,
Sandy & Staff