



# November 2011 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Dancers:

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** is our highly anticipated 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Night on the Town” fundraising event.

Join us at the Oak Creek Legion Hall (9327 S. Shepard Avenue) from 7–11 p.m. for an evening of fun, food, music and AMAZING PRIZES! Take a look at some of the raffle baskets up for grabs in the lobby today!

Tickets are available in advance at the studio for \$12.00 each and are selling out quickly! Cost is \$15.00 at the door without a ticket. All profits benefit our dancers attending Dance Excellence 2013 in Los Angeles!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please make sure that you are receiving our monthly newsletters, which are handed out in class once per month. If you did not receive the September or October newsletter(s), copies are available at the front desk or you can download newsletters from our website at [www.youngdance.biz](http://www.youngdance.biz). A **Holiday Showcase 2011 newsletter** was also handed out to students last week. Be sure you have received this newsletter explaining this great performance opportunity for your dancer(s)! You should have also received it via email as well. You will continue to receive emails periodically throughout the season. If you are not receiving emails, please update your current email address at the front desk.

MONTHLY TUITION – Just a reminder, November tuition is due this week! Any payment made after Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is considered late and requires a **\$5.00 per week late fee**. The winner of “free tuition” for November is Mara Kuzmanovic! Congratulations, Mara! Don’t forget to get your tuition in by November 7<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for our free tuition drawing for December!

**PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK – PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK IS NEXT WEEK MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>.** This is primarily for parents *ONLY*, as we do not have room to accommodate additional relatives and friends. The only seating available is the floor. You may bring a folding chair with you for your comfort. Please remember to be considerate of dancers, teachers and other parents and take crying and/or noisy children out of the room. Siblings are not permitted to wait outside the classrooms unsupervised. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATIONS DURING YOUR DANCER’S CLASS AS A COURTESY TO BOTH THE DANCERS AND TEACHERS.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping make observation week run smoothly!

Don’t forget to sign up for our 2011 Holiday Showcase!

Your dancer should have brought home an informational note concerning our 2011 Holiday Showcase to be held at Greendale High School in the *Henry Ross Auditorium* on **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. and a 6:00 p.m. evening show. Dancers perform in both shows!

PILATES - Just a reminder that Pilates classes are offered at the studio on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Classes are \$40.00 per month, no registration fee is required. Walk-ins welcome at \$15.00 per class.

**JUNE 2012 RECITAL AND REHEARSAL DATES** – The following recital dates are confirmed performance dates at the **GREENDALE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**. These dates are also listed in the studio brochure and on our website.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

MONDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
TUESDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
THURSDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

FRIDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

Ticket prices are \$10.00 per reserved seat (same price as the past 6 seasons) for all of our recital performances.

All performances are evening performances beginning at 7:00 p.m. Make careful note of the above listed show dates on your June 2012 calendar. **Mark your calendars TODAY!**

In late April or early May you will receive a dress rehearsal schedule with exact dates and times that each specific class will rehearse on stage, in costume at the Greendale High School Auditorium. Each class will rehearse approximately 25 minutes onstage and spend approximately 35 - 40 minutes off stage for warm-up and off stage rehearsing. The dates below are confirmed rehearsal dates. Remember you will not receive a specific rehearsal date and time for each particular class until April or May. Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> rehearsals will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. and all weekday rehearsals will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m. Please put all rehearsal dates on your calendar until you receive an exact schedule.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

MONDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
THURSDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

I do realize that school will still be in session for many dancers during rehearsal week and possibly recital week. I plan to do my best to accommodate graduations, but cannot work around class field trips, especially trips that are not put on school calendars until after our recital/rehearsal schedule comes out. If you have information concerning graduations (including 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and other school related activities that are already on your school’s June calendar, let me know ASAP in note form. I plan to start preliminary work on the recital schedule in November and December. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE TURNED IN CONFLICT NOTES.**

**PARKING LOT REGULATIONS** – There will be an especially large volume of dancers and parents in the parking lot and on the street during Parent Observation Week. Please think of safety as your priority and not convenience each time you enter and exit our parking lot. Please strictly follow the guidelines below to ensure the safety of all:

- **PLEASE DO NOT STOP YOUR CAR ANYWHERE IN THE PARKING LOT UNLESS IT IS IN AN ACTUAL PARKING SPACE!**
- **DO NOT SIT IN YOUR VEHICLE WAITING FOR YOUR DANCER UNLESS IT IS IN AN ACTUAL PARKING SPACE!**
- **DO NOT BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY OR ANY PART OF THE PARKING LOT AS IT DISRUPTS THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC! KEEP YOUR CAR MOVING UNLESS IT IS IN A SPACE.**
- **PLEASE ALWAYS TAKE YOUNG DANCERS BY THE HAND AND WALK THEM IN AND OUT OF THE BUILDING. WATCH FOR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES AS THEY ARE OFTEN DARTING IN BETWEEN CARS.**
- **DRIVE SLOWLY AT ALL TIMES.**

Remember that parking on the south side of Marquette Ave. is prohibited on Saturdays during open studio hours. Please remember to park only the north side of Marquette Ave. on Saturdays.

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**RECITAL COSTUME MEASURING** – Dancers are being measured for recital costumes beginning **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Have your dancer measured prior to or after his or her class during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, Parent Observation Week. It only takes about 30 seconds per dancer. The line at our costume measuring station in the lobby will move quickly. Be sure to ask your dancer after the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> to make sure their measurements were taken.

Since we must order costumes 6 months before they are worn for our recital, we do allow for growth. In most cases, costumes are ordered an entire size larger than the measurements indicate. Also, please have your female dancer know their leotard size when they come to be measured. We will use that as a “back-up” when comparing measurements to the guide in costume catalogue size charts. Costumes are ordered early as most companies take approximately 4 months to ship.

**Recital costumes do NOT come custom fit!** Sizing is “general” and most costume styles are available in child and adult sizes small, medium and large only. If someone appears to be in between sizes, we generally order the larger size. If costumes need to be adjusted in any way, it is the dancers’ responsibility to have alterations done. We cannot judge how much or how little each child will grow within 6 months. We are also dealing with many costume companies with different size charts and different manufacturers. **PLEASE, DO NOT EXPECT A CUSTOM FIT COSTUME** and realize that you are responsible for having the costume altered. Also please note that oftentimes costumes have to be ordered in a larger size for those with long legs to ensure a long enough leg for costumes including a pant.

**IMPORTANT** – If you have been a student in the past and the costumes you receive each year are habitually way too big or even too small, please let us know *NOW* so we can make note of it. In some cases a dancer’s measurements are deceiving, especially those with extra long or extra short torsos. We’d like to rectify a situation before it is a problem if we are able. Please do not expect us to remember each year who has this problem and who does not. Please leave notes and messages with the front desk staff so we can make notations by your child’s name. We may call you for more details if necessary.

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### Upcoming STUDIO VACATIONS...

- The studio will be closed **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** for Thanksgiving vacation.
- The studio will be closed for Christmas vacation **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – TUESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**. Classes resume on **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**. I will remind you of these December dates again in the December newsletter.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> is our previously scheduled make-up class day for classes canceled on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. All Wednesday classes will be held on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at their regularly scheduled times. Mark your calendars today Wednesday class students!

As it states in our brochure, full tuition is paid every month no matter how many vacation days are in that month. Vacation days, etc. are figured into our yearly schedule so that each class receives the same number of classes per year no matter which day your dancer attends class.

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TI PROGRAM NEWS – Thank you to all the dancers and their friends who attended our *Spook-tacular* Halloween-themed Dance Party on Saturday, October 22<sup>ND</sup>. Everyone had so much fun! **All profits were donated to the “Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin” in the amount of \$1000.00!!**

The TI dancers are also selling delicious Seroogy candy bars in a variety of melt in your mouth flavors! Candy bars are available at the front desk for \$1.75 per bar.

TI dancers are taking orders for **poinsettia plants** through **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Plants will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plants come in a variety of sizes and range in price from \$8.00 to \$36.00 and are available in a variety of gorgeous colors. We have been told that our prices are the most inexpensive people have seen! They are truly beautiful plants! Place your orders for poinsettia plants at the front desk TODAY!



**Holiday Gift Ideas** – We will have many new items on our dancewear racks including stylish leotards, sweatshirts, T-shirts and sweat pants in the next couple of weeks. **ALL CUSTOM ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDER TO INSURE THEY WILL BE IN BEFORE CHRISTMAS VACATION.**

Hope to see you during Parent Observation Week!

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Sandy and Staff