

## November/December Newsletter 2022

- ◆ **Frozen Dance Camp** – Held on Fridays from 5:00-6:00, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> for children ages 3-6 years old. This fun camp will include crafts, party games and creative movement centered around the *Frozen* movies. We expect it to fill quickly, so register now through your Parent Portal to secure your spot before it closes out! Forms available online and in the office. The cost for this camp is \$80. This will also make a great Christmas present! Gift Certificates can get picked up from the office if you'd like to present it to your child for the holidays.
- ◆ **Apparel** – Our 2022 apparel sale is on now! The link to our online store has been emailed out and can also be accessed on our website. Items purchased after Halloween cannot be guaranteed before Christmas, but the sale is ongoing so you can stock up on some HSD essentials anytime! Items purchased before Halloween will be arriving in late November/early December. We will be sending out an email to you as soon as the items arrive. To avoid ruining any surprises/gifts, items will NOT be handed out to students unless specified by a parent that we are allowed to.
- ◆ **Recital Date/Location** – Our annual recital will be held at Villa Maria College on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. *More information to come closer to the show dates. Recital assignments will be out in January/February.* Dress rehearsals will be Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>; or Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. A group of about 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 multiple shows. A detailed breakdown of times will be in the March/April newsletter. Classes will run after the show until May 27<sup>th</sup>. T-Shirts, recital patron info, and more 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 nonrefundable \$65 recital fee per single child or \$90 per family is due with February tuition. This fee covers rehearsal time, lighting, scenery and venue/stage rental, labor, and other production costs associated with our annual recitals. \*NEW\* this year, the recital fee also includes a digital copy of our recital video for every family! DVDs/Blu-rays will be available this year as an extra add-on if you prefer to also have a hard copy to own.
- ◆ **Parent's Watch Week** – Our first Parent Watch Week will be held from Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Payments** – Each performing class requires the purchase of a recital costume. \*New This Year\* While we have split payments up between 2 months in the past, due to longer manufacturing timelines and delayed ship dates we will be making sure all costume orders are placed even earlier this year to avoid these possible conflicts. Therefore, we will need costume fees paid *in full* by November 1st. Costume costs vary depending on type of class – a breakdown can be found below:  
*Kiddie Combination Classes - \$70.00 each ----- Regular Classes - \$75.00 each*  
*Special numbers (solo, duet, etc.) and Competition Classes - \$90.00 deposit each*  
**All costume deposits are non-refundable after November 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **\*\*To join our Remind group, please text @hoffmansc to (929)244-4681. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.** After the 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 2.8% 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 23<sup>rd</sup>-Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. **Classes resume on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>.** For **Christmas** vacation the studio will be closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>-Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. **Classes resume on Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.* We will still be dancing in class, so make sure to have your child wear their leotard and tights.
- ◆ **Picture Dates** – The studio will hold its class pictures on **Monday, April 1<sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup>** – **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in place of regular classes.** Students will be running recital routines in the other studios since this is just over a month 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. Regular classes will still be head on Saturday of that week.
- ◆ **Competition Team** – The competitions that have been chosen for the 2022/23 dance season are as follows:  
*24Seven Convention/Competition* – January 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at Rochester Riverside Conv. Center (*Nationals Team*)  
*HEAT Convention/Competition* – January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at Hilton Cleveland Hotel (*Nationals Team*)  
*Hall of Fame Competition* – March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Conference Center, Niagara Falls (*Company/Nationals*)  
*Groove Competition* – May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in Buffalo, venue TBA (*Entire team*)  
*Summerdansen Competition* – June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at Maryvale High School (*Entire team*)  
*HEAT Nationals Competition* – July 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL (*Nationals 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, healthy and happy Holiday Season!!!**