



January/February Newsletter 2022

❖ **Costume Balances** - Please make sure all costume balances are paid. Costumes are arriving and being tried on in class. We will hand out costumes in class and then go over directions and alterations during the 2nd Parent's Watch Week being held Mon. March 7th – Fri. March 11th for all three studios.

It is our plan to hold this one in person. Worst case scenario if we can't, we will schedule Zoom meetings for all classes. That way teachers can still go over all alterations, hair styles, and the shoes and accessories needed. Costumes cannot be handed out unless the entire class has paid in full.

- ❖ **Frozen Dance Camp** – Held on Fridays, January 14th, 21st, 28th, and February 4th from 4:30-5:30 for 3-5 year olds. This fun camp will include crafts, party games and creative movement centered around the Frozen movies. Sign up today to ensure your spot in class. Register online from the link on our website. The cost for this camp is \$75.
- ❖ **Studio Breaks** - The studio will be closed from Feb. 21st – 25th for February break. Classes will resume on Monday, Feb. 28th. We will also be closed Sunday, April 10th – Monday, April 18th for Easter break. Classes will resume Tuesday, April 19th. All closings are part of our seasonal course fee.
- ❖ **Picture Days** – Picture days will be held at the studio April 4th – 7th during regular class times. Dancers will have a half hour block per dance. They will take their photos for 15 minutes and then run their routine in the open studio for 15 minutes before going home/changing into their next costume. Picture day schedule to be in our March/April newsletter!
- ❖ **Important Recital Info** – Normally this is the newsletter where we let you know which performance your child will be a part of in May. Due to continued uncertainty with capacity restrictions, we are going to hold off on announcing who will be in which shows as we solidify what plans will need to be followed to comply with NYS health regulations and guidelines. Please see the Performance Day bullet below for more information.
- ❖ **Recital Tickets** – We may have to limit recital tickets to 5 per family this year. As we get closer to the recital date we are hopeful this will not be the case this year, but in our experience with this pandemic we found it is sometimes best to not plan for certain too far in advance as things seem to change very quickly. We will continue to update you as we get closer to the performance to confirm how and when they will be for sale. We plan on prices running around \$16 per ticket.
- ❖ **Recital Fee** - A nonrefundable \$60 recital fee per single child or \$80 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 via DanceBug! Being digital means you will be able to share your child's dance with your friends and family!
- ❖ **Recital Performance Day** – Recitals will be held on **Saturday, May 7th at Villa Maria College**. We may have to hold more shows this year to limit the amount of people we have backstage and in the audience. If your child is in multiple classes, there is a very good chance that they will be in multiple performances. Please note that these performances will be shorter in length due to having more individual shows.
- ❖ **Dress rehearsals** – Our normal dress rehearsal schedule may need to be adjusted this year. We will have 3 or 4 classes come in for an hour to rehearse to limit how many people are there at one time. These rehearsals will be held at Villa Maria College on May 3rd, 4th & 5th. We will make every effort to keep similar classes on the same evening so you won't be coming to Villa Maria all three days, but please know that with it being a different type of year we cannot guarantee anything until we get closer. All dancers must come with hair, makeup and costume on.
- ❖ **Music and Routine videos** – All recital songs will be emailed and shared to everyone's Parent Portals sometime in January. We have also started sharing some videos of recital dances to the Parent Portals so that dancers have access to watch the choreography when practicing at home. If you need assistance accessing your parent portal account please let us know.
- ❖ **Competition Entry Fees** - All competitive students should have received their form outlining all competitive fees for the 2022 season. These fees will be due no later than January 14th.

