

DANCE NOTES

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Regular dance classes will have Christmas vacation from December 15th thru January 4th. Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 5th.

Enjoy your break!

MEASURING FOR COSTUMES

I will be measuring your child this month for costumes. The most important measurement for a girl's costumes is the girth (starting at one shoulder, through the crotch, and back to the same shoulder - to measure around the body.)

I try to accommodate for growth before June. It is much easier to take up than to let out.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

When Farmington R-7 Schools are closed because of snow or other inclement weather, we will usually not have dance classes. **Please call me if in doubt.**

I will try to list the closing on KTJJ/KREI and on www.cancellations.com. If you have supplied us with your email address, I may also attempt to send an email on questionable days.

I will not call, so it is your responsibility to check the website or listen to the radio to see if we will be in session.

THE NUTCRACKER



Several of our dance students auditioned this summer for parts in the Nutcracker Ballet. Alicen Skinner, Madison Ruble and Olivia Savage were chosen to participate in this holiday classic and began rehearsals in August.

The Young People's Performing Arts Theatre will be presenting the classical

Christmas ballet at the Centene Center Auditorium December 11th-13th.

Congratulations and good luck in your performances girls!

COSTUME PAYMENTS

There is no costume/recital fee payment scheduled for December. If you are making payments, they will resume in January.

You should have at least 40% of your costume/recital fee payments made at this point. **We cannot place costume orders for anyone who has not paid at least 40% of the total costume/recital fees by the end of the year AND are up-to-date on tuition payments.**



Happy Holidays to each and all!

Thank you for your continued patronage. May your new year be a great one!

HOLIDAY GIFTS

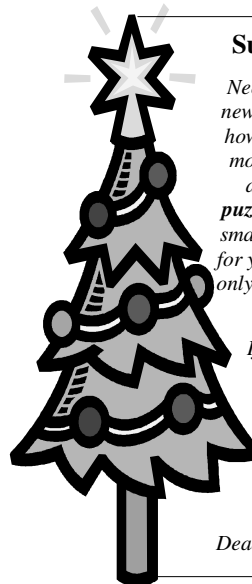
Surprise your dancer this Christmas!

*Need a gift idea for your dancer? Santa often brings new **dance shoes** and **leotards** to his best dancers! Or how about a pair of **legwarmers** for those cold winter months ahead. We also have **dance apparel** for sale and other dance gifts like, **bracelets, ornaments, puzzles, purses, and hair accessories!** We will have a small dance boutique with gift & stocking stuffer items for you in December. At Santa's request, the items will only be available to view when there are not dancers in the lobby!*

If your dancer doesn't have an MP3 player, that might be something else Santa could bring, since she'll need one to play her practice instructions on after the first of the year.

If you're looking for something specific, please let us know.

Deadlines for Christmas delivery are fast approaching!



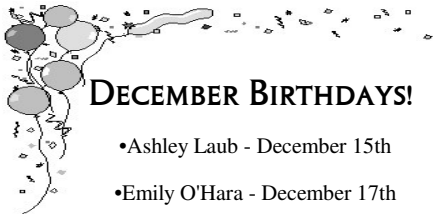
REMINDERS

- Please make sure your costume payments have been made.
- Please call in advance if your child will be unable to attend a class.
- Payments may be left in the mailbox before or after studio hours.

DANCE WEBSITES

www.justforkix.com - Dance Gifts
Find a cute Christmas gift for your dancer!

www.nutcrackerballet.net -
The Official Nutcracker Site
Find out about this classic holiday ballet.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- Ashley Laub - December 15th
- Emily O'Hara - December 17th

DANCE PUZZLE

Shadow Match
Match the shadow to one of the dancers below.

TERMINOLOGY



Feet in Ballet
Fifth Position



Arms in Ballet
High Fifth Position



Attitude

"Dancers have a better attitude!"

A position of the body on one leg with the other lifted in front or back, the knee bent at an angle of ninety degrees and well turned out so that the knee is higher than the foot.

These terms are used frequently in your child's ballet class. Please note that they will learn many "French" words.

Dance—it's more than just movement!

DECEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Dec. Tuition Due Today	2 Dec. Tuition Due Today	3 Dec. Tuition Due Today	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 LAST DAY OF DANCE CLASSES	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!						
21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27
NO REGULAR CLASSES UNTIL JANUARY 5TH!						
28	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR!			