



# NEWSLETTER

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## Just a Note...

We are working hard on our routines getting ready for competition and recital. It is more important than ever that everyone come to class. Please remember to call or email the studio if you are unable to make it to class. Also, we ask that parents and siblings not interrupt class. If you need to get your child early, please let the instructor know before class and if you need to speak to your child, please do so between classes. Thanks for your hard work and understanding and we can't wait to see the finished routines!

## Competition Update

March 11-13 our studio will be participating in the Star Talent Productions dance competition. The competition will be held in Louisburg at the Louisburg College Auditorium. Combo groups 1-10 will take one routine (jazz or ballet). Groups A-G will take jazz and lyrical. Elite Tap, Jr. Adv. Tap, Jr. Int/Adv Tap, Teen Int/Adv Tap, Intermediate Hip Hop, and Elite Hip Hop classes will also compete. The extra classes for combo (lyrical and hip hop) will not compete. In addition, Jr Prep Tap will not compete as well as groups a-d (age 3/4 and 4/5 classes).

The competition fees for this competition are now past due. You received your fees in your December statement. If you have questions, please send an email. These fees need to be paid ASAP.

We will be having a dress rehearsal during class the week of March 7-10. Come to class in the costume that you will wear at competition, including hair (high bun for all dancers) and make-up. Bring your regular dance clothes to change into. We do not want you to wear your costumes for the entire class! We will be meeting at the end of class to discuss any problems that we see with the costume or the hair and make-up. All combo students should plan to stay the entire time and the meeting will be at 6:15 (5:45 for Monday Combo classes). Your teacher will let you know if you need tights and shoes for your competition routines. [Click here](#) for a list of tights and shoes that we use if they are needed for your costume.

We will know the estimated performance times 7-10 days before the competition. Usually ages 5-11 dance on Saturday and ages 12 and up are typically on Sunday. We will let you know as soon as we get the information!

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### Important Dates

2/1	Tuition due
3/7-	Dress rehearsal
3/10	during class
3/11-	Star Talent
3/13	Competition
3/17-	Pictures
3/20	
6/9-	Recital
6/11	
6/21-	Company
6/23	Auditions



## Music

As we approach competition and recital time, it is important to practice at home. With this in mind we have put together CD's with music for every routine. These CD's are available for purchase at the front desk for \$5 each. All of your child's music will be on one CD, so you will only need to purchase one.



## Videos

The week of February 1-4, we would like to give you the opportunity to video record your dancers' routines. We will be running the routines at the end of each class and you may come 15 minutes early to record them. (Parents of dancers in combo classes 1-3 arrive at 5:45 and combo 4-10 arrive at 6:15 and you can record their competition routines.) This will give the dancers a copy of their routines so that they can practice at home.

## Costumes

We hope to give out costumes the week of February 8-11 during your regular class. Parents of dancers in groups a-d and all Combo classes need to come in for the last 15 minutes of class. (Those who take only 2 of the combo classes need to plan to stay for the full 2 hours that day.) We will go over information about the costumes, like how they should be worn, where the hair pieces go, etc. Dancers in groups A-G will be responsible for their own costumes and relaying the information to parents.

Several classes need to get special pieces to go with their costumes. Please read the following carefully. If you have any questions see your dance instructors.

All Hip Hop classes (beginner, intermediate, and elite)- You will need black high top sneakers like the ones pictured below. These can be purchased at a variety of different retailers as well as online. Shop around for the best price. Any name brand is fine as long as they look like the ones pictured below.

Boys- Please [click here](#) to see a list of what you need for each of your routines.

Please bring all costume pieces in to be approved by your dance instructor by February 15th. Be sure to save your receipts just in case you need to return them!



## Dancer of the Month

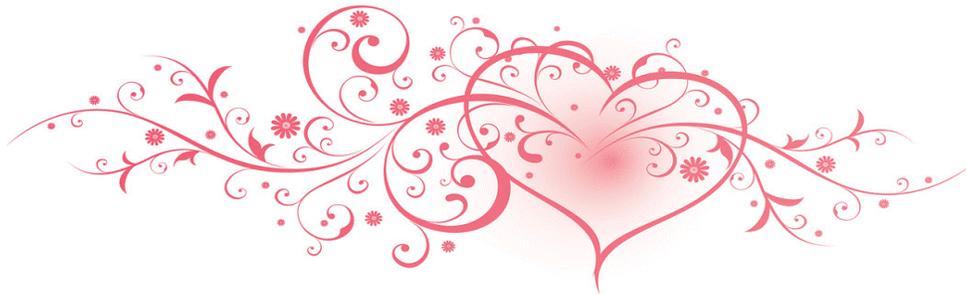
Each month we will be choosing four dancers from all age groups to be the Dancers of the Month. These dancers are chosen based on their attitude and effort. These students have shown their instructors that they are hard workers with a good positive attitude.

Each Dancer of the Month will get a sign to display in their front yard stating that they are the Dance Attic's dancer of the month. You will be able to keep the sign for one month so that all of your neighbors can see it! This is great recognition for our dancers as well as getting the word out about our studio! They will also be featured on our Facebook page! Be sure to tag your dancers so all of your friends and family can see!

You will receive your sign the first week of the month and return it the last week of the month. When you return your sign you will receive \$10 off your next month's tuition!

Congratulations to our January recipients! We are so proud of you!

**Laila Tamba    Kiana Gabrielli    Abby Roscoe    Emmeline Briggs**



## Registration

Registration time will be here before you know it! We want you to go ahead and be thinking of what you would like to take next year. Current students may register for summer and fall classes for 2016-2017 the week of May 16-19. You will receive a discounted registration fee if you register during this week. Registration will be open to the public the week of May 23-26. This will also be bring-a-friend week. You will receive \$15 off of your September tuition for each friend that you bring that registers for classes! For example, if you bring two friends and they both register, you will get \$30 off of your September tuition! Go ahead and start thinking about who you would like to bring!

We are very excited about our summer intensive schedule! We are working on it and will get it out to you as soon as it is available.

## Recital Program

Each year we have a special souvenir program for our recitals. It can be purchased on recital day for \$10 and is filled with pictures and words of encouragement for our dancers. It is like a yearbook for our dance year. Parents have the opportunity to purchase pages or portions of pages to congratulate their dancers or promote their business. It is time to start thinking about what you would like to do in this year's program. The children love to see their pictures in the book on recital day! We will be using pictures taken by Perfect Gift Photography on picture day.

Order forms will be passed out in class and are available on the [website](#). Go ahead and make plans to purchase your page!.

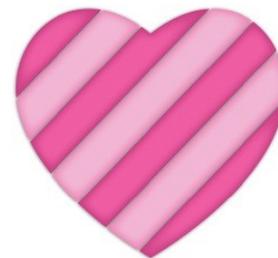
## Picture Day

We will be taking pictures at the studio Thursday-Sunday March 17-20. Please check this [link](#) for your group's time and day.

Your pictures will be made in every costume with your group. It is important for all dancers to be present for the group pictures. If you plan to purchase individual photos, you may have them made in the costume or costumes of your choice. You may only take individual shots that you plan to buy. We do not have time to take pictures of every person in every costume.

Please have your photo order forms filled out before you arrive for your pictures. It is very crowded and busy in the studio during this time and things will go more smoothly if you are prepared. The forms will be passed out in classes and posted on the website as soon as they are available.

Because we will be using every room at the studio for pictures, classes on Thursday, March 17th are cancelled.



## Recital DVDs

Each year you have the opportunity to purchase DVDs of our annual recital. This is a priceless keepsake that your dancers will cherish. This year our DVDs will be produced by Jeff Philips of In Focus Studios. Jeff founded In Focus Studios in 1999 and established the company as a versatile production facility. Jeff insures that In Focus Studios meets the specific needs of his clients, whether they are a business, non-profit or individual.

Jeff has been videotaping dance recitals since 1997. His company services North Carolina, Maryland and DC. He has shot dozens of dance recitals over the years. For 3 years he worked on the live production of the presidential lighting of the national Christmas tree with President Clinton and Bush. He was responsible for capturing 2 weeks of live performances for Long Leaf Opera at Memorial Hall in Chapel Hill.

His style for filming dance recitals is to shoot with 2 cameras ensuring nothing is missed. He likes to keep all the dancers in the shot at all times, cutting away to close-ups as the dancers move into a tighter formation. The only exception would be for the toddlers, as he will get a brief close-up of each of them doing their routine.

We all know that getting a clear crisp shot is key to a good video, but having a great shot without good audio is detrimental to the video. To ensure good audio, Jeff captures the ambient sound and also gets an audio feed from the sound board, then mixes the two together. This way the viewer will still get the feel of a live event with the music sounding great. In regards to tap dancing, Jeff has PZM mics that he places on the stage floor to pick up the tapping loud and clear.

Please [click here](#) to get a copy of the DVD order form and go ahead and make plans to purchase yours!

# Recital

We are busy planning for our annual recital! We wanted to go ahead and give you some information so that you can get the dates on your calendars. This year's recital will be held at Wakefield High School June 9-11. Thursday, June 9th will be a dress rehearsal for all shows. We will let you know the actual times as we get closer to the date. There will be one show on Friday, June 10th and three shows on Saturday, June 11th. The tentative schedule is as follows. Please read carefully.

## Friday, June 10th

7:00 pm Groups A-G, Elite Hip Hop, Int/Adv Hip Hop, Breakdance, All non-combo Tap, Senior Group, Mean Girls

## Saturday, June 11th

2:00 pm Combo 1-3, Groups a-d

4:00 pm Combo 4-10, Combo Lyrical 4-7, Combo Lyrical 8-10, Hip Hop Combo 1-6, Hip Hop Combo 7-10, High School Musical

7:00 pm All company routines

Please go ahead and get these dates and times on your calendars. We will be providing more detailed information in future newsletters.

# Class Changes

We have a few class changes to make you aware of in the month of February and later. Please read carefully .

- Thursday, February 4th Pointe (8:30-9:15) is cancelled.
- Intermediate Hip Hop classes will be combined beginning February 3rd. We would like all dancers to come to both classes during the month of February. The class times are Wednesday 6:30-7:30 and Thursday 7:15-8:15. These classes are dancing together for competition and we need some rehearsal time to pull it all together. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.
- Classes are cancelled on Thursday, March 17th due to pictures.
- Classes will be combined on Thursday, April 7th to make room for TDAC to rehearse for an upcoming competition. More information will be coming in a future newsletter.



# Important Info and Reminders

- Please remember to wear the proper dance clothes and shoes to class. If you are not sure what shoes you should wear, please ask your instructor.
- Always check the bulletin board for important information. Announcements are posted on the door as well.
- The monthly newsletter will always be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby and on the website.
- Write your dancer's name on all dance gear (shoes, bag, jacket, etc.). If something is lost the "lost and found" is located in the dressing room.
- We will be having a pajama party in class the week of March 14-17 to celebrate our accomplishments at competition. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.
- Go ahead and post these important dates on your calendars.

March 11-13	Star Talent Competition, Louisburg
March 17-20	Pictures at the studio
June 9-11	Recital weekend
June 21-23	Auditions for 2015-16 company (Look for more info next month.)

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