



# NEWSLETTER

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## Just a Note...

It's hard to believe that May is already here. Recital is only a few weeks away! It is going to be a busy month with lots of things going on, so be sure to read this newsletter very carefully! It is important for all dancers to be present in these final weeks as we prepare for our big show! If you are going to be absent, please email the studio to let us know. Keep up the good work!



## Registration and Parent Meetings

We will be having end of year meetings for all dancers the week of May 16-19. The meetings for groups a-d will be held the last 30 minutes of class. Combo classes 1-3 will have their meetings from 5:30-6:00pm. Combo classes 4-10 will have their meetings from 6:00-6:30. Groups A-G will have their meetings the last 15 minutes of Ballet classes. We may have meetings in some of our optional classes if needed. We will be discussing recital information, recital tickets, Bring a Friend week, registration for fall and summer, placement for next year, and much more.

Current students who turn in their registrations by May 26th will receive a discounted registration fee of \$30. For your convenience, we have added the registration fee to your May statement. You may pay this fee with your May tuition. This will make the registration process quick and easy! You will just need to turn in your index card and registration form at the studio before the May 26th deadline. You will receive a confirmation receipt with your classes listed once everyone's information has been processed. If you choose to not register for fall classes, the charge will simply be removed. [Click here](#) for a registration guide to help answer your questions.

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### Important Dates

5/1	Tuition due
5/6- 5/8	TDAC to Showstoppers
5/16- 5/19	Parent meetings current student registration
5/30	TDA closed for Memorial Day
5/23- 5/26	Bring a Friend Week
5/23- 5/26	New Student and summer registration
6/9- 6/11	Recital weekend
6/21- 6/23	Company Auditions
6/24	Mandatory Company Meeting

# Recital Update

The theme for the 2016 recital is "The Dance Attic Pep Rally". 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. This will be full costume, makeup and hair (high bun for all dancers.) There will be one show on Friday, June 10th and three shows on Saturday, June 11th. The 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

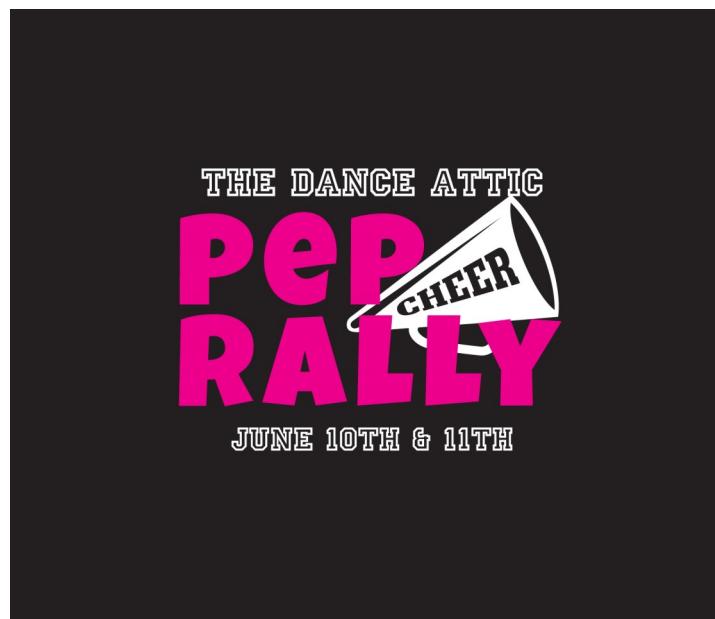
2:00 pm Combo1-3, Groups a-d

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

Every dancer will receive 2 free recital tickets at the end of the year parent meeting. You may purchase additional tickets for each show at the studio for the month of May. After that, you will only be able to purchase tickets at the door. (Ticket prices are the same at the studio and at the door.) Tickets for the Saturday shows are \$8 each. Tickets for the Company Gala on Saturday are \$12 . Programs will be on sale at the show for \$10. (One program covers all of the shows.)

Recital t-shirts, with everyone's names on the back, will be available for purchase at the studio for \$15. The t-shirt quantities are limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. DVDs are also available and will be produced by Jeff Philips of In Focus Studios. (You can read about Jeff in last month's newsletter.) Please [click here](#) for a DVD order form. You may staple payment to the form and put it in the tuition box in the lobby.



# Recital Rehearsals

The week before the recital we will do a full run through of each show in our regular dance clothes at the studio. You will not come to your regular classes that week, only the specified day for your show. On Thursday, June 9th we will have a full dress rehearsal (costume, hair, make-up) at Wakefield High School. You should arrive for this rehearsal ready for the stage in your first costume. All other costumes should be packed in a basket or tub in the order that they are needed. Younger dancers will be assigned an older dancer to help them dress at the rehearsal and recital. For both of these rehearsals, you may leave as soon as you are finished with all of your dances. We will discuss these rehearsals at the parent meeting as well. [Click here](#) for a recital guide that will help answer your questions. Please read the following very carefully for you dates and times! The schedule for the week is as follows:

## **Monday, June 6th- Rehearsal for the Saturday 2:00 and 4:00 shows**

4:30pm– 6:00pm– Groups a-d and Combo 1-3

6:30pm– 8:30pm- Combo 4-10, Combo Hip Hop (both classes), Combo Lyrical (both classes), Tap Jr. Prep (the 3:45 Tuesday class)

## **Tuesday, June 7th- Rehearsal for the Friday 7:00 show**

4:30pm-6:30pm– Groups A-G, Hip Hop (Int/Adv, Elite), Tap (Jr Int/Adv, Jr Adv, Teen, Elite)

## **Wednesday, June 8th– Rehearsal for Company Gala**

4:30pm-6:30pm– Run through show

6:30pm– until- Awards and Pizza party

## **Thursday, June 9th– Full dress rehearsal at Wakefield High School auditorium**

4:30pm- Arrival time for 2:00pm Saturday show- Rehearsal begins at 5:00pm

5:30pm– Arrival time for 4:00pm Saturday show– Rehearsal begins at 6:00pm

7:30pm– Arrival time for 7:00pm Friday show– Rehearsal begins at 8:00pm

There is no dress rehearsal for Company Gala. Production routines and company pieces will only rehearse on Wednesday, June 8th. We will not run the production numbers or company routines during any of the other rehearsals.

Please look in the lobby for a line up of all shows. Note the order of your routines and if there are any changes that need to be made, let us know by May 5th.



## 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 April recipients! We are so proud of you!

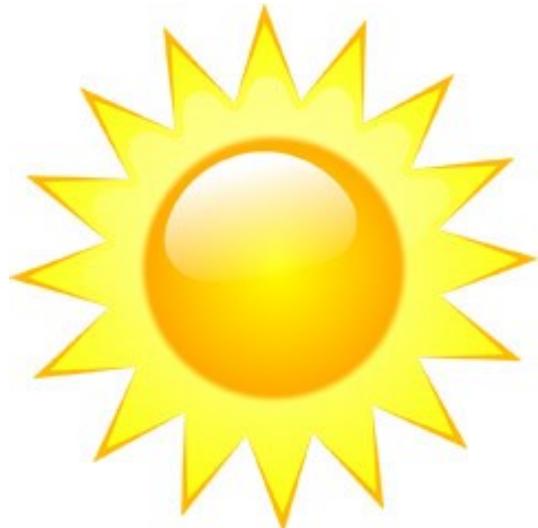
**Avery Satterwhite      Charlotte Brewster      Emma Beach      Thea Lentini**

## Bring a Friend Week

The week of May 23rd-26th (Monday-Thursday) is Bring-a-Friend week. Every dancer is invited to bring a friend with them to any dance class. This is the perfect opportunity to bring people who would like to dance and want to try out the Dance Attic! You will receive \$15 off your tuition in September for each friend that you bring that registers for classes. For example, if you bring 3 friends and they all register for classes in the fall you will receive \$45 off your September tuition! Let's tell everyone how much we love the Dance Attic and get more dancers for next year! Every friend will need to bring a signed consent form the day of class. [Click here](#) to get a copy of the form.

## Summer Classes

We are very excited about our summer intensive schedule! It's important to stay active over the summer and to keep practicing, so we hope you will plan to attend several sessions as well as the weekly class! Current students may register for summer when you register for fall classes. Registration for new students for the summer session will be held May 23rd-26th in the studio lobby. We have lots of new and different classes to choose from this summer. A schedule will be posted to the website in late May.



# Year End Reminders

The year is coming to an end and it's time to start tying up those loose ends. The May tuition payment is your final payment of the year. Please check your records and make sure that you are up to date on all payments. Please pay all money owed with the May tuition payment, which is due by May 7th. Any dancer whose account is not paid in full will not be allowed to dance in the recital.

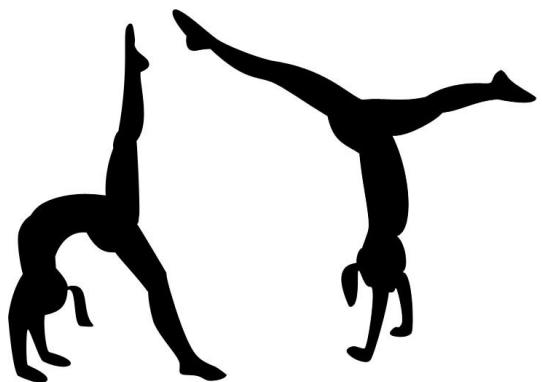
Please check the lost and found in the dressing room for anything that you may be missing (or anything you didn't know that you were missing!) All items in the lost and found will be donated to Goodwill on June 1st.

Even though the year is coming to an end, we still expect our dancers to come to class with the correct dance clothes and shoes for that class. Remember that there is always a little dancer looking up to you so it is important to set a good example and always dress appropriately. If you are unsure of the expectations for your class [click here](#) to read the studio policies and dress code. If you still have questions, ask your instructor.

## Acro and Pointe Placements

Dancers who are interested in taking Acro classes for the 2016-2017 season will need to be evaluated for placement. Ms. Samantha will be having evaluations on Thursday, June 2nd. If you would like to be evaluated, please see someone at the front desk for a class time. If you already have acro class on Thursdays you will be evaluated during your regular class time.

Dancers who are currently in level B and up may be eligible to take pointe next year. Your ballet teacher will inform you if you are ready to audition and auditions will take place on Tuesday, May 31st from 8:30-9:00pm. If you do not get an invitation to audition and have questions, please see your ballet teacher after class.



# Company Information

If you really love to dance and would like to be even more involved, we would like to invite you to audition for our company. Company is for those dancers who would like to make dance their primary extracurricular activity and are willing to devote more time. It is similar to being on a select sports team. You can expect more practice time, more performances, more competitions, and more FUN!

Company members have the opportunity to participate in dance at a different level. You must be in company to be able to do an invitational piece. Dancers in invitational pieces are eligible to do a solo, duet, or trio. The company also has the opportunity to perform around the community and in three additional dance competitions. Company members are also required to take summer classes and maintain good attendance to classes throughout the year. It is a big commitment, but also very rewarding!

We will be having an information session for interested dancers and parents on Monday, May 16th at 7:30. We will explain the time commitment as well as what is required financially. This will be great information for anyone who wants to be in company!

Auditions will be held the week of June 21-23. Those who would like to audition will come to the intensive and learn a short dance combination that week. On Thursday the 23rd you will perform the combination in small groups for a panel of judges. If you would like to audition, but are unable to be there that week, you will need to schedule a make-up audition.

There will be a poster in the lobby with sheets to put your name, age at the time of auditions, and school grade. The cost will be the intensive class cost, \$125 plus a \$25 audition fee. Those auditioning for company also have the option to purchase the summer package which will allow you to take all summer classes for \$500. This is a great value for company dancers who are required to take summer classes. We are looking forward to next year and have many great plans already. We hope you will join us!



2016 Company Productions  
High School Musical &  
Mean Girls



## Important Info and Reminders

- TDA will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. Have a safe holiday.
- Recital T-shirts will be available for purchase in May on a first come, first served basis.
- TDAC will be competing at Showstopper in Raleigh May 6th-8th! Wish them luck!
- 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.
- The Dance Attic is on Facebook! Like us to see pictures, updates, and upcoming events! Tell all of your friends (especially ones with prospective dancers!)
- If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Dance Attic please email the studio. If we have enough interest we will hold a prospective student information meeting!

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