



# NEWSLETTER

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## Just a Note...

It's hard to believe that it is already December and we will be starting a new year very soon! As the new year approaches, we will be getting busier with parades, performances and preparations for competition and recital. It is important that everyone makes every effort to be in class each week. Remember to call or email if you are going to be absent. Thanks for your hard work and dedication! Everything is starting to take shape and it's an awesome year!

## Competition Update

March 10-12 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 1-11 will take one routine (jazz or ballet). Groups A-G will take jazz and lyrical. Tap 3-5 and Hip Hop 1-4 will also compete. The extra classes for combo (lyrical and hip hop) will not compete. In addition, Tap 1-2 will not compete as well as groups a-d (age 3/4 and 4/5 classes).

All dancers who will be participating will pay competition fees of \$50 per routine. For example, if you are in 3 routines, then your competition fees will be \$150. You will receive a total due in your December statement. All competition fees are due by January 15, 2017.

It is important for all dancers to be present in class between now and the competition time. We will be putting the final touches on our routines. It's hard to keep up if you are out. Please make every effort to be present and remember to email if you must be absent.

We will give you more information about the competition as soon as possible. We do not get the final schedule until about a week before the competition. Keep working hard. The routines are looking fabulous!

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### Important Dates

12/1 Tuition due  
12/4 Rolesville  
Parade (TDAC)  
12/10 Wake Forest  
Christmas Parade  
3/10- Competition  
3/12 Star Talent,  
Louisburg College  
3/30- Pictures  
4/2



# Christmas Parade

The Wake Forest Christmas parade is Saturday December 10th. We will be lining up near the library at 12:00 noon. (Directions, our entry number, and our placement in the line-up will be posted in the studio lobby.) We will need several parent volunteers to walk with us. You can sign up to help in the studio lobby. The parade ends at S. Brooke St & E. Elm Ave. We will be in the big grassy area ready for pick up as soon as we reach the end of the parade route. **Please pick up promptly.** (We may be finished before the parade is over depending on our number in the line-up so please be aware that we will be waiting.) Please [click here](#) to see information from the Town of Wake Forest website about the parade including road closures and parking information.

The Christmas parade routine will be taught in class. This is a traveling routine that will keep us moving while showing off our dancing! On Wednesday, December 7th we will run it with everyone from 6:00-6:30 in studio 3 (the big room). Company members and anyone who wishes to dance in the parade should come for this rehearsal.

We want all of our dancers to look uniform for the parade. Please wear burgundy 2016-2017 TDA t-shirts with a white turtleneck underneath (if it is cold). If you are not dancing you may wear jeans and sneakers. Those who are dancing should wear black pants/leggings and sneakers. Everyone's hair should be in a high bun and you should wear make up. Company members should add your company jackets as well. Everyone will need a flower to wear in your hair. Flowers are \$3 and are available for purchase at the front desk. The flowers should go to the right of your bun as in the photo below.

Dancers in groups a-d and combo groups 1-3 are invited to decorate a wagon for the parade. (Combo groups 1-3 may dance if you wish, but we strongly encourage you to use a wagon. The parade route is pretty long and the little ones get tired quickly!) You must arrive at 12 noon to be judged and winners will be announced that day. First place receives a certificate for \$75 off your January tuition. Second place will receive a \$50 certificate and third will receive a \$25 certificate.

We will be having meetings in class to go over parade logistics the week of December 5-8. Please see the back page of this newsletter for meeting times. All parade information will be posted in the lobby. If you have any further questions please email.



## 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!

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 November recipients! We are so proud of you!

**Lila Bellas**

**Abrielle Cornett**

**Merritt Williamson**

**Reese Hastings**

## Policies and Procedures

We would like to remind you of a couple of policies and procedures that will keep our dancers safe and organized.

- You must come in to the studio to drop off and pick up your child. You should walk your child to the door. It gets dark earlier now and we want our dancers to stay safe. We are asking that they wait inside (even the older dancers) until an adult comes in to get them. The staff will not allow anyone under the age of 10 to leave the studio without an adult.

- Please do not leave your vehicles unattended in the parking lot. When you need to come in to the studio, you should park in a parking space. We understand that the traffic can be heavy and that it can be a challenge to find a space at times, but please be considerate of others and be patient. We appreciate your support!

- Please do not leave children in the lobby unattended. This includes dancers and siblings. The staff are not able to watch children left in the lobby during class time and we want to make sure everyone stays safe.

- We realize that some of you are at the studio for several hours and may need a snack or dinner. If this is the case please bring something to eat that is not messy and remember to clean up after yourself. If you drop crumbs on the floor, please pick them up and put all trash in the large trash can that is outside. We want to take pride in our studio!

- Please try to keep the dressing rooms neat and clean. Keep your things in your dance bags and close the bags. This will keep you from losing your things or getting them mixed up with other dancer's things.

- The office in the back is for staff only. (Teacher assistants are NOT considered to be staff.) There should be no dancers or parents in the office unless you are invited in by a staff member.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Our first concern is always the safety of our dancers and we think that your help with these things will help to ensure that safety.

## Shirts For Sale

The Dance Attic is excited to offer Pom Pom jerseys for sale just in time for Christmas. The shirts are hot pink with black writing and are \$30. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby to order. (Do not email your order.) Payment must be made when you sign up. We will only order shirts that have been paid in advance. There are samples hanging in the lobby for sizing (adult M and child M). The deadline to order is December 1st. **You only have one week to order so don't wait!**

## Wrapped in Hope

The Gallo family, a former Dance Attic family, recently had a life changing experience that has led them to start a community service project called "Wrapped in Hope." ([Click here](#) to read their story.) They are collecting new blankets and throws to donate to WakeMed for the families and friends who wait in the critical care waiting area. If you would like to donate, please bring a new blanket or throw and place it in the box in the studio lobby.



## Congratulations!

As you all know, Rachel Teem will be getting married in a few short months. Her fiancé, Jonathan Gentry, has taken a position as associate pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church in Edenton, NC. Rachel will be moving there to be with him after the wedding in March. While we are heavyhearted to say good-bye to Ms. Rachel, we are excited for her and Jonathan as they begin this new chapter in their lives and we wish them the best! We are working very hard to make sure that your dance instruction is not interrupted and it's a smooth transition for everyone. We are excited about our plan and look forward to finishing the year with top notch instruction. You will receive more information as we get closer to March. Until then enjoy your time with Rachel and wish her well!



# Important Info and Reminders

- There will be a meeting for parents the week of December 5-8 to go over parade logistics and to discuss competition fees. Monday Combo will meet at 5:55. Tuesday-Thursday Combo groups will meet at 6:25. All other classes will meet the first 5 minutes of class. (Groups A-G will have their meeting in ballet.)
- 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 donating all unclaimed lost and found items to Goodwill. Please check and claim your belongings before December 15th, when we close for winter break.
- All Hip Hop dancers need to purchase black Converse with white bottoms. You may choose high top or low top. Other brands that are the same style are fine too. [Click here](#) to see an example.

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