



# NEWSLETTER

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## Just a Note...

Happy New Year! The staff would like to thank everyone for the nice holiday gifts and goodies! You made us feel very appreciated! We hope that everyone has had a great break and we are looking forward to seeing you back in class! Classes resume on Monday, January 8th. Competition is right around the corner and we will be working hard on our routines! Please make every effort to be in class and remember to email if you are going to be absent.

## Competition Update

March 9-11 our studio will be participating in the Star Talent Productions dance competition. The competition will be held in Louisburg at the Louisburg College Auditorium. Groups 1-11 (combo classes) will each take one of their routines (jazz or ballet). Groups A-H 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 should have received a total due in your December statement. All competition fees are due by January 15, 2018.

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.

Keep your parade flowers because we will wear them along with our grey TDA shirts for awards at competition. We love to look up on stage and see our team looking so great!

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

- 1/8 Tuition due
- 1/8 Classes resume
- 1/15 MLK Holiday studio closed
- 3/9- Competition
- 3/11 Star Talent, Louisburg
- 3/15- Pictures
- 3/18
- 6/8- Recital weekend
- 6/10
- 6/18- Company Auditions
- 6/20 (Mon-Wed)
- 6/21 Mandatory Meeting for Company (Th)



# Christmas Parade Wagon

Since we made the decision not to participate in the Wake Forest Christmas parade due to bad weather, we had a Facebook wagon contest. Participants posted their decorated wagons with the dancers in the picture. The winner was Esther and Hannah Lee and their family. Thank you for participating and we are sorry that we couldn't see your wagons in the parade!



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

**Elliot Carter**

**Riley Clark**

**Ashley Wingenbach**

**Eavan O'Keefe**

# Music

As we approach competition and recital time, it is important to practice at home. With this in mind we will be putting together CD's with music for every routine. These CD's will be 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. We will let you know as soon as these CD's are available. Look for a sign in the lobby!



## Policy Reminders

- ♦ The ballet instructors would like to remind you that proper dance attire is required for ballet class. You should wear a leotard with tights and pink ballet shoes. Boys should wear shorts with a fitted shirt and black ballet shoes. Please no baggy or extra clothing. Also your hair should be pulled back and secured in a bun. If your hair is too short for a bun, please pull it back and secure it the best way possible.
- ♦ Cell phones have become a major distraction. We understand the need for them as a safety precaution, but please do not bring them into the classrooms. Turn the ringers off and leave them in your dance bags. We do not want anything to distract from the instruction. We have such a short time and with competition fast approaching we need everyone to be focused!
- ♦ Parents, please do not drop your children off more than 10 minutes before class begins and pick them up promptly when class is over. All students should wait in the lobby or under the awning for their rides to arrive. Only those students who drive themselves should be in the parking lot without an adult. If your dancer has a break between classes and needs to wait at the studio, they should wait in the dressing room or the lobby and bring homework or something else to do.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to these matters. We need everyone to work together to make our dance studio the best that it can be!

# Important Info and Reminders

- You may pay your tuition when we return to class the week of January 8th. Payments will not be considered late until after January 11th.
- There will be a list of all the dancer's names posted in the lobby during the month of January. Please check the list and make sure that your child's name is spelled correctly. This is how it will appear in the recital program and on the recital t-shirt. (Deadline January 25th.)
- 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.
- The Dance Attic will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 15th. Enjoy the day off!
- Go ahead and post these important dates on your calendars.

March 9-11	Star Talent Competition, Louisburg
March 15-18	Pictures at the studio
June 8-10	Recital weekend

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