



NEWSLETTER

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Just a Note...

It's hard to believe that it's already March! Competition is just around the corner and we are working harder than ever to make our routines the best that they can be! It's very important that you come to class. Please remember to call or email if you will be absent and remember not to interrupt the classes. Thanks for all of your hard work! It's going to be great!



Competition Update

March 7-8 (two days) 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 1-10 (combo classes) will each take one of their routines (jazz or ballet). Groups A-H will take jazz and lyrical. Tap 3-4 and Hip Hop A-C 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-e (age 3/4 and 4/5 classes).

We will have a dress rehearsal during class the week of March 2-5. Come to class in the costume that you will wear at competition, including hair (see back page for picture) 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 meet at the end of class to discuss any problems that we see with the costume or the hair/make-up. All combo students should plan to stay the entire time, so **if you do not take tap please come at 4:30 that week.** The parent 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.

[Click here](#) to see the competition schedule. Remember that we will wear our yellow TDA shirts during awards with the bows in our hair. One dancer from each group will collect the awards for the routine. [Click here](#) for a list of those dancers.

We are looking forward to a great competition!

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Important Dates

3/1	Tuition due
3/2-	Dress rehearsal
3/5	during class
3/7-	Star Talent
3/8	Competition
3/9-	Pajama Week
3/11	
3/12-	Pictures
3/15	(No Thurs Class)
5/18-	Public
5/21	Registration for 2020-2021 and Bring a Friend
6/12-	Recital
6/14	
6/16-	Company
6/18	Auditions

Costumes

Costumes have been given out. If you were absent, you need to pick up your costume as soon as possible. We will be wearing the costumes for competition and picture day so you need to go ahead and get the correct tights and shoes. If you do not know what you need [click here](#) for a list. Hip Hop classes should check last months newsletter to make sure you have the correct shoes. [Click here](#) to go to the February newsletter. Groups a-e (youngest dancers) need white lace fold over socks to go with your costumes.



Pajama Party



We will be having a pajama party for all classes (little ones included) the week of March 9-11. We want to take some time to celebrate our hard work and accomplishments! We will also receive our competition awards! Everyone should wear their pajamas to class and be ready to play some fun games and enjoy a relaxing time together! Remember that many classes have boys and girls so make sure that your pajamas are modest and appropriate. There will be no pajama parties on Thursday, March 12th because we will be closed for pictures. Those classes will receive their awards the following week.

Picture Day

We will be taking pictures at the studio Thursday-Sunday March 12-15. 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. There will also be a representative from the photographer here Monday March 9-Wednesday March 11 from 4:00pm to 6:45pm to take pre-orders. If you pre-order, you will receive a free 4 x 6 added to your package purchase. In other words if you purchase Package A for ballet, you will receive an additional 4 x 6 of that image for free. If you purchase several products, (Package A for ballet, Package A for Tap), then you can choose which package to add the 4 x 6 to, but it must be an image you have ordered. [Click here](#) to download the forms. They will also be passed out in class.

Because we will be using every room at the studio for pictures, classes on Thursday, March 12th are cancelled.

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 February recipients! We are so proud of you!

Jazmine Anderson

Nina Rose Achas

Sofia Luccion

Hailey Costar



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 2020-2021 the week of May 11-14. You will receive a discounted registration fee if you register during this week. Registration will be open to the public the week of May 18-21. 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! Deadline is March 15th.

Recital

This year's recital will be held at Wakefield High School June 12-14. Friday, June 12th 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 two shows on Saturday, June 13th and two shows on Sunday, June 14th. The tentative schedule is as follows. Please read carefully.

Friday, June 12th

Dress rehearsal for all shows.

Saturday, June 13th

2:00 pm Groups a-e, Combo 1-3 (including hip hop), Company production

4:00 pm Combo 5-10 (including lyrical & hip hop), Tap 1/2, Hip Hop A, Company productions

Sunday, June 14th

2:00 pm Groups A-H, Hip Hop A-C, Tap 1-4, Seniors, Company production

5:00 pm Company Gala

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

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 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! Checks are made payable to In Focus Studios. You can turn it in anytime, but please post-date the check for June 10th and note that it will not be cashed until then.

March Holiday Fun

We are celebrating in March in a LEAP-rechaun way! The week of March 16-19 everyone should wear their St. Patrick's Day green and get ready to leap, leap, leap! If you are one of the lucky dancers, you just might go home with a piece of gold!



Important Info and Reminders

- Electronic devices are not allowed in dance class. This includes phones, tablets, watches, etc. They are causing a distraction during class. Please make sure that you leave these at home or place them in your dance bag during class.
- CD's with music for every routine are available for purchase at the front desk for \$5 each. If we do not have your child's music available, please leave your name at the front desk and we will have it for you the following week.
- TDA will be closed for Spring Break April 3-12. Classes will resume on Monday, April 13th. Have a fun and safe break!
- 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.
- Go ahead and post these important dates on your calendars.

March 12-15	Pictures at the studio
June 12-14	Recital weekend
June 16-18	Auditions for 2020-21 company (Look for more info next month.)

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