

Steppin' Out Dance Centre

December 2023

Newsletter

Annual Christmas Show/Charity Event

Our Christmas Show will be held at the Thornton Academy Gym on Sunday, December 17th from 1-3pm. Join us for an afternoon full of dancing, fun, and even a visit from Santa! All dancers will be performing in our Christmas Show. This year, we have proudly decided to donate the proceeds of this show to the Pine Tree Society. Pine Tree Society is Maine's only not-for-profit sign language interpreting agency. They specialize in providing interpreters who use American Sign Language and other forms of signed communication used in the deaf community. The Director of Interpreting Services at Pine Tree Society, Joshua Seal, was one of the victims of the Lewiston shootings and we think this is a great way to honor our fellow Mainers. We will be collecting a monetary donation at the door - \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and dancers are free. We will also have a 50/50 and will be holding a raffle. If you or someone you know owns a business that would like to donate something to be raffled, please let us know. Please see the attached handout with rehearsal times and what to wear for the Christmas Performance.

Backstage Info: We will be having the dancers line up only two numbers before they are scheduled to perform. All dancers can enjoy watching the show from the audience until it is time to gather with their group. **We will not be allowing students to change or sit backstage.** Dancers will need to enter from stage right and exit stage left. This should eliminate some distractions and make the show more enjoyable to watch. There are locker rooms for both boys and girls for the dancers to change in.

Steppin' Out Dance Wear:

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your dancer? We have a variety of items including Steppin' Out logo T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Long Sleeve Shirts, and Dance Bags in our dancewear store. Our most recent order of NEW SODC sweatshirts, joggers, and dance mom shirts. If you ordered one, they are now available for pick up in the office.

Tuition and Costume Deposits:

Tuition is due the first week of the month and can be paid in the dancewear store. Just a reminder that all discounts including family discounts, only apply if tuition is paid in full on or before the first class of each month.

Costume payments are now due! Those who have not paid all costume payments of \$75 per costume, a \$10 late fee per unpaid costume will be automatically applied to your account if not paid by December 15th. Measurements are being taken in classes this month so costumes can be ordered over Christmas Break. Costume pictures will be posted on our online parent portal and in our lobby in January.

Christmas Vacation:

There will be no classes held from Thursday, December 21st through Monday, January 1st in observance of the holidays. We will resume classes on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Reminder - NO Street Shoes and Dress Code Policy:

We would like to remind all our dancers and parents that we have a dress code policy of **no jeans, street shoes, or untied hair** in our dance classes. With snow and salt being tracked in from outside this can ruin our dance floors. We ask that all dancers remove their shoes and leave them in the waiting area before entering the studios. For our hip hop classes, especially, street shoes are not allowed to be worn for dance. All hip hop dancers should have a separate pair of dance sneakers or jazz shoes for classes.

Snow Day Cancellations:

Class cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on our Facebook page and will be emailed. You can also check our answering machine at the studio. Classes are not necessarily canceled if school is as sometimes the weather has changed in the afternoon. Classes canceled due to inclement weather will only be rescheduled if there is a second cancellation for that class during the season. Tuesday morning classes will be automatically canceled if there is a school delay in Saco and Biddeford.

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- 1. Sleigh Ride - Junior, Teen, and Senior Clogging Teams**
Plain White T-Shirt, Black leggings, Light Up Tutu (Pink - Jr, White - Teen, Black - Sr), Silver Garland in hair
It's Christmas Now/Jingle Bells - Small Fry, Pee Wee, and Adult Clogging Teams
Pee Wee and Small Fry - Purple Sparkly Dress (from Target - see facebook), clogging shoes, high pony with white bow
Adult Clogging Team - Christmas PJ's
- 2. Step Into Christmas/Christmas Trap - Friday 3:30 Irish Step and Monday 5:30 Breakdancing**
Irish Step - Christmas Shirt or Sweater, Black Leggings, and Black Jazz Shoes
Breakdancing - Christmas Breakdancing shirt (from Amazon - see Facebook Group), black pants, black sneakers
- 3. Let It Snow/Winter Wonderland - Weds. 6:00 Jazz/Tap and Sat. 9:00 Jazz/Tap & Sat. 9:45 Hip Hop/Tap**
Wednesday Jazz/Tap - Christmas Dress (from Amazon - See Miss Cheryl), Tan Jazz Shoes
Saturday Classes - Plain white long sleeve, black leggings, Christmas light up necklace, white tap shoes
- 4. Ballet Christmas Mix - Abby's Ballet Classes**
Black leotard, black leggings, pink ballet sweater (is available for purchase in the dancewear store), pink ballet slippers
- 5. Carol of the Bells - Kate's Ballet and Pointe Classes**
Black leotard, black ballet skirt, pink ballet sweater (available for purchase in the dancewear store), pink ballet slippers
- 6. 100 Degrees - Maeghan's Monday and Friday Jazz Classes**
Christmas pajamas or onesie, tan jazz shoes, silver garland or bow in high ponytail
- 7. Never Ending Christmas - Wednesday Adult Hip Hop**
Black Shirt, Black Pants, Christmas Colored Flannel around waist
- 8. Favorite Time of Year - Musical Theatre Team and Saturday 1:30 Musical Theatre**
Musical Theatre Team - Red Shirt (\$20 to Miss Megan directly), Black Leggings, Tan Jazz Shoes
Saturday 1:30 Musical Theatre - Green Shirt (\$20 to Miss Megan directly), Black Leggings, Tan Jazz Shoes
- 9. Justin Beiber Christmas - Small Fry, Pee Wee, Junior, Teen, and Senior Hip Hop Teams**
Performance Team Shirt, Black Leggings, Converse, High Ponytail with Silver Garland
- 10. Fusion Holiday Mix - Andrea's Classes**
Fusion Company - Same as Adult Jazz
Weds. 4:15 Contemporary/5:00 Ballet - White Shirt, Snowflake Leggings (\$10 to Andrea), Shoes - Contemporary wear
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Thurs Adult Jazz - Red Dress (ordered off Amazon - See Facebook)
Jr Contemporary Team - Red Christmas Shirt and Black Leggings
Teen Jazz - Green Christmas Shirt, Black Leggings and Black Jazz Shoes
- 11. Something in the Air - Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior Acrobatics Teams**
Pee Wee Acrobatics Team - Any Christmas PJ's (no footies on them), Barefoot
Junior and Senior Acrobatics Team - Any Christmas Onesie (no covered hands or feet), Barefoot
- 12. Deck the Rooftop/Like It's Christmas - Mon 3:30, Sat 12:00, Fri 3:30, and Fri 4:15 Acrobatics Classes**
Mon. 3:30 Acrobatics - Any Red Shirt, Black Leotard, Black Leggings, Accessory (\$5 to Miss Megan)
Sat. 12:00 Pre-Acrobatics - Any Green Shirt, Black Leotard, Black Leggings, Accessory (\$5 to Miss Megan)
Fri. 3:30 Acrobatics - Royal Blue Shirt (from Amazon - see Facebook Group), Black leggings, hair up
Fri. 4:15 Acrobatics - Dark Heather Gray Shirt (from Amazon, See Facebook Group), black leggings, hair up
- 13. Feel Like a Kid Again - Teen/Adult Contemporary and Senior Contemporary Team**
Black shirt, Black pants, christmas colored flannel buttoned half way up

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- 14. Marshmallow World - Saturday Ballet/Jazz/Tap and Teen/Adult Tap**
Saturday 10:15 Ballet/Jazz/Tap - White Dress, White Fluffy Headband (see Nicole)
Teen/Adult Tap - White T-Shirt, Black Leggings, Red Aprons, Accessory (\$5 to Nicole)
- 15. Santa Claus is Coming to Town/Too Cold for Christmas - Maeghan and Glo's Hip Hop Classes (ages 5&up)**
Maeghan and Glorianna's 5-7yr Hip Hop - Any sparkly sequin Christmas top, black leggings, black shoes, high ponytail with bow
Maeghan's 8-12yr Hip Hop - Red Christmas top (plain or Christmas pattern), black leggings, black shoes, high ponytail with Christmas accessory
Maeghan's Teen Hip Hop - Green Christmas top (plain or Christmas pattern), black leggings, black shoes, high ponytail with Christmas accessory
- 16. Whoville Medley - Pee Wee, Junior, Teen, and Senior Jazz Teams**
Pee Wee, Junior, and Teen Jazz - Black Performance Team Tank, Black Leggings, Christmas headband & Accessories
Sr Jazz Team - Grinch T-Shirts (\$10 to Nicole), Black Leggings
- 17. Here Comes Santa - Wednesday 3:30 and Friday 5:15 Pre-Hip Hop Classes**
Red Santa Dress (from Amazon - See Miss Cheryl or Miss Glo)
- 18. Winter Wonderland - Wednesday 4:15 Pre-Ballet/Tap and 5:00 Ballet/Tap**
Wednesday 4:15 Pre-Ballet - Blue Snowflake Dress (from Amazon - See Miss Cheryl) with White Ballet Slippers
Wednesday 5:00 Ballet/Tap - Pink, Purple, and Blue Snowflake Dress (from Amazon - See Miss Cheryl) with Pink Ballet Slippers
- 19. Suzy Snowflake - Tuesday 10:00 and Saturday 9:00 Pre-Ballet/Tap**
White or Light Blue Dresses or Tutus, White Tights, White Ballet Slippers
- 20. Christmas Hokey Pokey - Mommy & Me and Creative Movement Classes**
Any Red or Green Outfit, White Ballet Slippers

Practice Times

Practice will be at TA gymnasium prior to the show

Please be there and ready 20 minutes before your practice time

10:30-11:15 All Performance Teams
11:15-11:20 Step Into Christmas
11:20-11:30 Ballet Christmas Mix
11:30-11:40 Carol of the Bells
11:40-11:45 100 Degrees
11:45-11:55 Christmas Trap/Too Cold for Christmas
11:55-12:00 Favorite Time of Year
12:00-12:10 Christmas Mix
12:10-12:20 Deck the Rooftop/Like It's Christmas
12:20-12:25 Feel Like a Kid
12:25-12:35 Marshmallow World
12:35-12:45 Santa Claus is Coming to Town/Ice Ice Baby
12:40-12:50 Winter Wonderland - 5:00 BALLETTAP CLASS ONLY
12:50-1:00 Let It Snow/Winter Wonderland

(Our youngest dancers numbers 17, 18 (Pre-Ballet), 19 and 20 will not have a practice time)