

Steppin' Out Dance Centre
January 2024
Newsletter

Christmas Show 2023: Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Christmas Show. We raised nearly \$8,000 and will be donating to the Pine Tree Society for hearing impaired children to attend summer camps as well as the Eleanor Claire Paye Foundation in honor of one of our dancers who passed away of cancer. Thank you for celebrating the holiday season with us and for your generosity.

Monday Holidays and February Vacation: As a reminder, we ARE open for classes on Monday holidays including MLK Day on January 15th. There will be no regular classes held during February Vacation - Monday, February 19th thru Saturday February 24th.

Birthday Parties: Have your Birthday Party here with us! Invite unlimited guests for \$175. This is a 2 hour party which includes 1 hour of dancing with an instructor and 1 hour for cake and presents! If you have any questions, please see our office staff for more information.

Inclement Weather: Class cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on our Facebook page. We will also send out an email if classes are canceled. Classes canceled due to inclement weather will only be rescheduled if there is a second cancellation for that class. Tuesday morning classes are automatically canceled if there is a delay in the Biddeford/Saco schools.

Costume Fees: Costume pictures will be posted on our online parent portal this month. Costume payments are now past due and a \$10 late fee has been applied to EACH unpaid costume. Just a reminder that a late fee will be added per month until these are paid in full. In addition to these costumes, you will need the proper colored dance tights and shoes. These specifics will be indicated with the costumes on the portal. Please purchase or order your tights early.

NO Street Shoes/Dress Policy: We would like to remind all of our dancers and their parents of our dress code policy. Long hair should be tied back away from the face and proper dance attire and shoes should be worn to every class. Street shoes are not allowed, especially during the winter. All hip hop students should have a separate pair of dance sneakers or jazz shoes for classes. Please leave all street shoes in the lobby or in a dance bag.

Competition Fees: Competition Fees for the upcoming competitions are due by February 15th. All fees paid after this date will have a \$10 late fee per week. Please be sure to pay these on time as we need to forward these to the competitions before their deadlines. Please see the separate packet for prices.

Maine Celtics Halftime Show: Our Performance Teams have been invited to perform at the Maine Celtics as their halftime show on Sunday, February 25th at 1pm. If you would like to come watch and support our dancers you can purchase your tickets online. Tickets are \$17 per person and include a free hat! There is a limited amount of tickets available in the section for our group so make sure to order yours soon!
(<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/SteppinOutDance> to order tickets)

Recital 2024: This year, we will be holding our 33rd Annual Recital on Saturday, June 8th, 2024 at Sanford Performing Arts Center. Please be on the lookout for more recital information in the upcoming months.