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Hi Everyone!

Please know you have all been on my mind constantly!!

As we approach the end of a third week at home, I'd like to share some thoughts with you.

It is important to me to let my long-standing studio philosophy guide me:

**You don't pay for what you don't get.**

With that in mind, no matter which payment plan you are on, if you are paid up through your most recent bill, you will be reimbursed for classes we will not be able to offer due to the Governor's mandated shut down of our school.

My policy is to offer a minimum of 30 classes per dance year.

(Toddlers are an exception to this rule and will be credited accordingly)

The old show biz adage shall also lead me:

**The Show Must Go On!!**

To that end, 4 classes will remain in the cue and I hope to hold them in studio in the weeks leading up to the recital. Attendance will be taken at these classes no matter the format I must offer them in.

The recital will have a whole new look this year, much smaller and potentially spread out over 3 weeknights sometime between the beginning and end of July hopefully. The venue for our show is still a work in progress.

The recital bodes well and I expect it to be a very special occasion!

More long-standing TDS philosophy:

**You get more that you pay for!**

At the beginning of all of this, as a way to do something...I started loading up Tricia's Dance School YouTube Channel. My goal is to put something there that each level/genre can get something from. Please check out all of the offerings and share them with your family and friends! This maybe a good time for our dancers to explore new styles! Also available, workout tips galore! Scheduled visits back to the channel are recommended!!

We have tested out Zooming and live classes on Instagram. So nice to see those faces, and thanks for helping us figure out how to best use these technologies.

I am meeting with my staff this weekend and am hoping to send out zoom meeting invites for each class this week, mostly just so we can connect with all of you, but who knows maybe we will do a step or two?

Another lofty goal at no charge to you: we would like to offer a modified weekly schedule of classes for your dancer to join via zoom. I am hoping to get the schedule out on 4/10. It will be a 3-week schedule and we will go from there.

I am exploring ways to get your recital music to you (especially for the edited pieces) as well as instructional videos for choreography. This may involve you logging into your parent portal on my existing office software. Who knew!?!?

Please follow us on social media! Facebook and Instagram.

Kindly subscribe to Tricia's Dance School YouTube Channel.

My staff and I are here for you in this time of uncertainty! We recognize the comfort it gives kids (and parents) to have a feel for some type of normalcy, not to mention seeing familiar faces of those who care so much about them!

We all know that so many things are on hold right now, but finding a way to move forward is key!

It is important to me to be in contact with all of you with my current thoughts and plans.

I appreciate your patience as going through much of the above is labor intense and of course, subject to change.

Stay active, fit, positive and healthy!!

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