

Steppin' Out Dance Centre
December 2019
Newsletter

Annual Christmas Show/ Charity Event:

Our Christmas Show will be held at the Thornton Academy Gym on Sunday, December 22nd 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 Through These Doors and Caring Unlimited. These domestic violence resource centers serve victims and survivors of domestic violence in York and Cumberland County, Maine. Advocates in these resource centers work with victims to safely leave their relationships. We will be collecting a monetary donation at the door, as well as having a 50/50 and raffling items to benefit this charity. Some of our raffles include a Steppin Out Gift Certificate, Under the Stars Entertainment Gift Certificate, Bruce Haskell Photography Photo Session, Apple AirPods, Hydroflask, Nail Care Basket, and so much more. We will also be collecting canned goods for the local food pantry. There is a separate handout with rehearsal times and what to wear for our Christmas Performance.

Backstage Info: We will be having the dancer's 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 no longer allow students to change or sit backstage.** Dancers will need to enter from stage right and exit on 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.

Saco Main Street Lights Parade:

This year our Performance Teams will be performing in the Saco Main St. lights parade on Saturday December 7th at 6pm! We will be meeting at the studio at 5pm for a brief practice and to walk over together.

Steppin Out Dance Wear:

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your dancer? We have a variety of items including Steppin' Out logo sweatshirts, tee-shirts, long sleeve shirts, and dance bags in our dancewear store.

Tuition & 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 deposits are now due! Those of you who have not paid all of your costume deposits of \$60.00 per costume, a \$10 late fee per month will be applied after December 15th. Measurements are being taken so costumes can be ordered over Christmas vacation. Costume pictures will be posted in our lobby in January.

Christmas Vacation:

There will be no classes held from Monday, December 23rd through Saturday, January 4th in observance of the holidays. We will resume classes on Monday, January 6th.

Reminder - NO Street Shoes and Dress Code Policy:

We would like to remind all our dancers and their parents that we have a dress 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 students 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 Channel 6, 8, and 13. You can also check the message on our studio machine or our website. They are not necessarily cancelled if school is, as sometimes the weather has changed by the afternoon. Also, classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled only if there is a second cancellation for that class during the season. Tuesday morning classes will be automatically cancelled if there is a school delay in Saco and Biddeford.

Happy Holidays!