

Steppin' Out Dance Centre
December 2020
Newsletter

November Food Drive WINNERS: Thank you to everyone who donated items to our food drive! Together we collected nearly 450 items to donate to the Saco and Biddeford Food Pantries! Congratulations to our 1st place winner, Tuesday Teen Hip Hop Team, who collected over 150 items! In second place, with 60 items, is Saturday 10:15 Jazz/Ballet/Tap! Congratulations to both of our winners and thank you all who donated. We are so happy to still have the opportunity to give back to our community even during these times.

December Hat and Mitten Drive: During the month of December, we will be holding a hat and mitten competition for all classes to donate to Domestic Abuse Shelters in the Portland area. Bring in new hats or mittens to your class(es) from December 1st thru December 19th to help your class bring in the most items. The class that brings in the most hats and mittens will win a special prize for their whole class!

Christmas Raffles: As always we will be holding a raffle with several baskets this year. In order to avoid extra traffic in the studio and be able to social distance as much as possible, all tickets purchased will be put into one raffle bucket. We will pick the winners on Facebook Live on Saturday December 19th. Winners will then be contacted in the order they were picked to let us know which raffle item they would like to keep! Raffle tickets can be purchased in the office and over the phone starting NOW. All proceeds will be going to Woodfords Family Services. For 50 years, Woodfords Family Services has provided specialized educational services to children with special needs and gives them opportunities they may not be offered otherwise.

Letters to Santa: Don't forget to drop off your letters to Santa in the mailbox located in our dancewear store by Saturday December 5th. Santa is eagerly awaiting your letters and can't wait to answer them before Christmas!

Christmas Week: Sunday, December 13th thru Saturday, December 19th will be Christmas Week at the studio! During this week, we will be holding special holiday celebrations in each class, including having some special visitors like Frosty and Rudolph come to our classes. Santa and Mrs Claus will also be doing Zoom Storytime on Monday, December 14th and Wednesday, December 16th for our dancers!

Christmas Show: Since we are unable to hold our Christmas Show like we normally would this year, we have come up with a new way to show off this year's Christmas numbers and all the hard work the kids have already put in this year. Each class will record their Christmas routines in their class, during Christmas Week. We will also be performing our numbers on our studios Facebook Page using Facebook Live during each class. The handout attached has information on what to wear to your class for recording. Once all class' routines have been recorded, we will put the show together and you will receive a YouTube link to watch this year's show at home. Although this is much different than what we would normally put on for you, we are excited to still be able to showcase our dancers this holiday season and be able to help some places in need!

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, long sleeve shirts, dance bags, and 30th Anniversary sweatshirts in our dancewear store.

Tuition and Costume Fees: Tuition is due the first week of the month and can be paid in the dancewear store, over the phone during office hours, or via Venmo (@Steppin-Out-Dance). 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 fees are now due! Those of you that have not paid all of your costume fees of \$60.00 per costume, a \$10 late fee will be applied after December 15th. Measurements will be taken in class so costumes can be ordered over Christmas break. Costume pictures will be posted in our lobby and on the online parent portal in January.

Christmas Vacation: There will be no classes held from Sunday, December 20th through Saturday, January 2nd in observation of the holidays. We will resume classes on Sunday, January 3rd.

Reminder - NO Street Shoes and Dress Code Policy: We would like to remind all our dancers and their 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 studio. Street shoes are not allowed to be worn for class. Please have a separate pair of dance shoes for class.

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.

**Steppin' Out Dance Centre
Annual Christmas Performance
Costume List (by Teacher)**

** This list is for costumes and goes by teacher so you are able to easily find your classes costume. Please wear the costume to your regular class time during Christmas Week (December 13th-20th, 2020). This is NOT the line up of the video. The line up will be emailed (like a program) with the link to the video **

Classes HAVE to wear masks during recording. All 10&up and Performance Team Dancers must wear our Steppin' Out Logo Mask or a plain black mask. Dancers 5 to 10 can wear any mask for recording. 5&under dancers ~ masks are recommended but not required.

Nicole Saucier:

Tuesday 9:00 & Saturday 9:45 Mommy & Me ~ Any Christmas Dress
Tuesday 9:30 & Saturday 9:00 Pre-Ballet ~ Any Christmas Dress
Tuesday 3:15 Jazz (8&up) ~ Dress as a Reindeer with Lots of Bells
Tuesday 4:15 Jr Tap Team ~ Plain White or Pastel Long Sleeve Shirt, Black Leggings
Tuesday 5:15 Teen/Adult Tap ~ Plain Long Sleeve Shirt (Red, White, Green), Black Pants, Santa Hat
Thursday 3:30 Jr Clogging Team ~ Solid Color Tank, Black Leggings, Grass Skirts and Leis
Thursday 4:15 Teen Clogging Team ~ Any Christmas Top, Black Leggings
Thursday 5:30 Teen Jazz Team ~ Long Sleeve White Shirt (Tie Dyed), Any Christmas Leggings
Thursday 7:30 Sr Jazz Team ~ Performance Team Tank, Black Leggings, Any Christmas Socks
Saturday 8:15 Tiny Tot Clogging Team ~ Christmas Nightgown
Saturday 10:15 Jazz/Tap ~ Christmas Dresses
Saturday 11:15 Pee Wee Jazz Team ~ Performance Team Tank, Any Christmas Leggings, Any Christmas Headband or Hair Accessories

Maeghan McLaughlin:

Monday 7:30 Competitive Team ~ Red Santa Shirts, Black Leggings, High Ponytail, Converse Sneakers
Tuesday 4:15 Pee Wee Hip Hop Team ~ Dress Like an Elf, Converse Sneakers
Tuesday 5:15 Jr Hip Hop Team ~ Dress Like Santa (Red Tops, Black Bottoms), Converse Sneakers
Tuesday 6:15 Teen Hip Hop Team ~ Christmas Onesies/Pajamas, High Ponytail, Converse Sneakers
Tuesday 7:15 Sr Hip Hop Team ~ Christmas Characters, Converse Sneakers
Thursday 3:30 Jazz (5-7yrs) ~ Any Cheetah Print Clothes, Christmas Accessories, Tan Jazz Shoes
Thursday 4:15 Pee Wee Clogging ~ Team Shirt, Black Leggings, Sunhat Decorated with Christmas Accessories, Black Clogging Shoes
Thursday 6:30 Jr Jazz Team ~ Christmas Onesies, Tan Jazz Shoes, High Ponytail
Friday 4:30 Hip Hop (4-6yrs) ~ Christmas PJ's Black Shoes, Small Wrapped Box
Friday 5:15 Hip Hop (7-9yrs) ~ Christmas PJ's, Black Shoes
Friday 6:00 Jazz (7&up) ~ Plain White Shirt, Christmas Leggings & Accessories, Tan Jazz Shoes
Friday 7:00 Hip hop (10-12yrs) ~ Misfit Outfits (Anything Christmas)

Stephanie Roy:

Monday 3:30 Ballet (10&up) ~ Black Leotard, Black Ballet Skirt, Light Pink Tights, Light Pink Ballet Sweater, Ballet Shoes
Monday 4:30 Jr Modern Team ~ Assigned Top, Black Full Length Leggings, Foot Undeez
Monday 5:30 Teen Ballet ~ Black Leotard, Black Ballet Skirt, Light Pink Tights, Light Pink Ballet Sweater, Ballet Shoes
Monday 6:30 Sr Modern Team ~ Assigned Top, Black Full Length Leggings, Flesh Tone Half Soles
Tuesday 6:15 Pointe ~ Black Leotard & Ballet Skirt, Pink Tights, Assigned Sweater Color, Pointe Shoes
Tuesday 7:15 Teen Contemporary ~ Assigned Black Top, Black Full Length Leggings, Barefoot

Melissa Dineen:

Monday 3:15 Acrobatics (4-6yrs) ~ Dress like a Reindeer (Browns/Tans, Red Nose) Foot Undeez
Monday 4:00 Acrobatics (7-9yrs) ~ Dress like the Grinch (Anything Green) Foot Undeez
Monday 4:45 Acrobatics (7-9yrs) ~ Red Shirt, Black Leggings, Sunglasses, Foot Undeez
Monday 5:30 Acrobatics (10&up) ~ Black Leotard or Tank Top, Black Leggings, Foot Undeez
Sunday 3:00 Acrobatics Team ~ Black Performance Team Tank, Black Leggings, Santa Hat, Barefoot

Andrea Sharron:

Monday 7:30 Teen Jazz ~ Red Shirt, Black Leggings
Wednesday 3:15 Modern (8&up) ~ Red or Green Shirt, Black Leggings
Wednesday 4:15 Leaps & Turns ~ Red or Green Shirt, Black Leggings
Thursday 7:30 Adult Jazz ~ White Shirt, Blue and White Christmas Leggings
Thursday 8:30 Fusion Company ~ Assigned All Black Dress

Megan Orlandella:

Tuesday 3:30 Musical Theatre (5&up) ~ Red Christmas Dress, Santa Hat, Tan Jazz Shoes
Friday 3:30 Musical Theatre (9&up) ~ Black Shirt, Red/Black Christmas Leggings, Tan Jazz Shoes
Saturday 9:15 Pre-Ballet ~ Any Light Blue or White Dress, White Ballet Shoes, Provided Headband

Cheryl Hamilton:

Wednesday 4:30 Pre-Ballet ~ Christmas Dress, White Tap Shoes
Wednesday 5:15 Ballet (5-6yrs) ~ Black Leotard, Pink Tights, White Tap Shoes, Reindeer Ears

Tricia Lavenbein:

Wednesday 5:15 Ballet/Lyrical ~ All Black Clothes, Hats, Mittens, Scarves
Wednesday 6:15 Ballet (7&up) ~ Black Leotard, Pink Tights, Black Skirts, Pink Ballet Shoes

Rachael Stetson:

Wednesday 6:15 Teen Ballet ~ Assigned White Dress, Provided Blue Sash, Pink Tights and Ballet Shoes
Wednesday 7:15 Contemporary Team ~ Last Years Green Costume, Provided Hair Ribbon, Half Soles

Gabe Paulin:

Friday 4:30 Breakdancing ~ Ugly/Festive Christmas Sweaters, Black Pants and Black Shoes
Friday 5:15 Pop n' Lock ~ Ugly/Festive Christmas Sweaters, Black Pants and Black Shoes

Lisa Little:

Thursday 5:30 Sr Clogging Team ~ Green or Red Shirt, Black Pants, Christmas Accessories