

Steppin' Out Dance Centre  
**January 2021**  
Newsletter

**Christmas Show 2020:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Show! Although it was different than normal we are so proud of our dancers hard work. We hope you enjoyed watching our virtual show with your families this year! We raised \$430 for Woodfords Family Services and we donated over 450 non perishable food items to the Saco and Biddeford Food Pantries. We also donated over 50 hats and mittens to Through These Doors, a domestic abuse shelter in Portland. Thank you for celebrating the holidays with us and for your generosity this holiday season.

**Recital 2021:**

This year we will be celebrating Steppin' Out's 30th Anniversary Show! Our Recital will be held on Saturday, June 26th, 2021 at the OOB Seaside Pavilion. This venue is outside and fully covered and seats 1400 which is much bigger than Biddeford Middle School. This will give us the extra room for social distancing, if needed. We are so excited to be able to perform for an audience this year!

**February Vacation:**

There will be no regular classes held during February Break - Sunday, February 14th thru Saturday, February 20th, 2021. Classes will resume Sunday, February 21st, 2021.

**Inclement Weather:**

Class cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on Channels 6, 8, and 13 or check the message on our studio machine. We will also post on our Facebook page and send out an email if classes are cancelled. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will only be rescheduled if there is a second cancellation for that class. Tuesday morning classes are automatically cancelled if there is a delay in the Biddeford/Saco schools.

**Costume Fees:**

Costume pictures will be posted in our lobby and on the online parent portal this month. Costume payments are now past due and a \$10 late fee has been added to any unpaid costumes. 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 by your class costume picture. Please purchase or order your tights early.

**Competition Teams:**

This is just a reminder that competition fees for the upcoming competitions are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. All fees paid after this date will have a \$10 late fee added 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. Dancers entering a solo/duo/trio into the competitions, please speak to Megan or Vanessa in the office to fill out a form and hold your spot in the competitions.

**No Street Shoes/Dress Code Policy:**

We would like to remind all 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 as they wear on our floor finish and put street salt and water on our dance floors. 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.