

Steppin' Out Dance Centre

November 2020

Newsletter

Now Due - Tuition and Costume Deposits: Tuition is due the first week of the month and can be paid in our dancewear store, over the phone, 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. A \$10.00 late fee will be automatically applied if tuition is not paid by the 8th of the month. If you have not paid your costume fee of \$60.00, please do so by December 15th to ensure that your child's costume is ordered. A \$10 late fee will be applied per month that the costumes go unpaid.

Email/Parent Portal - Very Important!: If you have not been receiving our emails please let us know, as we send our monthly newsletters and the latest updates. If you did not register online, you can still create a parent portal at the below website. (<https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/steppinoutdance2020>) Updates will be posted online as well.

Thanksgiving Break: Just a reminder that we are closed Wednesday, November 25th thru Sunday, November 29th in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

November Food Drive: During the month of November, we will be holding a food drive competition for all of our classes to donate to the Biddeford/Saco Food Pantries. Bring in non-perishable food items to your class(es) from November 1st thru November 21st to help your class bring in the most items. The class that brings in the most items will win a special prize for their whole class!

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 Monday, November 2nd. Tickets can be purchased online starting Monday, November 9th by visiting our website and Facebook page. If you are able to donate any items to our raffle, please drop them off to Megan or Vanessa in the office as soon as possible. Raffle items will include a gift card basket and American Girl Doll!

Letters to Santa: New this year, we will be offering a chance for kids to send their Christmas letters to Santa! There will be a special mailbox located in the lobby where kids will be able to place their letters to be mailed to Santa. Please make sure your child's letter is in the mailbox by Saturday, December 5th so it has enough time to make it all the way to the North Pole! Santa will be sending letters back to your child's teacher to be handed out to them in class, so be sure their full name is on the letter!

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. A separate handout will be sent later this month with 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 then 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!

Recital Costumes: We are now picking out recital costumes for our June show. Measurements are being taken during classes this month. Please let us know if you would prefer a specific size. Sizes come in x-small, small, medium, and large for both children and adults. Some costumes are offered in extra-large child and extra-large adult. Costumes are non-returnable and non-exchangeable. Costume pictures will be posted in our lobby in January as well as on the online parent portal. Please see your students teacher or your online parent portal for tights and shoe colors.