

*Steppin' Out Dance Centre*

**October 2021 Newsletter**

Thank you dancers for making our first month of classes safe and fun for everyone. Our dancers have done a great job keeping up with and following our changing guidelines. During inside classes, we have been wearing our masks and taking mask breaks only when we are spread apart. Outside classes have been enjoying the sunshine and extra space without masks. Please remember that if you are exposed to or diagnosed with COVID or are feeling ill, stay home and participate in classes via Zoom. If you have been exposed to someone with the virus, please call the studio so we can advise you of the current guidelines.. As a reminder, all dancers 5&up should bring in their own mask to wear during class. Please see our website for more information on our guidelines. Thank you for your support during this time to keep our dancers, faculty, and families safe and healthy. If you have any further questions or concerns about our guidelines, please contact us via email!

**Peanut Free Facility:** We are a peanut-free facility! Please do not bring snacks containing peanuts or tree nuts of any kind to the studio. Our student's health and safety is our highest priority. Thank you for your understanding!

**Bring a Friend Week/Refer a Friend Raffle:** Bring a friend week will be held Monday, October 18th - Saturday October 23rd, 2021. Bring your friend to try out your dance classes for the week for free! If your friend registers for any class you will receive a free Steppin' Out Logo T-Shirt and a goodie bag. If you referred a friend to our studio this year, let us know by October 20th to be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Steppin' Out Gift Certificate.

**Dancewear Store:** Come check out our Dancewear Store! We will be ordering NEW Steppin' Out Logo sweatshirts, hoodies, and joggers at the end of October. Contact us for more information or to place your order!

**October Tuition:** Just a reminder that tuition is due the first week of the month (the 1st through the 7th). Starting this month, a \$10 late fee will be automatically charged to your account on the 8th day of the month to any unpaid tuition. Keep in mind, your spot is being held for you whether you are in class, on Zoom, or unable to attend and payment is expected. You are always welcome to make up missed classes in alternate classes.

**Email - Very Important!:** If you have not been receiving our emails, please let us know as we send out our monthly newsletters and latest updates via email.

**Saco Pumpkin Harvest Festival:** Come check out the Saco Pumpkin Harvest Festival this year on Main Street in Saco. Our Performance Team Dancers will be performing a special number at the Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there!

**Halloween Week:** All dancers are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to dance class the week of Monday October 25th through Saturday October 30th in celebration of the holiday. We will be dancing to Halloween music, playing Halloween games, and handing out special treats to our dancers.

**Watch Week:** Since we have decided to keep our lobby closed for the time being as a safety precaution, watch weeks will continue to be suspended until further notice. Hopefully, we will be able to hold a watch week soon! Thank you for your understanding!

**Christmas Show:** With Covid guidelines constantly changing, all Christmas Party/Show information will be released closer to December. We are looking at holding a few smaller shows this year and are looking for suggestions for smaller venues. We are also looking for suggestions on a local charity we can donate the proceeds to.

**Recital 2021:** Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 31st annual Recital! Our Recital will be held on **Saturday, June 11th, 2022!** We are excited to be returning to the Biddeford Middle School for this season's recital!