

November Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents and Dancers,

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please make sure that you are receiving our monthly newsletters, which are emailed to you once per month. Hard copies of the newsletters are also available in the studio lobby. If you did not receive the September or October newsletter(s), copies are available at the front desk or you can download newsletters from our website at www.youngdance.biz. A **Holiday Showcase 2018 Newsletter** was emailed out to you on Friday, October 5th. Be sure you have received this newsletter explaining this great performance opportunity for your dancer(s)! If you are not receiving emails, please update your current email address at the front desk.

MONTHLY TUITION – Just a reminder, **November tuition is due Thursday, November 1st through Wednesday, November 7th**! Any payment made after **Wednesday, November 7th** is considered late and requires a **\$5.00 per week late fee**. The winner of the \$50 YDA Gift Certificate in October was *Madison Lower*! Congratulations, *Madison*! Don't forget to pay your November tuition by the 7th to be eligible for our \$50 YDA Gift Certificate drawing for December!

Don't forget to sign up for our **2018 Holiday Showcase!**

You should have received emails on Friday, October 5th & Monday, October 22nd concerning our 2018 Holiday Showcase to be held at Greendale High School in the *Henry Ross Auditorium* on **Saturday, December 15th**.

The Holiday Showcase "Costuming & Music Information" email sent on Monday, October 22nd details what your dancer will need for the performances. Please do not hesitate to ask you if you have any questions!

A Candy Land Christmas will be performed at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. Dancers must be able to perform in both shows!

THE HOLIDAY SHOWCASE SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS... SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th!

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK – PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.

This is primarily for parents *ONLY*, as we do not have room to accommodate additional relatives and friends. The only seating available is the floor. You may bring a folding chair with you for your comfort. Please remember to be considerate of dancers, teachers and other parents and take crying and/or noisy children out of the room. Siblings are not permitted to wait outside the classrooms unsupervised. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATIONS DURING YOUR DANCER'S CLASS AS A COURTESY TO BOTH THE DANCERS AND TEACHERS.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping make observation week run smoothly!

PARKING LOT REGULATIONS – There will be an especially large volume of dancers and parents in the parking lot and on the street during Parent Observation Week. Please think of safety as your priority and not convenience each time you enter and exit our parking lot. Please strictly follow the guidelines below to ensure the safety of all:

- * **Please do not stop your car anywhere in the parking lot unless it is in an actual parking space!**
- * **Do not sit in your vehicle waiting for your dancer unless it is in an actual parking space!**
- * **Do not block the driveway or any part of the parking lot as it disrupts the flow of traffic! Keep your car moving unless it is in a space.**
- * **Please always take young dancers by the hand and walk them in and out of the building. Watch for children at all times as they are often darting in between cars.**
- * **Drive slowly at all times.**

Remember that parking on the south side of Marquette Ave. is prohibited on Saturdays during open studio hours. Please remember to park only the north side of Marquette Ave. on Saturdays.

RECITAL COSTUME MEASURING – Dancers were measured for June recital costumes during the week of Monday, September 27th. Costume orders will be placed the second week of November. Please make certain you are content with the classes in which you are enrolled. Changing classes will be difficult once the costume orders are placed.

Since we now order costumes 7-8 months before they are worn for our June recitals, we do allow for growth. In most cases, costumes are ordered an entire size larger than the measurements indicate. Costumes are ordered early as most companies take approximately 4-6 months to ship.

Recital costumes do NOT come custom fit! Sizing is “general” and most costume styles are available in child and adult sizes small, medium and large only. If someone appears to be in between sizes, we generally order the larger size. If costumes need to be adjusted in any way, it is the dancers’ responsibility to have alterations done. We cannot judge how much or how little each child will grow within 7-8 months. We are also dealing with many costume companies with different size charts and different manufacturers.

PLEASE, DO NOT EXPECT A CUSTOM FIT COSTUME and realize that you are responsible for having the costume altered. Also, please note that oftentimes costumes have to be ordered in a larger size for those with long legs to ensure a long enough leg for costumes that include a pant.

IMPORTANT – If you have been a student in the past and the costumes you receive each year are habitually way too big or even too small, please let us know *TODAY* so we can adjust your dancer’s costume size if necessary. In some cases, a dancer’s measurements are deceiving, especially those with extra long or extra short torsos. We’d like to rectify a situation before it is a problem if we are able.

UPCOMING STUDIO VACATIONS...

- * The studio will be closed MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH for Thanksgiving vacation.
- * The studio will be closed for Christmas vacation FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST – FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH. **Classes resume on Saturday, January 5th**. I will remind you of these dates again in the December newsletter.

You will notice that December is a “short” month with our Holiday Showcase and vacation days for Christmas and New Years. **As it states in our brochure, full tuition is paid every month no matter how many vacation days are in that month.** Vacation days, etc. are figured into our yearly schedule so that each class receives the same number of classes per year no matter which day your dancer attends class.

TI PROGRAM NEWS – Thank you to all the dancers and their friends who attended our *Spook-tacular* Halloween-themed Dance Party on Saturday, October 20th. Everyone had so much fun! All profits will benefit the TI dancers who hosted the party, covering their fees for the Joffrey Ballet Summer Program auditions coming up in January 2019.

TI dancers are taking orders for **Poinsettia Plants NOW** through Thursday, November 15th. Plants will be available for pick-up on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th**. The plants come in a variety of sizes and range in price from \$17.00 & up and are available in a variety of gorgeous colors. We have been told that our prices are the most *inexpensive* people have seen! They are truly beautiful plants! Place your orders for poinsettia plants at the front desk or with any TI dancer TODAY!

MILWAUKEE BUCKS HALF-TIME PERFORMANCE – The competitive dancers of the TI Program will be performing at half-time on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 at the Milwaukee Bucks vs. the Brooklyn Nets game at the Fiserv Forum. If you are interested in attending and would like to sit with other YDA families, watch for more information about our block of tickets after the holidays!

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS – Young Dance gift certificates in any monetary amount are available for purchase and make great holiday gifts! This month we will have many more YDA items on our dancewear racks including stylish leotards, sweatshirts, t-shirts and pants! **ALL CUSTOM ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEY WILL BE IN BEFORE CHRISTMAS VACATION.**

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL – Many of our TI dancers will be performing on Thursday, November 15th at the 20th Annual Holiday Lights Festival downtown! Watch for their performance to be televised on WISN Channel 12! Or better yet, come see the live performance at Pere Marquette Park on Thursday, November 15th beginning at 5:00pm!

Hope to see you during Parent Observation Week!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Sandy and Staff