

Dear Parents and Dancers:

Happy Spring to all! Accompanying this newsletter is the Recital Ticket Lottery and Ticket Purchasing Information sheet. **Our Ticket lottery begins Monday, April 1st**. Please refer to the Ticket Purchasing Information sheet for details.

SPRING SHOWCASE – We will be having a spring competitive dance showcase at Greendale High School on Friday, April 5th at 7:00pm. This performance will showcase all of the TI dancers 2018-2019 competitive dances. Tickets are available for purchase at the front desk during our regular studio business hours. The tickets for this performance will be \$15. Get your tickets for this one time performance today!

EASTER VACATION – THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED FOR EASTER VACATION FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH – FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH. CLASSES RESUME **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**. REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK – Parent Observation Week will be held **MONDAY, APRIL 1st** – **SATURDAY, APRIL 6th**. Parent Observation Week is primarily for parents only please, as we do not have the room to accommodate friends and other relatives. Siblings are not permitted to wait outside the classrooms unsupervised. In the past we have had problems with brothers and sisters running up and down the hallways and going into rooms in which they are not permitted. Please bring a folding chair with you for your comfort if you so desire. **TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION DURING YOUR DANCER'S CLASS AS A COURTESY TO BOTH THE DANCERS AND TEACHERS.**

BE CAREFUL! – There will be many cars in the parking lot during Parent Observation Week, so please be careful! Watch for children darting in between cars, etc. **DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON OUR LAWN OR IN THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE.** Parking is available on Marquette Avenue if there is not enough space in the lot. **DO NOT STOP YOUR CAR IN FRONT OF THE LOBBY DOOR ENTRANCE!** We need to keep our driveway clear to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly! **DO NOT BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY WHILE YOU ARE WAITING FOR YOUR DANCER! DO NOT PARK IN OUR HANDICAP SPACE NEAR THE FRONT DOOR UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAP STICKER IN YOUR VEHICLE! PLEASE OBSERVE OUR PARKING LOT SIGNS!** Thank you so much for your consideration! Thank you for your cooperation in helping make your Parent Observation Week run smoothly!

MONTHLY TUITION – Tuition payments for April must be made by **Saturday, April 6th** to qualify for the \$50 YDA Gift Certificate drawing. The winner of our drawing next month will receive a credit for a free summer class card valued at \$145! Congratulations to our winner from last month's drawing for a \$50 YDA Gift Certificate, *Claire Baker!*

2019 RECITAL LINE-UP – The 2019 Recital Line-Up will be emailed to all YDA families on Monday, April 8th. The performance line-up is the exact order of dances in each of the 6 recital shows. **All shows begin at 7:00pm, with the exception of the Sunday, June 9th show, which is a matinee at 2:00pm.** Please refer to the Recital Performance Schedule 2019 that you received on Monday, March 4th to know in which of the 6 shows each class will perform.

RECITAL COSTUMES – Most costumes have arrived and dancers have been trying them on, checking for fit. **Dancers will be bringing home their costumes along with a "costume instruction sheet" at the end of April.** The costume instruction sheet lists the required tights (style & color), shoes (style & color), hairstyle and additional instructions. If you have any questions after receiving your costume and instruction sheet, please ask your child's teacher for help. Dancers in each class are required to have the same hairstyle, shoes, tights, etc. **PLEASE READ THE COSTUME INSTRUCTION SHEETS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS "TO THE LETTER."**

IMPORTANT! – **NO DANCER WILL BE GIVEN ANY COSTUME UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING FEES ARE PAID THROUGH APRIL.** This includes unpaid late tuition fees and bounced check repayments and fees. **Feel free to inquire at the desk to see if you have any recorded unpaid late fees.**

DANCE SHOES AND RECITAL PICTURE DAYS – If you have not ordered shoes for the recital, please do so now. At this time, we cannot guarantee you will receive your shoes in time for our Recital Picture Days: Friday, May 17th, Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th. Backordered shoes can sometimes take up to 6 weeks to ship. **Dancers must be in full costume with required hairstyle and make up for class pictures, even if you do not plan on purchasing any pictures.** As most of you know, our class pictures are displayed on our lobby monitors and in the hallways at the studio and we would like everyone to be included in these pictures. A lighter version of stage make-up is strongly suggested for pictures. Stage make-up information will be available at the end of the month.

RECITAL TICKET INFORMATION – Tickets for our June 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th performances go on sale **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**.

Recital tickets are sold using a lottery system. The lottery system is explained in the separate "ticket" newsletter you should have received along with this newsletter. You are limited to a 10-ticket maximum **per family during the first week of ticket sales** to ensure that every family gets an even share of tickets. Beginning Monday, May 6th at 4:30 p.m. all remaining tickets will go on sale.

Ticket sales on **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH** begin at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are **\$15.00 each** for all performances. Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend our shows, except of course the dancers backstage and children age 3 & under if seated on a lap of a guest. Please make note at this time that absolutely no dancers are allowed in the auditorium during any of the performances unless they are not performing in that particular recital and have bought a ticket for that particular show.

IMPORTANT! – NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT PAID THEIR TUITION IN FULL THROUGH APRIL AS WELL AS ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING FEES.

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Now is the time for **parents AND dancers age 12 and older** to volunteer to help backstage during our recital week Saturday, June 8th through Friday, June 14th. We need as much help as possible! Please consider helping backstage during at least one of our 6 performances. Our backstage staff will be here at the studio on Saturday, April 27th (Recital Ticket Day) to help you with your questions. Click any one of the links below to volunteer for each specific recital:

[Saturday, June 8th](#)
[Sunday, June 9th](#)
[Monday, June 10th](#)
[Tuesday, June 11th](#)
[Thursday, June 13th](#)
[Friday, June 14th](#)

2019-2020 TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2019-2020 Technique Intensive Program for dancers age 7-18 years will be held

Dancers Ages 7-9* – Tuesday, May 28th from 5:30 – 7:00pm
Dancers Ages 10-12* – Thursday, May 30th from 6:30 – 8:00pm

Age listed above is the dancer's age as of JANUARY 1st, 2020 (not necessarily their current age)

Dancers Ages 13 and Older interested in auditioning for the 2019-2020 TI Program must submit an application and video if they were not involved in the 2018-2019 YDA TI Program. Please inquire for details.

To learn more about Young Dance Academy's Technique Intensive (TI) Program, as well as our Competitive Dance Program, please pick up an informational packet beginning **TODAY!**

Hard copies are available only. We will not email our Technique Intensive Program packet.

In addition, **please attend an important meeting** for all those interested in the TI and Competitive Dance Programs to be held on **Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m.** at the studio. This meeting is primarily for parents who have not had their dancer involved in any of the above listed programs during this past dance season, however all are welcome and encouraged to attend to be well informed.

The presentation will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer session.

Please read over our informational packet before you attend the meeting, as many of your questions will be answered in the packet.

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED

- **Recital Performance Schedule & Accompanying Letter of Explanation** – Lists which dances are in each specific show (Received on 3/5)
- **Young Dance Summer Schedule** – Continue your love of dance throughout the summer with our 8-week programs. (Received on 3/11)

UPCOMING INFORMATION – In the next several weeks you will be receiving the following:

- **Performance Lineup** – Lists the order of dances in each show.
- **Dress Rehearsal Schedule** – Dress rehearsals will be held at Greendale High School on May 31st, June 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.
- **Recital Picture Schedule and Picture Package Information**- Sport Pics, the company who photographs our dancers, will mail pictures directly to you! Recital pictures are taken at Young Dance on **FRIDAY, MAY 17th, SATURDAY, MAY 18th AND SUNDAY, MAY 19th**.

- **Recital Costumes with Costume Instruction Sheets** – Lists costume pieces, accessories, required style and color tights, sewing instructions, placement of headpieces, required hairstyle, etc. (end of April along with recital costumes).
- **Stage Make-Up Application Instruction Sheet** – Includes diagrams and tips for applying cosmetics for stage and styling hair in the required hairstyles. (end of April along with recital costumes)
- **Recital DVD Purchasing Information** - NOTE: **NO VIDEO CAMERAS OF ANY KIND are allowed in the auditorium during any of the recital performances** on June 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th! Watch for DVD/Blu-Ray order forms in May.
- **YDA's Summer Dance Intensive** – Young Dance Academy hosts its very own 2 week Summer Dance Intensive featuring a faculty of master class teachers from the Broadway stage, to TV, movies and professional dance companies. Watch for more information to come in May. **Our Summer Dance Intensive will be held from Friday, August 9th through Thursday, August 22nd.**

SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION - A variety of classes will be held over the summer in our 8-week program from June 17th – August 8th, 2019. Summer classes at Young Dance Academy are offered during both daytime and evening hours Monday through Thursday, as well as Saturday mornings. We also offer 2-Day Themed Mini Dance Camps that are perfect for dancers ages 3-5. Mini Dance Camp classes are held Tuesdays & Thursdays throughout the summer from 5:00 – 6:00pm beginning Tuesday, June 18th. Each week is a different themed class. Both of our summer programs schedules are available and were emailed to you on Monday, March 11th. Check out our website for more information!

IMPORTANT – Please make certain you pay close attention to your emails from Young Dance during the next couple of months leading up to our rehearsal and recital weeks. If you have any questions, please call the studio and someone from our staff can answer them for you. Please check our website www.youngdance.biz frequently for any information you may have missed. You may download these informational notes from our website as they become available. All of the upcoming information will also be available on the Young Dance app under the “Recital 2019” tab.

YOUNG DANCE GOLF OUTING – Now is the time to sign up for the YDA Golf Outing! Join us for golf, food, refreshments, fun and prizes on Sunday, June 23rd at the Muskego Lakes Country Club. Help support the TI dancers as they raise money to attend the international dance festival, Dance Excellence in Los Angeles 2020. Don't miss out on all the fun! See the front desk for more details.

REMINDER – Don't forget to be up-to-date on tuition payments!

- **No costume will be given to a dancer whose tuition is not paid in full through April, including any outstanding past due balances.**
- **No tickets will be sold to any family whose tuition is not paid in full through April, including any outstanding past due balances.**

Thank you and don't forget **Parent Observation Week** begins this Monday, April 1st!
Sandy and Staff