

Thank you to all who attended our spring Parent Observation days, April 1st – 6th. We hope you enjoyed seeing how much your children have grown as dancers over this past year!

TUITION – May tuition must be paid by **Tuesday, May 7th** to be eligible for the May drawing to **receive a credit for a free summer class card valued at \$145!** If you do not plan to attend any summer classes, you may opt for a free \$50 YDA Gift Certificate instead. Congratulations to **Eva Mason**, winner of last month's \$50 YDA Gift Certificate!

BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING VIA EMAIL:

- **Performance Line-Up** – The order of the dances in each of the six shows. Make sure you have double checked that your dancer does not have two dances back to back in any of the recitals.
- **Picture Schedule and *Order Forms** – Recital Picture Days – **FRIDAY, MAY 17th, SATURDAY, MAY 18th AND SUNDAY, MAY 19th**. Pictures are held at the dance studio. **Please let your teachers know if you will be unable to attend your scheduled class picture.**
***Recital picture order forms were available on Ticket Day, Saturday, April 27th. They are now available at the studio front desk.**
- **Stage Make-Up Instruction Sheet** – Includes a diagram for application
- **Dress Rehearsal Schedule** – Dress Rehearsal Days – Friday, May 31st, Saturday, June 1st, Monday, June 3rd, Tuesday, June 4th, Wednesday, June 5th and Thursday, June 6th, 2019. Dress rehearsals are held at **Greendale High School** in the Henry Ross Auditorium. There will be **NO** dress rehearsals or regular classes held at the dance studio or GHS on **Friday, June 7th**.

THIS WEEK YOUR DANCER WILL BE RECEIVING:

- **Recital Costumes and Costume Instruction Sheets** – If you have any questions concerning your dancer's recital costume please do not hesitate to ask. Dancers will not receive a costume if any unpaid fees are past due. Please check with the front desk staff concerning any unpaid balances.

COSTUME ALTERATIONS – Parents of dancers are responsible for alterations to all costumes. We order costumes in October and generally order larger than measurements taken in September to allow for growth. We cannot possibly judge how much or how little all the students we order costumes for will grow or will not grow. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADJUST PANT LENGTH IF NECESSARY. Costumes come with a standard long length to accommodate the tallest dancers. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PANTS DRAGGING!** Please do not feel it is necessary to go to great lengths to have a costume altered to be custom fit. Many times safety pins and/or basting stitches work well and the costumes look fine from stage.

RECITAL SHOES AND TIGHTS – You should already have the proper shoes required for each dance unless they have been back ordered. If any back ordered shoes are not in by your Picture Day we will hide feet in the group picture or you may be able to borrow a "try-on" for individual pictures, if we have the style & color you need in stock. We have many shoes in stock at this time. Please make sure your dancer has the proper shoes for their Recital Picture Day.

Required style and color of tights for each dance was listed on your shoe style and color sheet you received in January. It is repeated on the costume instruction sheet you should have taken home with your costume. **Costume instruction sheets are also available on the YDA app.** Please purchase your tights as soon as possible if you have not done so already. Tights can be purchased right at our front desk. No ordering necessary! Remember that you need them for pictures on **FRIDAY, MAY 17th, SATURDAY, MAY 18th AND SUNDAY, MAY 19th**. Don't wait until the last minute to purchase your tights! We sometimes run out of certain sizes and colors on Picture Days when too many people wait until the day of their picture to purchase their tights! Please make sure your dancers have the proper style, color and brand name of tights. Please note: Pantyhose are not tights. **We check the dancers for correct tights during Picture Days and at Dress Rehearsals.**

HAIR STYLING & COSMETIC APPLICATION – Now that you have your costume instruction sheets with hairstyle descriptions and hair & make-up instruction sheets, some of you may feel you need a little extra help in the hair and make-up areas. We would like to make this as stress-free as possible for you! Some of you may be concerned about changing hairstyles between dance numbers now that you have received the line-up for each show. The backstage staff will be able to demonstrate how the hairstyle changes can be done during dress rehearsal week at Greendale High School. We want to make this experience as stress-free as possible for you. We want you to enjoy recital time with your dancer. Do not stress yourself out... it is only hair and make-up!

Hair Styling & Cosmetic Application Services

Our staff will be available to set and style hair and apply cosmetics for you for Recital Pictures! They will be using this service as a fundraiser.

IMPORTANT – For hygienic purposes, you must provide your own hair rubber bands, hairnets, combs, brushes and bobby pins as well as cosmetics and applicators. We do not share products or applicators. Services offered are as follows:

Cosmetic Application - \$10.00 per dancer

Bun Hairstyle - \$5.00 per dancer

No appointment is necessary for bun hairstyling and/or cosmetic application. Please arrive **at least 1 hour prior** to your scheduled picture time if you plan to use our services. **Payments are made directly to the stylist at the time of service. Cash is preferred; however you may write a check directly to the individual stylist as well.**

RECITAL TICKETS WENT ON SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 27th!

Please refer to the ticket purchasing information sheet for more information. **NO DANCERS IN COSTUME ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING ANY SHOWS!** If a dancer changes out of costume to sit in a purchased reserved auditorium seat they may not return backstage to participate in the show's **FINALE**. If you have not purchased your ticket limit of 10 tickets per family, you have through Saturday, May 4th to purchase your limit. **On Monday, May 6th, the remaining tickets go on sale during regular studio hours beginning at 4:30pm, first come, first serve.**

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Below are links to volunteer for each specific show. **Click on the date you wish to volunteer** and it will take you to the sign-up for that specific show. Thank you in advance!

[Saturday, June 8th](#)

[Sunday, June 9th](#)

[Monday, June 10th](#)

[Tuesday, June 11th](#)

[Thursday, June 13th](#)

[Friday, June 14th](#)

COSTUME CHANGES – Each show is divided into 2 Acts with a 15-minute intermission. The backstage crew will make costume changes within each Act. A list of costume changes within each Act is being compiled at this time. If dancers have a dance in the First Act and one in the Second Act, we assume that you will come backstage during intermission to help your child with the costume and hairstyle change. **Please check during dress rehearsal week that your dancer is on the costume change list if your dancer has a costume change within a single Act in any of our 6 recitals. REMEMBER TO LIMIT MOVEMENT IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE RECITALS.** Please rely on our back stage crew to change your dancer within an Act instead of getting up to go backstage to do it yourself. Auditorium doors will open in between dances **ONLY!** Please do not get up in the middle of a dance group's performance to exit the auditorium.

PREPARING FOR THE SHOWS – All dancers are being adequately prepared for the rehearsals and recitals. Teachers explain what to expect backstage and the importance of cooperation in helping to make things run smoothly. For example, little ones are told they must wait for someone to pick them up backstage and not to go looking for mom or dad in the hallways, etc.

RECITAL TIMES – All performances begin at **7:00pm (with the exception of the Sunday, June 9th show which is at 2:00pm)**. You will receive more information about dancer arrival times, etc. in the June Newsletter and Backstage Information sheet, which will be emailed to you in mid-May.

2019-2020 TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2019- 2020 Technique Intensive Program for dancers age 7-12 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.

For more information please pick up a TI Program packet at the front desk! In addition, an informational meeting will be held at the dance studio on Saturday, May 4th at 11:00am concerning the above program. If you missed the meeting and have questions, we will put you in touch with a parent representative to answer any of your questions.

TI NEWS – Our competitive dancers will compete at Spotlight Dance Cup in Milwaukee this weekend and the Showstopper Dance Competition in Chicago the following weekend. Good luck dancers and safe travels!

RECITAL T-SHIRTS – We will again be selling t-shirts to commemorate our annual recital.

T-shirt prices are as follows: \$18.00 for one (1), \$35.00 for two (2), \$48.00 for three (3), each additional shirt is \$16.00 each.

To receive the volume discount, you must purchase your t-shirts all at one time. In other words, you may not come in and purchase two shirts one day for \$35.00 and then come in on another day and purchase two more t-shirts for the discounted price of \$16.00. T-shirts range in size from Child Small up to Adult Extra Large. Get your t-shirts early! We do not place a second order, so once they are gone, they're gone!

Recital t-shirts will be available for purchase no later than Tuesday, May 14th. Watch for an email update!

UPCOMING DAYS OFF – Just a reminder...

- **NO** classes will be held on **Friday, May 24th through Monday, May 27th**, the Memorial holiday weekend.
- **NO** classes on **Friday, May 31st**. **THERE WILL BE REGULAR CLASSES AT THE STUDIO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, AS THOSE CLASSES DO NOT OVERLAP WITH DRESS REHEARSALS AT GHS. NO** regular classes will be held at the studio **Monday, June 3rd – Friday, June 14th** during dress rehearsals and recital performances at GHS.

Information coming to you soon:

- 1) More recital information (arrival times, procedure, etc.)
- 2) Information for those who have volunteered to help back stage.
- 3) Recital DVD ordering information.

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!

YOUNG DANCE GOLF OUTING – There is still time to sign up for the YDA Golf Outing! Join us for golf, food, fun, refreshments 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.

Thank you!
Sandy Young and Staff