## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Halfway through our season and it's flying by! Here's what's happening at the studio this month:

**February Schedule:** We will be closed for Winter break from February 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

**February Tuition**: February tuition is due this week. Reminder: Tuition received after the 1<sup>st</sup> will incur a \$5.00 late fee, tuition received after the 7<sup>th</sup> will incur a \$10.00 late fee.

**Fantasy Island Showcase:** I have just received information on this year's dance showcase. Sadly, the new owners of the theme park have decided not to include free tickets for our dancers and parents anymore. I am very disappointed in this, as Dance Connection has been participating in this showcase since I was three years old! I have tentatively booked us for a slot on May 27<sup>th</sup>, depending how many families want to participate. There is a discounted admission price for dancers and family members of \$9.99 each. That money will be due to me by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no discounted admission the day of the show, so everyone needs to be pre-registered. Please detach and return the form below on whether you are interested in being a part of this event!

**Zap A Snack Fundraiser:** Fundraisers are due back January 31<sup>st</sup> with full payment! Dancers will receive 30% credit towards costumes, competition, or tuition. Orders take approximately three weeks to come in.

**Costume Balances:** Costume balances are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Balance information is on your tuition envelopes. **Competition:** Competition information regarding what dances are attending what events is coming home this week. Fees per dancer are listed next to the routines. Please let Miss Krista know ASAP if your child will not be going to competition. Fees are due March 1<sup>st</sup> for Showstopper in Pittsburgh and March 16<sup>th</sup> for Summerdanse in Buffalo.

ALL COMPETITION DANCERS ARE TO WEAR SOLID BLACK LEOTARDS/DANCE SEPARATES TO CLASS THE LAST LESSON OF EACH MONTH.

**Attendance:** Attendance is very important! Each class builds on the last. If your dancer misses, it does not only hurt them but holds back the rest of the group as well. Please let me know if your child will be missing and I will let you know if a makeup is necessary. **REMINDER:** Competition dancers cannot miss more than 3 lessons. After 3 lessons are missed they are ineligible for competition unless a makeup lesson is scheduled and paid for. Makeup lessons are \$20 per half hour session.

**Appropriate Dancewear:** Please remember to send your dancer in the appropriate clothing which consists of a leotard or dance separates!!! If your dancer is wearing a tank top and shorts/leggings to class, they need to be tight to their body. Dancers sent to class in baggy or restrictive clothing will be asked to change or sit.

Picture Day: Please note that the date for Picture Day has been rescheduled to June 10!

## **Important Dates:**

Showstopper Competition in Pittsburgh: April 6-8

Summerdanse Competition at Maryvale High School: May 18-20

Fantasy Island Showcase: tentatively May 27 Picture Day at the dance studio: June 10

Dress Rehearsal 1 at Lake Shore High School: June 11 Dress Rehearsal 2 at Lake Shore High School: June 12

Recital 1 at Lake Shore High School: June 15 Recital 2 at Lake Shore High School: June 16

**Website/Facebook**: An easy way to stay connected is through our website <u>www.derbydanceconnection.com</u> or our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/danceconnectionderby</u>.

If there are ever ANY questions or concerns, please feel free to call me (716) 220-2679! @

Thanks	
	Miss Krista
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My dancer	will / will not be participating in the Fantasy Island showcase.
I will need tickets at \$9.99 each.	