



Steppin' Out Dance Centre January 2019 Newsletter

<u>Christmas Party:</u> Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Christmas party. As always, we had an excellent turn out and we raised over \$2,200 to donate to Lisa and the patients and families at Southern Maine Healthcare. We also donated a truckful of food to the Biddeford Food Pantry. Thank you for celebrating the holidays with us and for your generosity. You've all made a difference!

<u>Birthday Parties:</u> Have your Birthday Party here with us! Invite unlimited guests for \$125. Includes 1 hour dance party of your choice with an instructor and 1 hour for cake and presents! Choose from Ballerina party, Princess party, Mermaid party, Wonderland Tea party, or a theme of your own. If you have any questions please see us in the Dancewear store!

<u>Watch Week:</u> Our next watch week will be held Monday, February 4th thru Saturday, February 9th for those in Studio I (downstairs) and Monday, February 11th thru Saturday, February 16th for those in Studio II (upstairs).

<u>UNE Dance Clinic:</u> This year, UNE is offering their 2nd annual Dance Team Clinic on Sat. February 9th, 2019. Our dancers had a great time last year and look forward to participating again. Dancers get to learn and perform with the UNE dance team at halftime of the 1pm UNE women's basketball team. They offer a full day for dancers 3rd-12th grade and a half day for dancer 2nd grade and under. For more information speak with our office staff or check out their facebook event.

February Vacation: There will be no regular classes held during February vacation - Monday, February 18th thru Saturday, February 23rd.

Inclement Weather: Class cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on Channels 6, 8, and 13 or check the message on our studio machine. We will also post on our Facebook page and send out an email if classes are cancelled. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will only be rescheduled if there is a second cancellation for that class. Tuesday morning classes are automatically cancelled if there is a delay in the Biddeford/Saco schools.

<u>Costume Balances:</u> Costume pictures will be posted in our lobby this month. <u>Costume payments are now past due and will automatically be charged a \$10 late fee</u>. In addition to these costumes, you will need the proper colored dance tights and shoes. These specifics will be indicated by your class costume picture. Please purchase or order your tights early.

<u>Competition Teams:</u> This is just a reminder that competition fees for the upcoming competitions are <u>due by February 1st</u>. All fees paid after this date will have a \$10 late fee added. Please be sure to pay these on time as we need to forward these to the competitions before their deadlines. Please see separate packet.

<u>No Street Shoes/Dress Policy:</u> We would like to remind all our dancers and their parents of our dress code policy. Long hair should be tied back away from the face and proper dance attire and shoes should be worn to every class. Street shoes are not allowed, especially during the winter as they wear on our floor finish and put street salt and water on our dance floors. All streetfunk students should have a separate pair of dance sneakers or jazz shoes for classes. Please leave all street shoes in the lobby or in a dance bag.

<u>City Hall Parking Lot:</u> The City Hall parking lot is only available to the public after 5pm on weekdays and anytime on the weekends. Please use Main St. and Cutts St. for parking.