Brite Star Twirlers of Central Florida Oct 2016 Updated Newsletter w/ Important Information

Hello Brite Star Family, I am sending this letter today informing everyone that I will be the person responsible for all payments that will be made to Brite Stars. We have many September and October payments that are still missing. **I need your help!!** If you have paid by checks, please send me just the check numbers and amounts so I can match them up with Candy's and I'll have better knowledge of where you stand on our books. If you have not signed up on online yet, please do so as soon as possible, as this makes it so much easier to keep a log of all your payments. Also, if you have not sent September or October's payment in, they need to be sent by Monday, October 24th, 2016.

- Some Parents still need to send in registration, agreement and photo consent forms.
- All forms can be found on our website: www.britestartwirlers.com
- Registration is easy and allows me to have your information for us to communicate

Upcoming events:

- 1. Nov 12th UCF Majorette Day (Middle/High school kids only) deadline is 10/24
- 2. Dec 3rd Winter Park Christmas Parade @9am
- 3. Dec 3rd Macy's Holiday Parade at Universal Theme Park Parade @5pm (Optional)
- 4. Dec 10th Oviedo and Baldwin Park (Still waiting on Times)

If you would like to be a part of the Macy's Holiday parade at Universal Theme Park this year, here is some important information. First, we will be doing this parade with the Solid Gold Twirlers. By joining them, it allows us to get discounted ticket prices and the use of your park passes for those who have season tickets. In the past we have purchased a shirt to wear for this parade. This year, the participants will need to order a leotard which will be worn by all the twirlers. (It will be similar to the one in the picture on the right, but in black and deep red velvet). It will look very elegant. You can visit the website and order the leotard online as soon as possible @www.britestartwirlers.com

As of today, we only have 5 girls that have signed up for this parade. If you want to still want to participate the deadline is Tuesday, October 25th. If we do not hear from you by Tuesday, we will assume you're not going and we will make a final decision at that point as to whether or not we will participate in this parade.

Pay Now Page - This page on the website is setup like an online store. Here you will be able to pay for registration, classes, show fees and equipment will be added soon! In addition to being able to pay for multiple items in a single transaction (no additional fees), you can also pay using a debit or credit card or pay pal with more ways to pay coming soon. While our online store uses PayPal to process payments currently, you do not have to have a PayPal account to check out. The online store also features the ability to make an account which we believe provides some additional value. The benefit of making your own account allows you to see historical orders. This will come in handy as we add more items including equipment and can help you keep track of what items you have paid for. We ask and encourage everyone to use this new tool as it will help us track payments and equipment purchases much more efficiently. Its mobile friendly as well!

<u>**Remind**</u> – We would like for everyone to join REMIND!!! This tool will be used to send class announcements and updates. We ask that everyone get signed up to use this system so that you do not miss out on any important updates from Brite Star. Download the app and follow instructions to join Brite Star Twirlers. If you need help, please call me and I will help you sign in. Maria@407-704-9977

Tuition is due by the 10th of every month. I accept cash and checks (no fees), credit card and Pay Pal (3% processing fee). There will be a non-refundable charge of \$30 for any returned check. After the 2nd returned check, the parent must pay in cash or credit card only. Also, if you are paying by cash or check you must put the payment in an envelope marked with your child's name, what the payment is for and which class. After the payment deadline, there will be a \$10 late fee added to your account. The website is all set up and ready to accpet all your payments. Annual registration fee is \$35.00. The monthly tuition is \$47.00 (level II), Level II/extra routine fee is \$58.00. Competition team monthly fees are \$80.00. Please look at the agreement policies which will explain the levels and fees.

Parade Attire: Parents, please make sure your child tries on all of their current Brite Star clothing ASAP to check if they are in need of a new size. **A new order is going to be placed on Nov 3rd, so we can have them before the first parade.** Please email me your order at britestaronline@gmail.com.

****Students, practice and attendance are extremely important**. You need to attend all of your classes and make time for practice at home. Most of our teams have more than one routine to learn, as well as a parade routine. In addition, this year we will have a calendar on our Website so you can print it and use for your child's practice sheet. The purpose of this sheet is to encourage your child to practice. If they turn them in at the end of the year, they can receive a special award at the show.

Thank you so much for all your support, Maria Cortes/Office Manager 407-704-9977 britestaronline@gmail.com