



MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students,

The month of May has arrived! The recital will be here before we know it. How Exciting! Our theme this month is DETERMINATION+FOCUS+COMMITMENT = SUCCESS!. All classes are finishing, cleaning, practicing dances, and discussing the fun of performance on stage. Attendance at this time of year is more important than ever. If one dancer is missing, the entire class may be thrown off. Please make sure attendance is consistent; not only for your sake, but also out of respect for your fellow classmates. Please read on for information regarding the recital, summer sessions and the upcoming 2017/2018 dance year!

We are providing upcoming assistance opportunities for our older students, so please encourage your dancer to sign up!

Dates to know:

1. **Switch Weeks: May 1st-6th, May 29th- June 2nd (Nisky studio only)**
2. **Monday May 29th – Memorial Day– NO CLASSES**
3. **Friday, June 9th Dress Rehearsal** – see recital webpage for times/details
4. **Saturday June 10th : Dance Recitals**
10:30am Preschool AND Kindy/1st level classes, Irish Level 1
1:00pm Level 1 and Level 2
3:30pm Level 3/4/5/6
5. No Classes in Nisky June 12th-17th (Except Mommy and Me on Friday at 10:00!)
6. June 17th – Strawberry Festival on Upper Union St. – Join Dance Me for a day of Fun!
7. June 19th through 24th – End of Year parties at Nisky Studio – Please stay tuned for days and times by levels!
8. June 24th – Last Day of Glenville Classes for the School Year

Recital Location: Mohonasen High School – 2072 Curry Rd. Schenectady, NY 12303

Please visit our recital page on our website: <http://www.dancemeschool.com/2017-dance-recital.html>

Recital Tickets:

Online ticket sales have begun and are almost sold out, so please make sure you purchase your tickets for your respective shows as soon as possible. Ticket cost is \$10 plus the \$1.35 service fee for the online site. All seats are assigned, so act quickly!

Recital Pictures, Flowers and DVD information

FLOWERS

COMING SOON!! We are working out details for flowers. We plan to put out a Pre-sale sign up sheet in the next week or so! Stay tuned!

PICTURES

Dear Dance Me Families! We are once again lucky enough to partner with Sophiasabella Photography for our Recital photos! Kristen has so kindly offered us extreme savings on these photos so please take advantage! There are 2 options! See below:

OPTION 1

DANCE ME PICTURE DAY AT SOPHIA SABELLA PHOTOGRAPHY

SATURDAY, June 3rd 11AM - ?

***Time Slots are officially filled so please contact Kristen if you are still interested in this option.

For Parents and Students looking for a couple of looks:

Saturday, June 3rd will be Dance Me Picture Day at Sophia Sabella Photography

Package: 15 minute photo shoot (as many costumes as you can fit into the time slot) = 5 digital photos

Cost: \$99(includes tax)

Siblings – 2 for \$135 – 15 minutes total – 1 time slot

OPTION 2

DRESS REHEARSAL PHOTO OPS

SOPHIA SABELLA PHOTOGRAPHY

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH @Dress Rehearsal

Mohonasen High School

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A 5 MINUTE TIME SLOT - sign up in Studio A

Cost \$47 for 1 costume = 2 digital images

You will not be able to show up for a photo without pre-sign ups!!

PAYMENT REQUIRED AHEAD OF TIME – CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO SOPHIASABELLA PHOTOGRAPHY

YOU MAY LEAVE CHECKS IN TUITION BOX WITH NAME

DVDs

Dance Recital DVD Presale Sign-Up available in Studio A

(Presale will close out June 1st)

*AutoPayments will be run June 1st.

*Copies may be available after the recital...however, it is not guaranteed!

1 show - \$20

two shows - \$35

three shows - \$50

DVDs will be available for pick up middle to end of summer

A New videographer is working for us this year- much better quality than last year!

Recital practice videos!!!

Please visit the recital page on the Dance Me website to find videos of your teachers doing the recital dances for our younger dancers to practice at home with. At this point in the year attendance to classes is very important and practicing at home is equally important. As we prepare our younger dancers to go on the big stage it is just as helpful for parents to talk with them about it at home so they are fully prepared and understand that they will be performing for a crowd of people! We like to avoid stage fright as much as possible! Please talk with them about how much fun it is to perform and show everything they have been working so hard on all year!

Recital Helpers Needed!

This year we are looking for our older students ages 12 + to help us with our 10:30 and 1:00 recitals. We need as many helpers as we can get! We especially need help with the 10:30 show as we are trying to allow parents the opportunity to sit and enjoy the show, rather than running back and forth. We have a sign-up sheet at studio A! We will assign all helpers a job as the day approaches! Thank you in advance!

Recital Costumes:

All costumes will be distributed very soon if you haven't received them already. We are still waiting on the arrival of some. Stay tuned!

Dress Rehearsal Friday, June 9th – More details to follow

- Preschool and Kindy/1st 5:00-6:30pm
- Level 1 and 2 6:45-8:00pm
- Level 3/4/5/6 8:00pm-10:30pm (we will not be running any competition dances at dress rehearsal)

How will the recitals work???

Our plan for this year is to have parents help as little as possible so they can sit and enjoy the show. Of course if you would prefer to be in charge of your child you are welcome to do so! Also, AS MUCH AS WE LOVE FATHERS ☺, with the majority of our students being girls we ask that fathers stay away from the changing areas. Thank you in advance!!

10:30 Show:

We will be assigning student volunteers and teachers to classes. Students will be waiting in the hallway 5 numbers prior to when they go on stage. In the mean time they will remain in the dressing areas with their helpers along with some entertainment ☺. Our helpers and teachers will be helping students get changed from their first costume into their second costume when the time comes. To help the process we are going to assign an animal to each class so that the class can put their costume and dance bags in the assigned area of the dressing room. This way we will be able to locate their belongings. Please label all items including, costumes, tights, and shoes. This will help us stay organized. If a parent would prefer to change their child please feel free to come backstage and change them immediately after they dance. If you are ok with our process then please feel free to relax and enjoy the show!

At the end of the show all students will be in their tap shoes so that they can perform our studio wide tap warm up as a finale! We have tried to make this process simple by making the majority of our dances ballet in the first half of the show and tap in the second half, with the exception of a couple of kindy/1st classes. After the finale 1 parent should come backstage to meet their students at their assigned dressing area. It gets very crowded to please only 1 parent. Thank you! We will be running dress rehearsal in this exact same manner so please drop them off backstage and feel free to have a seat! Of course if they have to get a picture taken feel free to come get them ☺

1:00 Show:

The majority of our Level 1 and 2 students are in multiple dances. This means that they will be changing back stage and may not have much time for going into the audience. We are leaving the back left 2 rows of the auditorium blocked off for students who are not in multiple dances, but for the most part students will remain backstage. Parents are welcome to come back and change their own children, but we will also assign student helpers to the backstage dressings areas so that they can help students change in addition to keeping them entertained and out of trouble ☺

SPIRIT WEEKS!!!!

May 8th-13th Crazy Sock/Crazy Hair

May 15th-20th MisMatch Week

May 22nd – May 27th Old Costume Week

RECITAL TIGHTS:

Please remember that tights are provided for Levels 2 and under. All other levels are expected to have the correct color tights. We sell these tights at the studio at a very good price. Child \$6 / Adult \$7 Please see desk attendant or teacher for help!

June Tuition:

Please remember that the way that we price our tuition is divided up monthly for an entire school year of dance from September through June. Although June doesn't have a full month of classes, we provide other events such as the recital and our end of year parties. We expect that all tuition and other payments due will be paid prior to our June 9th dress rehearsal. Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding!

Summer 2017

All Summer information is posted on the website under Summer 2017. Summer is my favorite time for dance classes as it is so laid back and fun! Plus students need something to do all summer! We have classes in the evenings as well as daytime camps and intensives. Register ASAP before classes fill up! info@dancemeschool.com or fill out a registration form at studio A or Glenville!

If you have already sent in your registrations we have them and are working to input them all into the computer. Thank you for getting them in so quickly and for your patience with us as we organize!

NISKY AND GLENVILLE EVENING CLASSES WILL PERFORM AT THE END OF SUMMER FESTIVAL AT OUR GLENVILLE LOCATION

Friday, August 11th 5:00pm-8:00pm

This festival will incorporate so much fun! Stay tuned for details!

2017/2018 Dance Year

The schedule for next year is officially on the website and open for registration. Please take a look and register ASAP! Classes will fill up quickly. To register for next year, either send me an email with what you would like to be registered into, or fill out the form included with your recommendation form. No payments are due up front and you will avoid the annual registration fee by registering before June 17th. Registration is now open to the public for registration. We hope that all of our current students will act quickly to be guaranteed the class of your choice!

If you have sent in your registration thank you! We are keeping track and working to get them inputted as soon as we finish summer registrations. Thank you for your patience ☺

MOVE AND LEARN PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

COMING FALL 2017!!!

Registration now open!

Does your 3 or 4 year old attend a Preschool on a part-time basis?

Do you feel your child could use a bit more time moving, learning, and socializing?

Is your child preparing for kindergarten and could use some extra kindergarten readiness?

Dance Me's Move and Learn Program just might be the right place for you!

Typical Day at Move & Learn

9:00-9:45 Arrival/Must-Do Activity/Center Time

9:45-10:00 Circle Time

10:00-10:30 Stretching and Music Fun

10:30-10:45 Snack

10:45-11:15 Tumbling

11:15-11:30 Free Play to Pick Up

****Must-Do Activities are math and literacy centers

****Center Time will be math, literacy, science, fine/gross motor skills, etc

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NISKAYUNA 9am-11:30am 3 year olds	SCOTIA/GLENVILLE 9am-11:30am 4 year olds	SCOTIA/GLENVILLE 9am-11:30am 3 year olds	NISKAYUNA 9am-11:30am 4 year olds		

Trimesters	Beginning Date	Ending Date	No School Dates
1 st	September 11 th	November 30 th	October 9 th , November 23 rd
2 nd	January 3 rd	March 22 nd	January 15 th , February 19 th -23 rd
3 rd	April 2 nd	June 21 st	April Break (tbd), May 28 th

TO REGISTER: INFO@DANCEMESCHOOL.COM

Thanks so much for taking the time to read through this newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

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