



Dear Inspire families-

The time after spring break has always been one of my favorite times of the dance year. It's the time when we get into full recital swing- dances are being finished, costumes are in and the kids get to try them on for the first time, programs, t-shirts and awards are being ordered. And then there's the finale dance, I love both practicing and stepping on the stage with all the dancers and dancing right along with them!

Even though we can't all physically be together right now, I think we can still hang onto the excitement that surrounds this time of year. Yes, in a different way but our dedicated staff have spent countless hours working to come up with fun ways for your dancer to prepare for recital and continue to grow their skills. I'm so thankful for all the ways we have to stay connected despite the isolation.

I want to outline what the next month will look like for the Inspire family:

- We will be utilizing several online tools to teach all classes.
 - This will include stretching, skills development and recital practice.
 - Each week, beginning on April 6, we will upload new content for your dancer to follow along with us.
- We know how important it is for interaction, especially now. We will also offer weekly Zoom calls with teachers for your dancer to be live with their teacher and other dancers.

As far as the logistics, here is what you need to know:

- Classes begin **Monday, April 6th** and we plan to reopen on Monday, May 4th.
- Regular tuition will be billed for April.
 - All payments need to be made via the Parent Portal. We will send instructions on that with your statement this weekend.
- If you'd like to pause your account for April, please email Kristen at inspiredanceinfo2@gmail.com by next **Thursday, April 2**.
 - Please remember, if you choose to pause your account, your dancer will not continue to learn their recital dance which could make coming back into class a bit challenging for them. We also understand that for some, this may be necessary and we want to support you.
- Makeup classes for March will be held in May. New schedule to come after break.
- Recital fees are typically due on April 15th. You will see them billed soon, however they will not be due until May 8, just to give you all more time. You are welcome to pay anytime before May 8 via the Parent Portal.
- Competitors- you will get a separate email soon with rehearsal and other information.

Detailed class information will come next Friday. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for you to get your child connected and dancing. Please know this is new to all of us and if there are kinks, we will work together to make things as smooth as possible. We appreciate you all!

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am here to support you and your dancer during this challenging time. I, along with all the teachers, look forward to seeing you online soon!

Miss Trista