



Brite Star Twirlers of Central Florida



November 18th 2016

Wishing you all the gift of Faith and the Blessing of Hope

Hello Brite Star Family. I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is next week. I hope everyone will have a great Thanksgiving and you enjoy the time with your family and friends. This year, Coach Candy will be going away for Thanksgiving. I have not traveled with my family in four years. So I am very excited to be able to spend time with my family and be able to get some special Nana time with my two favorite grandsons. I want you to know what I am thankful for? Besides being thankful for my family and friends, I am thankful for my Brite Star family. I love teaching baton and working with your children. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my love for the sport of baton twirling with them. Working with my students helps keep my dream alive. So, Thank you for that.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and May God Bless you.

Now we need to go over a couple of things that will be happening in the next few weeks. Time is going by too fast and I really need you all to please read your emails, Facebook updates and Remind. The Brite Star office staff has been working hard to make sure you are all updated on what is happening. We are trying to make things as easy as possible for you. I know we are all busy, but please take the time and look at the website and your emails at least once a week. Maria sent out Statements to everyone in the Brite Star team. I hope everyone has reviewed it and have been getting all the paper work that is still missing and payments caught up. It is really important to make your payments on time. This allows me to pay my rental locations on time too. If this does not happen, I am charged a late fee that I can't afford to pay. I know there are rough patches and times where need a little help financially. We might need a bit more time to pay for show fees and competition fees. Just please let me know what is going on and we will work something out. I am always here to help and I want everyone to get the opportunity to participate.

I am really proud of all the teams. We are practicing new tricks for the show and we are working very hard on the Parade routines. But for them to reach their goals, they really need to practice at home. If they practice at home, there is more of a chance that they stick with baton twirling. They will build more confidence while strengthening their muscles so they'll be able to move on to new tricks. I want them to get used to repetition. When they get on a schedule of practicing every day, they will be able to make it a routine. As they say, practice makes perfect!!

****Students, practice and attendance are extremely important.** You need to attend all your classes. When students miss a lot of practices they fall behind and they get discouraged. All our Brite Star classes are learning more than one routine. We need to be able to teach them the routines in class so they can go home and practice. Every year, we have a calendar on our website for you to print and use for your child's practice sheet. The purpose of this sheet is to encourage them to practice. If they turn them in at the end of the year, they will receive a special award at the show. The girl with the most logged practices will get a \$75.00 credit to use towards Brite Star Twirlers. You can use it for Summer Camp, equipment or put it towards next year's show fee. So parents, please encourage your children to practice. It is a win, win situation for both and will make your child a happier twirler.

We have been working on our routines and parade routines since starting classes in September. A couple of new performances have been added, (Taste of Orlando, Disney and Disney Springs, a Children's Fundraiser performance), besides the scheduled parades and the Macy's parade at Universal. I am still waiting on all the performance dates. As soon as I have that, I will get it out to you. I am still deciding if we will be doing the Disney performance. We didn't have much success with participation with the Macy's Parade due to low number of tickets purchased. To perform inside a Disney Park, you will need to purchase a Disney Ticket, which can be pricey. I am going to look into perhaps performing at Disney Springs. We may not need to purchase tickets for that.

**Please make sure that you carefully read the monthly newsletters and attachments. You will find performance changes, cancellations and other important upcoming information.

Schedule for Brite Star for November 18th thru January :

Monday, November 28th: Afterschool Christmas Recital

Time: 6:15-7:00pm

Place: Discovery Middle School Gym

Who will Participate: Competition Team, (Galaxy, Titan, Super Nova, the Star Blazers,(our new youngest Team), the High School teams, (ERHS and TCHS) and all our afterschool teams.

Attire: Blue Bling Jersey, black pants and black shoes. High School teams wear their team uniform.

Friday, December 2nd: The Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families Benefit

The older girls have been invited to perform on Friday, December 2nd at this venue. This event will support kids who are at risk for abuse, have special needs or lack access to healthcare. This will be one of our AAU/Brite Star Twirlers Charity work. We will also be twirling fire batons at this performance. The girls can wear the red leotards that we ordered for the Universal's Macy's parade.

Time: We need to be there by 5:45 with a starting time of 6:15-6:30pm

Place: 601 W Michigan St. Orlando, FL 32805

Who will be Participate: Galaxy/Titan and Supernova Teams

Attire: New Red /Black velvet leotard, black pants, black shoes, black socks and hair up in bun.

Saturday, December 3rd: Winter Park Parade

Time: Parade start at 9:00am I will need all Participants at the site by 8:00am. Just remember that parking is very frustrating. So **please**, give yourself ample time to look for parking. It will be a good idea if you can carpool with other families. My suggestion to you, is to leave early and risk the chance of cutting it too close. I have not received the detailed road map yet for this parade. As soon as I get it I will email it to everyone so you can print it out or save it onto your phones. Better yet, we will send it through REMIND.

Attire: Black Pants, Blue T-shirts and black shoes and black socks. Hair pulled up in a bun with light make-up and red lipstick. (The little girls you do not have to wear make-up except for, **the red lipstick.**

EVERYONE NEEDS a Red Plain Santa Hat (Dollar Store) and **TWO** medium size silver bells to loop through the shoe laces. We will be wearing this for all the Christmas parades.

Wednesday, December 7th: Afterschool program for Oviedo

Time: 6:00pm-6:20pm

Place: Riverside Skate Park in Oviedo

Who will perform: Hagerty High School, the Comet/Pixie from the Oviedo Recreation Center Classes and also the Afterschool programs.

Attire: Hagerty will wear their uniform and the Comets and Pixies will wear their Parade uniform.

Saturday, December 10th: Baldwin Park Christmas Night Parade

Time: Parade starts at 6:00 Girls need to be there by 5:15

Here is the map of the drop off for the Participants.

The only vehicles that will be allowed to park in the parade staging area will be those actually driving in the parade.

There will be temporary parking (5 min or less) in the drop off loop for parents with small children or anyone needing assistance in getting to assigned staging location.

Upon arrival in the staging area, please stop at the check-in table to receive your line-up number and location.



*I have not received the map of the parade route yet, but when I do I will email and send through REMIND.

Attire: Black Pants, blue T-shirts and black shoes and black socks. Hair pulled up in a bun with light make-up and red lipstick. (Little ones do not have to wear any make up except **for the red lipstick**.)

Red Plain Santa Hat (Dollar Store) and two medium size silver bells on each shoe. We will wear this for all the Christmas Parades.

We will also be using a lighted baton for this Christmas Parade. So please make sure you have your lighted baton. I will be selling cartridges after Thanksgiving break.

They will be \$5.00 for the pair. If you need to purchase a lighted baton, you can get one from me for \$28.00, which includes a set of cartridges. The lighted batons are used in the End of the Year Show.

Classes Schedule:

Competition Team will have practice on Monday, November 20th. There is no Brite Star Classes next week. Everyone enjoy your Thanksgiving Break.

Also, Brite Star will be shutting down for Christmas break December 19th- January 2nd. Competition Team will have practices during Christmas break, so please check the competition practice schedule below.

Extra Practice for Competition team:

1. Saturday, November 19th 1pm- 4pm (Older girls)
2. Monday, December 19th 1pm-3pm (Practice before the Holiday begins)
3. Monday, December 19th 4pm-6pm (Younger girls? Need to Discuss)
4. Monday, January 2nd 1pm-4pm (Older Girls)

5. Saturday, January 7th 1pm-4pm (Older and Younger girls)
6. Monday, January 16th 2pm-4pm (Older girls)
7. Saturday, February 11th 1pm-4pm (Older Girls)
8. Monday, February 20th 2pm-5pm (Older Girls)

Show fees:

There are three installments for the show fee. The show fees include outfit, trophy, cartridges for light up baton and other costs such as the decorations and props. Twirlers will be measured for their batons in early December. Costumes will be handed out around February or March, but you will not receive your costume unless you have made all three payments. If you have any questions or financial needs, please let me know.

Total cost is \$165.00 (Level II)

Due Date	(1 child)	
October 29th	\$55.00	
November 30th	\$55.00	
January 8th	\$55.00	

If you are **Level II/with extra practice and Level III (Galaxy and Titan)**, or you are performing in the Opening, this is your cost.

Total cost is \$225.00 (2 Uniforms)

Due Date	(1 child)	
October 29 th	\$75.00	
November 30 th	\$75.00	
January 8 th	\$75.00	

*I need to put the Show costume order in before January 1st to make sure we will receive them in time for the April 8th competition and the End of the year show in May. I will not order your costume if you have not made the first two payments. The third payment is due in January. If you are facing financial difficulties, please contact me personally so we can make some kind of an arrangement. I will work with you.

Brite Star and AAU Cares Toy Drive for the Holiday season:

I would like for everyone to donate a toy for the Howard Center for Children and Families Event we are doing on December 2nd. We are so blessed with all the opportunities we can give to our children. It would be so gratifying to have the chance to give back to those less fortunate. Especially during the Holidays. If you can bring an unwrapped toy to the Monday, Nov 28th class. What a great feeling to be able to make a child smile when they open a gift on Christmas Day. TIA

Parent Volunteers Needed for Parades:

We are looking for Parent volunteers to walk in the parade, decorate Coach Candy's car and 2 parents to hold the Brite Star Banner. It is required by the Parade committee, that all parents participating in the parades will need to wear a Brite Star Parent t-shirt. If you are interested in doing this, please email Maria or myself so we can give you the information on how to order a T-shirt. www.britestaronline@gmail.com

We are all looking forward to seeing the growth and development in each one of our twirlers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me www.britestaronline@gmail.com or 407-617-9358.

~Coach Candy