



BDD Messenger

Lights Shine Bright

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 16, 18, 19: Rehearsal Nights • **March 20-21:** Recital Weekend

GET TO KNOW MS. LAURA



I grew up in Kaukauna. As a child, I spent several years dancing in cheerleading and jazz choir. For as long as I can remember, I've loved Jesus and dance.

I first heard about Brighter Days Dance from my sister-in-law, Leanna, who is one of the originals. I loved the idea of a Christian dance studio. So I tried it and loved it even more! Coincidentally, Teresa and I are college friends. It really is a small world after all. A few years ago, I started teaching Jazz and Cheer & Dance at BDD. I feel so blessed to be able to do what I love. God is good!

I have a bachelor's degree in secondary education and am currently working as a para-professional teaching reading to Kindergartners and 1st graders.

My husband and I have been married for 15 years. We have two daughters (who are Brighter Days dancers) and a son (who only dances when no one is watching). I enjoy spending time with God and my family, singing, dancing, eating, laughing, shopping, camping, and visiting Disney World.

My life verse is James 4:8: *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*

DANCE LEVEL PLACEMENTS

Dance Level placements will be EMAILED to everyone within 1-2 weeks AFTER the recital is done. These will ONLY be emailed to dancers ages 8 and up. All other dancers need to take the level that coordinates with their age.

DVD ORDERS

DVDs of the upcoming recital can be ordered at 624films.com/order. Order forms will also be available at the studio.

FLOWERS ORDERS

Would you like a special gift for your dancer on recital day? We've got you covered! Find the order form at brighterdaysdance.com/recitalpictures-2020/

We will also have a limited amount of extra gifts/flowers available for purchase the day of recital. Pre-order now for the best price. BDD cup gift pre-order price is only \$4. Price at recital will be \$5. Rose pre-order price is \$3 per stem. Price at recital will be \$4 per stem. Contact crystal@brighterdaysdance.com with any questions.

RECITAL TICKETS & INFORMATION

"Teach Me to Dance, Take 9" Recital

Friday, March 20 at 6 p.m.

(Beg, Int, Adv dancers)

Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m.

(4's & 5's and Adv dancers only)

Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

(Beg, Int, Adv dancers)

Kaukauna High School

1701 County CE, Kaukauna

Friday, 6 p.m. and Saturday, 2 p.m. shows: \$8.50

Saturday, 10 a.m. show: \$5

THE SATURDAY SHOW IS SOLD OUT!

Order your tickets at 24565.recitalticketing.com/landing.cfm?loc=4 All tickets are reserved/assigned seating.

Lap child policy - Children 3 and under may sit on adult's lap without purchasing a seat, if desired.

Hair & Tights Requirements

Contact your dancer's instructor if you have any questions about costumes or hair for recital. The order of the show and hair and tights requirements can be found below.

brighterdaysdance.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/order-of-show-2020-morning.pdf

brighterdaysdance.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Order-of-show-2020-afternoon-and-evening.pdf

Dress Rehearsals

Monday, March 16 – 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This is ONLY for dancers in the FIRST HALF (1-20) of the Beginning through Advanced level classes. This does NOT include dancers in the Intro classes for 4 & 5 year olds. Dancers come dressed in costume.

Parents MUST STAY for rehearsals with any child younger than 12.

Wednesday, March 18 – 5:30-8:00 p.m.

This is ONLY for dancers in the SECOND HALF (21-37) of the Beginning through Advanced level classes.

This does NOT include dancers in the Intro classes for 4 & 5 year olds. Dancers come dressed in costume.

Parents MUST STAY for rehearsals with any child younger than 12.

Thursday, March 19 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This is ONLY for Intro classes for ages 4 & 5. Dancers come dressed in costume. Parents MUST STAY for rehearsals.

Important Recital Reminders

For all dancers: Dancers are to arrive 30 minutes prior to the recital time. Dancers come in costume with hair done. Parents are not allowed backstage and must purchase a ticket if they want to watch the show. No bracelets, jewelry (little stud earring are ok), or nail polish. No coats, street shoes, toys, phones, etc. are allowed backstage. We will provide water and games/activities.

If your child has a costume change: They need their costume labeled in a garment bag (one costume per bag) labeled with the song/number they are in for the recital. They need their own comb/brush, bobby pins, hair spray, etc. in a labeled zip lock with their garment bag for the ladies to help them backstage.

Rehearsal/Recital Doors to Enter (note difference for Weds rehearsals!)

For Monday and Thursday rehearsals, families will go to the MAIN entrance at Kaukauna High School,

through the commons and into the auditorium (as in past years.) **On Wednesday, families will need to**

enter through door A10, which is the next set of doors left of the main entrance. There is an event in

the commons and we will not have access to the auditorium through the commons that day. Recital days,

families will enter through the Main Entrance (as in past years), through the commons and into the auditorium.

GET TO KNOW MS. CRYSTAL



I am blessed to be the administrative assistant for this amazing dance studio. I love this place so very much. When I received an email about a brand new, Christ-centered, dance studio starting up in Kimberly, it felt like such a personal answer to a desire of my heart (that only God knew!) My 5 year-old, little girl could learn to dance!

I was raised in a Christian home by a mom and dad who modeled loving Jesus and his people. My dad came to know Jesus as his personal Savior as a very broken teenager, and from that - he had an urgency to tell everyone that God actually had a plan for their lives. He attended seminary in my elementary years and began his pastoral ministry when I was 10. God used my parents to minister to hurting churches, and He moved our family every few years. Moving often and needing to “work” at making new friends impacted me greatly.

I am a mom to two wonderful children. My son, Evan, is almost 16 and has autism. He is the big guy you may have seen at the studio, waiting for his hip-hop class or his piano lesson. He loves music and technology...and dance! Music is his primary language; words keep coming though! My daughter, Ainsley, is 12 1/2, and we just started homeschooling in January. I am treasuring this time with her, as she is growing and learning. She also breathes music and dance - and loves to draw. My children bring me so much joy!

Confession - most of you probably already know - I am the one gal employed here at the studio that did NOT grow up dancing. My brain does NOT communicate the language of dance to my body. However - music, and even rhythm, are languages I DO speak! And, I very much enjoy working with children, especially when music is involved. So, you may see me leading a “Big & Little” or “Music & Movement” class, when I’m needed!

I probably recognize all of your names on paper - but, I don’t get to see many of your faces during the dance session. If we haven’t met yet, I will be running the concessions table at the Recital, and I would love to meet you. The best part is right around the corner...Recital, here we come!!!

My life verse: *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* - Isaiah 41:10

PICTURE ORDERING

Brighter Days dance pictures are available for purchase online!

1. Go to www.scanlanstudios.com
2. Click on Online Viewing, Sports/Dance/Schools: Brighter Days Dance
3. Enter in the Access Code: (in email to families)
4. Photos are arranged by day and song title

Images posted are proofs. Any image ordered will be professionally enhanced (i.e. facial blemish touch-ups, glass glare removal, etc..)

YOU MAY ORDER UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 5TH TO HAVE YOUR ORDERS DELIVERED TO BRIGHTER DAYS WITH NO SHIPPING CHARGE! Anyone that places their order before midnight on March 5 will get their photos delivered to Brighter Days the week of March 16th (at rehearsals/recital). After March 5, Scanlan Studios will turn the order page back on. Any order placed at this time will have to pay shipping or pick up at Scanlan Studio (in Neenah), only the first set of orders will be delivered back to Brighter Days. If you have any questions about the pictures or the ordering process, please contact Scanlan Studios by calling 920-729-9013 or email: mail@pinnaclepix.com.

BUMPER STICKERS

We love to see other BDD bumper stickers on vehicles, as we are out and about in the Valley! Boy & Girl Logo Bumper Stickers are available at the front of the studio for \$6. You can just put your payment in the drop box, in an envelope labeled "Bumper Sticker."

MAY SAMPLERS

Does your dancer want to try a new genre of dance? Check out our May Samplers. Visit brighterdaysdance.com/2020-dance-class-schedule-and-registration/ Printed May Sampler forms will also be available at the studio and at the recital.

SAVE THE DATE

We're having a rummage sale at the studio on April 22 and 23. We will start taking small items at the studio the week of March 8 during our normal class times. We will also have more drop off dates in April for large items OR bulk donations. These times will be announced later.

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