

MAKE SURE YOU ARE GETTING MY EMAILS!!!! IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION VIA EMAIL PLEASE EMAIL ME at [brighterdaysdance@gmail.com](mailto:brighterdaysdance@gmail.com)

Facebook – if you are on FB, we have a Brighter Days Dance Families page. I post all emails on there as well. Simply request to be part of the page, **fill out the questions** and I will add you. This page is for current dance families only.

\*\*\*please subscribe to our YouTube channel, as we hope someday we can use this as a fundraiser for our studio. THANKS!

- Parent watch weeks are the week of November 17, December 8 and March 16
  - Parents are invited into the room, to watch their child's class for the last 5-10 minutes of class. Each teacher may do this differently so ask them for more details.
  - If you bring other children into the room during this time, **please make sure they are not distracting the class as they try to perform/practice.**
- No Class Weeks
  - The week of November 24
  - The week of December 15
  - The week of December 22
  - The week of December 29
  - The week of March 23
- Absences
  - If you want to report that your child will be missing a class, you will have the opportunity to email the teacher directly.
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- SNOW DAYS/CANCELLED CLASSES
    - I will notify everyone via email if classes are cancelled/delayed along with posting it on Facebook. Feel free to email OR call 759-5659 to verify
    - If a class is cancelled we will NOT make it up, unless there are MORE than 2 cancellations for the same day/class.
  - Class attire/shoes
    - <http://brighterdaysdance.com/dresscode/>
    - We do enforce a modesty dress code for all students ages 6 and up.
      - Shorts/skirts MUST be to the child's fingertips or longer (NO SHEER SKIRTS)
      - All female dancers must wear a leotard to cover their mid-drift at all times while dancing. Boy dancers must wear shirts that are tucked in if they are doing tricks in their classes.
      - ALL Intermediate and Advanced level dancers have a MANDATORY dress code for class wear. Please visit our website for all the specifics.
    - Do NOT wear dance shoes outside!
  - Costumes
    - All students who have not been measured, will be measured the first week of classes. Parents MUST BE THERE SO THEY CAN PICK SIZES!!! These are the times measuring will be done. If you can't make one of these times, we can arrange a private scheduling, but there is a fee for this.
      - Times to be measured:
        - Monday, September 16 - 8:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
        - Tuesday, September 17 - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
        - Thursday, Sept. 19 - 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

- **REMEMBER – NO RETURNS/EXCHANGES FOR COSTUMES.** If the costume doesn't fit your child, you can do alterations to make it work OR order a new one.
- **IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS SHORTS THAT WOULD WORK FOR A COSTUME, PLEASE SEE OR EMAIL TERESA – WE WILL LOOK AT THE SHORTS AND REMOVE THE COST FOR THE SHORTS IF THEY ARE THE CORRECT SHORTS**
- When costumes come in, all the students will try them on IN CLASS so the teacher can see how they fit and make sure they are not defective.
- Parents are responsible for all alteration fees.
- Tap, Hip Hop & Cheer will have socks provided with their costume. TIGHTS will be provided IF THE COSTUME WILL REQUIRE TIGHTS FOR THE RECITAL. This fee is included in your costume total. Please have them wear these socks/tights during picture week, rehearsal AND the recitals.
- Female Dancers: If your dancer needs to wear a bra, they must be nude in color.
- Modesty Requirements: it is hard to tell if a costume will meet our requirements online. Please know there might be an additional fee for costumes when they come in if they do not meet our requirements. Examples: bike shorts, leggings, or extra fabric on chest/sleeve. Male Dancers will possibly need to wear a tank top under their costume, so their stomach is not showing. We will let you know this when the costume comes in.
- If you were measured before the first week, costume invoices can be picked up the FIRST WEEK OF DANCE BY THE BALLOON in the waiting room. If you get measured the first week, then your invoice can be picked up THE SECOND WEEK OF DANCE at the front desk by Crystal.
  - Turn your costume payment in by October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(give to Crystal at the desk OR put in the drop box LABELED)
  - **Payments received AFTER October 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be charged a \$20 processing fee.** If costumes are not paid for prior to our ordering date, they will not be ordered. Costumes are being ordered October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- DID YOU KNOW THAT RECITAL PARTICIPATION IS NOT MANDATORY???
- We will assume your child will be in the recital unless we hear from you by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If you find out mid-session that your child cannot be in the recital, please let Teresa Strenn AND the teacher know ASAP as this change affects several things. Please know that we will not return purchased costumes or refund money for them.
- **As stated in the registration form: By committing to the recital, you are committing to coming to the dress rehearsal the week of the recital AND all the**

recitals your child will be dancing in. If your child is not able to come to the rehearsal or all the recitals, they will not be allowed to participate in any of the recitals. Sickness is the only exception.

- Recital DVD's – we will be using 624 Films again this year to tape the recital. DVD's and Blu-rays will be available for purchase. Watch for forms coming out in January/February.
- Picture DAY – Van Den Berg Studio –the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Your child's class will have pictures taken during their NORMAL CLASS TIME (please expect for them to stay the entire class time or longer).
  - Group & individual pictures will be taken.
  - Child needs to come in costume with hair done.
  - Picture participation is OPTIONAL.
  - All NON RECITAL classes (fitness, piano, music and movement, art, & Gather round) will NOT have a normal class that week, but are welcome to come during their normal class time to get pictures taken (if you choose).
  - Pictures will be posted online (password protected) within a week and you can choose to purchase at that time.
- Recital Tickets
  - Online purchasing this year – email in January/February with more details
  - Parents are not allowed backstage and must purchase a ticket if they want to watch the show.
- Recital Week – AT KAUKAUNA HIGH SCHOOL
  - We will have 3 different showcases this year for our recital week.
  - Intro-level dancers have ONE performance.
  - Beginning & Intermediate level dancers have TWO performances.
  - Advanced level dancers have THREE performances.
  - Showcase A = ALL Intro Level classes, all advanced level classes AND some senior solos
  - Showcase B = ALL Monday classes (minus Intro level classes) AND some senior solos

- Showcase C = ALL Tuesday & Thursday classes (minus Intro level classes)  
AND some senior solos
- Rehearsals:
  - April 7 @ 5:00 PM – Showcase B
  - April 8 @ 5:00 PM – Showcase C
  - April 10 @ 5:30 PM - Showcase A (minus the advanced classes and senior solos)
- Recitals:
  - Friday, April 11 @ 6 PM – Showcase B
  - Saturday, April 12 @ 10 AM – Showcase A
  - Saturday, April 12 @ 1:30 PM – Showcase B
  - Saturday, April 12 @ 6 PM – Showcase C
  - Sunday, April 13 @ 2 PM – Showcase C
- Rehearsal Notes:
  - Dancers come dressed in costume.
  - Parents MUST STAY for rehearsals with any child younger than 12 as staff will not be chaperoning/watching classes.
- Recital Notes:
  - Dancers to arrive 30 minutes BEFORE the show starts in costume with hair done
  - Parents are not allowed backstage and must purchase a ticket if they want to watch the show.
- Class Layout/discipline
  - Teachers will share with you & your child their expectations the first week of dance class.
  - PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD USE THE RESTROOM BEFORE CLASS!!! Instructors will not assist your child in the bathroom so if you have a child that needs assistance in the restroom, we ask that you stay for all classes.
- Attendance
  - Dancers in the recital can miss 5 classes without needing to schedule a private lesson. Private lessons are schedule based off teacher availability and studio space. There is an additional fee for private lessons.
  - If your child is sick/fevering, we ask that you please keep your child home.
- Waiting Room

- Children are not allowed into any of the dance studios unless they are dancers or it is parent watch week.
- Please keep an eye on your children in the waiting area. Do not let them in staff only areas. Hide & seek is not permitted in the waiting room. No running in the halls. No banging on viewing windows.
- IF YOU SPILL COFFEE or anything other than water, PLEASE LET A STAFF PERSON KNOW ASAP.
- NEW THIS YEAR!!!! Children are NOT allowed outside to play unless an adult is with them. THIS YEAR, on MONDAY MORNINGS, we have designated times the children ages 9 & up can be outside. 10:45 – 11:15 AND 11:30 – 12:00. THERE IS A FEE TO GET A PASS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS OUTDOOR RECESS. At this point, we do not have adult monitors for any other time.
- Purchasing passes for Morning Recess can be done WITH THE SUPERVISOR FIVE MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RECESS
  - 10:45 – 11:15 with Mr. Josh- \$2 to participate
  - 11:30 – 12:00 with Ms. Joslyn OR Mr. Joe - \$2 to participate
  - OR buy a year pass for \$25 for ONE 30 minute slot. OR \$45 for TWO 30 minute slots.
- Lost & Found
  - located up front on one of the wooden cubbies by the vending machine
  - We will be donating items in the bin at the end of every month in hopes of keeping our waiting area free of clutter.
  - Please check often and take what is yours.