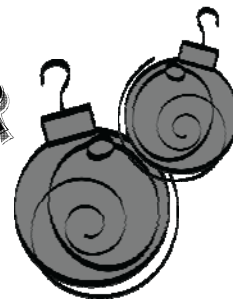




"TO THE POINTE" NEWSLETTER

November/December 2009



Dates To Remember 2009-2010:

November 23rd-27th	Thanksgiving Holidays (The Dance Centre will be closed.)
Dec 3rd—Dec 6th	TCD presents <i>The Nutcracker</i>
December 17th	First Costume Payment Due- see Pg. 2 for amount
December 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th	Christmas Parties—See Bottom for Times
December 21—January 5th	Christmas Holidays (School Closed)
January 11th (Monday)	Classes Resume
January 18th	MLK Day (We will have classes.)
February 1st	Balance on Costume Due (if any)

Recital Costume Payments are coming up soon!

Anyone who refers 1 new student
will receive a

FREE RECITAL COSTUME!

Referrals must sign up *December 7th-11th* for at least one semester of dance. Please make sure your friend gives your name when they register.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

As our custom, we will have a small Christmas party for the children. It is always fun for them to exchange gifts with their dance friends, so please send a gift (around \$10) with them to their class party suitable for someone in their age group. Please label the gift, "To my dance friend, From..." All students will have one party even if they take more than one class. Again, for your convenience, *Primadonna's* will be offering a pre-ordered gift already wrapped for your child to give at the Christmas party.

YOUR DANCER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE:

ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2009

The Dance Centre is very excited to be adopting FIVE families from the Salvation Army this year for Christmas. Each year we are so thankful for the many blessings that we have during the holiday season. Even in this difficult economy, we may not fully appreciate what we have until we imagine what our lives would be like without those blessings. These families deserve to have a Christmas tree surrounded with all of their Christmas wishes just like any other! With a united effort we can pull together in small ways & make a large impact. Please visit our Adopt-A-Family Tree in the lobby to select a specific gift to give our family members. Or, if you are busy, like many are, just pick up an extra gift of your choice during one of your Christmas shopping sprees and send it to our office. We are also collecting food & monetary donations in the office. Gift certificates to places like grocery stores & home improvement stores are also helpful. Please turn in all gifts (unwrapped) by Wed. Dec. 16th. What a great way to share our love with others!

Recital Costume Information: (Costume Payment Due December 17th—Balances Due February 1st.)

Although the recital is not until May, a lot of preparations have to take place before then. One of these things is ordering our costumes. It generally takes 12-16 weeks to receive costume orders; therefore, we must order costumes before Christmas. Our **recital pictures** will be taken the week of **April 6th-10th**, (Future Newsletters will include all details regarding upcoming recital-related activities.)

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- **There will most likely be a balance due, and it will be posted to your account in January.**
- Costume payments should be paid in the office to Leslie. We are taking measurements and will let you know what size costume we will be ordering.
- **No costumes will be ordered unless they have been paid for.**
- **COSTUMES CANNOT BE RETURNED.** Unfortunately, these costume companies have an “exchange only” policy. If a costume has been purchased for you, the only way we can reimburse you is if another student joins the class and can use it.
- **Pictures of costumes and details about our Recital themes will be on display when we begin our classes again on Monday, January 11th.**

Class Level

Preschool

Elementary/Combo

Intermediate Level I, II, & III

Preteen, Teen & Hip Hop

Level I-II

Level III, IV & V

Costume Deposit Due December 17th

\$60.00/per costume

\$65.00/per costume for each dance

\$70.00/per costume for each dance

\$70.00/per costume for each dance

\$75.00/per costume for each dance

\$80.00/per costume for each dance

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING DANCERS AND THEIR AWARDS!

VIVIAN REACH IS THE CURRENT NATIONAL TEEN JUMP “V.I.P” & recently won Outstanding Teen Overall at NYCDA Mobile.

JAYCI KALB WON MINI 2ND RUNNER UP AT NYCDA NATIONALS & recently won Outstanding Junior Overall & High Score Junior Soloist at NYCDA Mobile.

ALDEN PHILLIPS won Outstanding Teen Runner Up & High Score Teen Soloist & KATIE CAUSEY won Outstanding Junior Runner Up at NYCDA Mobile.

LILLY ALLDREDGE & KATIE CAUSEY each won scholarships at PLATINUM DANCE in Birmingham.

GREAT WORK, GIRLS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Nutcracker 2009

Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00

Friday, December 4th at 7:00

Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 and 7:00

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00

The Matinee Performances feature a “Kingdom of the Sweets” Party especially designed for the younger audience members one hour prior to the show.

For tickets call 752-4220.

Rebecca Tingle, Artistic Director of Nutcracker would like to recognize, and thank, the hard work and dedication of the rehearsal coaches for The Nutcracker, most who are also on our faculty: Jennifer Chase, Marla Thomas, and Melissa Verzino. Please join me in telling them just how appreciated they are for their volunteerism and support of Tuscaloosa Community Dancers.

Dear Parents...

We would like to express to you our thanks for giving your child the wonderful opportunity to take dance classes. Dance is a great means of exercise and it also develops important characteristics in your child that will remain with her/him for years to come; confidence, grace, creativity, and discipline. We realize there are many activities available to your child and we appreciate you choosing dance as one of those activities. Please do not hesitate to contact the office staff at any time if you have questions or concerns regarding classes, billing, or policies in general. We want your experience with The Dance Centre to be a positive one. Thank you again for your patronage and we hope your child is having a great year!
Happy Holidays from The Dance Centre