

SPOTLIGHT DANCE ACADEMY

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NEWSLETTER #3 FEBRUARY & MARCH VOLUME 14



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM
OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!! WITH LOTS OF LOVE, PEACE, & HAPPINESS!



S If you've been reading your newsletters and reading the signs in our hallway, you may have noticed a few hints regarding our idea for the 14th Annual Showcase. The theme of our show is "SDA's Heroes of Today & Tomorrow!" A hero could be anything from a baker to a zoologist! Wonder what or who your dance will be representing in our Annual Showcase?

t *ATTENTION : Show times for all classes by day and by time can be found at our INFORMATION CENTER or in the hallway between Studio I & II. You should have also received a copy of this list via email in November. There will more details and reminders through out the year concerning your dancer's dress rehearsal and Showtime .

u *DRESS REHEARSAL times have been also been posted , and can be found at our INFORMATION CENTER or in the hallway between Studio I & II. **REMINDER: DRESS REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY!!** This is the time for your dancer to get acquainted with the stage and our show procedures. We feel it's completely necessary for your dancer to be at their scheduled rehearsal time in order to prepare them for the stage. Also keep in mind that this is their time, not yours. **Parents are not allowed at dress rehearsal.** We ask that all parents refrain from their curiosity, drop their child off for rehearsal, and let us prepare your dancer for their "SUPERHERO DAY"!

d * **PICTURE DAY:** Have your dancer professionally photographed (Portraits by Kelly) in his or her dance costume on Friday, April 22 (3:00pm-8:00pm); Saturday, April 23 (9:00am-3:00pm); Sunday, April 24 (1:00pm-4:00pm); and Friday, April 29 (3:00pm-8:00pm). The sign-up sheet for pictures will be available at the front desk beginning March 1st, 2011 thru April's Observation Week (April 10-14) 2011.

e * **SHOWCASE VIDEOS** will once again be offered to our SDA families. Forms will be available beginning May 2nd, 2011. The DVD's are \$25 per copy (3 or more DVD's /\$20 per copy) and will be available to be picked up at SDA the week of July 18th-21st 2011. **REMEMBER THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED DURING OUR REHEARSAL OR SHOWCASE!**

n ***TICKET SALES** for the Student Dance Showcase will go on sale ONLY to our studio families starting May 2nd, 2011. If we have tickets available, they will go on sale to the general public beginning May 9th, 2011. Please remember, that we are limiting 6 tickets for each dancer per show. Families that have 2 or more dancers will be limited to 10 tickets per participating show. ***REMINDER: TUITION MUST BE CURRENT BEFORE TICKETS ARE PURCHASED!** If you have any questions or concerns, please ask at the front desk (Miss Tracey, Miss Carla or Miss Kelly). If you know you will not need all of your tickets, please inform the office when you purchase your tickets; the unused tickets will go back in the general tickets. On or after May 9th, then if needed , you may purchase more tickets from what is available. Once the left over tickets are gone, they're GONE. **Tickets may be purchased at the front desk during office hours: Monday-Thursday 3:00pm-8:00pm. WE ARE ANTICIPATING A SELL-OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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Showcase 2011

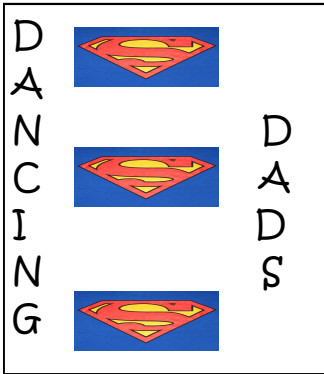
Thursday Evening June 9th 6:30 pm
Friday Evening June 10th 6:00pm
Saturday Morning June 11th 10:30am
Saturday Afternoon June 11th 1:30pm
Saturday Evening June 11th 6:00pm



Dress Rehearsal 2011

Tuesday June 7th 4:45-7:00
Tuesday June 7th 7:00-9:00
Wednesday June 8th 4:45-7:00
Wednesday June 8th 7:00-9:00

All of our costumes have been ordered and we have been promised ship dates at the end of March. We will hopefully be distributing all costumes during the final Observation Week, April 10th~14th. This will be right in time for our amazing picture days which are: Friday, April 22 (3:00pm-8:00pm); Saturday, April 23 (9:00am-3:00pm); Sunday, April 24 (1:00pm-4:00pm); and Friday, April 29 (3:00pm-8:00pm). Pictures are once again being done by the fabulous *Portraits by Kelly*. You may start signing up for your picture appointment the first week in March. Please see the front desk for sign ups! These are fun and exciting days! We love to see all of our dancers in their costumes. All dancers that are photographed are featured on our "Wall of Heroes" the following year.



Want to feel like your dancer's HERO in our showcase? All of you male friends, dads, brothers, cousins, uncles, and grandpa's who love the stage (or your SDA dancer), we want you and HIDDEN SUPER TALENTS! We would once again like to feature you in a special routine for the Student Dance Showcase. There will be two Sunday rehearsals during the month of May for this very special routine. May 1st from 3:00-4:30pm and May 15th from 3:00-4:30pm. Miss Tracey thinks it's wonderful so many dads support their children this way. This routine ALWAYS brings down the house. Sign Up sheet is available at the front desk.

IMPORTANT DETAILS!

- * The majority of our classes perform in only one show.
- *All students must stay with their class during the ENTIRE rehearsal and show!
- *Remember dress rehearsal is **MANDATORY!**
- *No one **EXCEPT STAFF** is allowed backstage.
- *All dancers ages 3-8 years old should arrive at the theater already in the main part of their costume with a cover-up. Due to lack of time we **will not be able to dress your dancer.** Please send each dancer with their **ENTIRE** costume both for the rehearsal and the show. This means all costumes, headpieces, bows, skirts, fringe, vest, ties, tights, and shoes (ballet and tap). Please refer to your costume checklist (Available in April 2011). **MARK EVERYTHING WITH YOUR DANCER'S NAME!!!!**
- *All children's combination classes will wear **BALLET PINK matte (not shiny) tights**, for both ballet and tap routines. **ALL BALLET** classes wear **BALLET PINK matte (not shiny) tights.** **These tights will be available at the studio to purchase thru our show dates.** For tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop, please refer to your costume checklist.
- ***PARENTS OF YOUNG DANCERS MUST INITIAL AN ATTENDANCE SHEET WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP THEIR DANCERS.** If someone other than a parent is picking a dancer up, please let us know in advance. No dancer ages 3-8 will be released to anyone other than a parent unless permission is given in writing in advance.
- *Dancers 9 and up may bring their costumes separately.

A Note From Miss Tracey

I do realize that some of our rules may seem to make it a bit inconvenient for some of our parents. However, this is not my intent. I am concerned first and foremost with our dancers well being, safety and comfort. It is impossible for me to be in the dressing room, on the side of the stage and helping parents to pick up their children all at the same time. All of our teachers are also helping students during the show. As a staff we are committed to providing a stress free show environment for our dancers. If people are wandering about in the dressings rooms, we may miss something we shouldn't have. We have wonderful help backstage and the dancers are well entertained and always have a good time. ***It doesn't matter how well we know you, we cannot have parents wandering about backstage. If you are not part of the backstage crew, please do not attempt to go backstage, FOR ANY REASON. We cannot let anyone out of our custody during the show except those classes that are being dismissed at intermission.*** We ask that you accept and respect our rules.

?????? Have to Miss a Class ??????

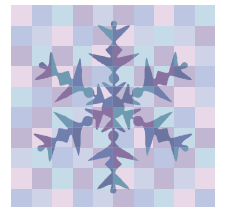
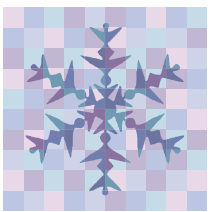
It happens! We all get sick, or lead very busy lives, and/or go on vacation. We care if you are ill (or just busy); please give us a call if you will not be in class. Knowing when a student will be absent, helps the teacher to better prepare for class. If you miss class two weeks in a row we will give you a call to say Hi and see how you are doing. If you would like to make-up a class, there is a make-up list located in our information center that includes: days, times and levels of all classes. **REMINDER:** As stated in our guidelines, any student (ages 9 & up) who misses more than 5 lessons between the months of January and May, and is planning on performing in the annual Showcase, must make up such classes as private lessons or they will forfeit their performance in the Showcase. This is at the teachers availability and private lesson fees. ***Any dancer that does not attend the last class before the Showcase will not be allowed to perform in the show.** If you have any questions, please ask your dancer's teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- OBSERVATION WEEK FEB. 7th~10th
- SHOW YOUR LOVE! WEAR RED FEB. 14th~17th
- LUCKY CLOVER WEEK! WEAR YOUR GREEN! MARCH 15th-18th
- WEST MICHIGAN STUDENT SHOWCASE MARCH 16th & 17th
The most exciting high school talent in West Michigan will be on display at the Frauenthal Center in Muskegon. SDA almost always has students representing their High School!
- SPRING BREAK APRIL 4th-7th
- OBSERVATION WEEK & COSTUMES DISTRIBUTED APRIL 11th-14th
- SIX WEEK CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 18th-21st
(Discount for Studio Family members)
- WORKING TO BRING SUMMER HERE... WEAR YOUR SHORTS & T-SHIRT! APRIL 18th-21st
- PICTURES APRIL 22nd-24th & April 29th

OUR POLICY ON SNOW DAYS

(As stated in your guidelines)



While area schools may close for busing reasons, most often the roads are clear and safe by early afternoon. It is our intention to remain open for all scheduled classes. If we remain open and you are not comfortable driving in the conditions just call to let us know you will be absent. The status of classes will be available by 2:30pm. on our website, our facebook page, and the studio answering machine if we must close for severe weather conditions. We will also post any closings on WZZM13.com. *Classes cancelled due to weather will not be rescheduled, this is an act of God.*

Please remember, you may make up any missed class in a similar level.

Make-up lists are located in our information center.