

# JUST FOR KIX DANCE BRIEF

March & April 2018 | St. Cloud Area



## We're ready to SPRING forward!

Dear St. Cloud Just For Kix Parents & Dancers,

I hope that as you look back over this season you feel your dancer has improved, grown and became stronger. Think of the friendships they have made this year in Just For Kix. We hope that you made some great memories and that your dancer's have learned valuable lessons such as teamwork, dedication and trust. We also hope that you cherish the involvement of your family and friends.

Just For Kix is excited to be a part of your life. It is overwhelming to think that over 25,000 full time dancers are involved in Just For Kix youth programs around the country. St. Cloud Just For Kix continues to be one of the largest programs company-wide and we thank you for being a part of our TEAM and hope the STORY continues.

I challenge you to use your last few months of dance to grow as a dancer. Put as much effort into class as possible. When you walk through the practice door, think about what YOU can accomplish that day to be a better dancer and a better leader. Be a great team member and it will help raise the level of your class and your experience.

With Kix,

**Brittney Zevnik**  
St. Cloud Director  
Stcloud\_mn@justforkix.com

**Home Office**  
218-829-7107  
M-F • 8:30-4:30pm

**Sartell Studio**  
320-251-9104  
M-Th • 3:45-8:00pm



## Summer Dance Camp

We are so lucky that the Just For Kix corporate office offers summer dance camps right here at our studio! See below for dates for the upcoming summer! This is a great opportunity for dancers to meet new friends, try different styles and learn from different teachers!

We will also be taking a group of our Senior Kix dancers to the high school dance camp in Brainerd, MN!

## Registration will open SOON! Spring Registration

At the beginning of May, you will receive your registration packet for next season. We like to give our existing dancers first chance at registering for next season's classes as many of them tend to fill up rather quickly. We are asking that you take the opportunity to register right away this spring once you receive your registration information. It helps us immensely with planning for class sizes, staffing and any additions we need to make for the upcoming season. If you are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or older and are auditioning for Jazz placements you will register after placements are announced in August. In the meantime, you can register for June/July Technique or ballet classes and we highly recommend the August Boot Camp to prepare for the auditions at the end of June.

### Registration is very easy!

Visit our website at  
[www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses)

If you do not know your log in, DO NOT create a new account. Simply call the home office 218-829-7107 and ask for your log in information. When you register online you can sign up for classes, order costumes and make your class payments. There is also detailed sizing information and size charts available online! Order your costumes THIS SPRING to beat the rush!

### Why Register now?

- We will love you more than we already do!
- Costumes can be ordered and paid for now rather than waiting for fall and back to school time.
- Any or all class fee payments can be made now.
- Guarantees your spot in class!
- The only commitment you make is your non-refundable registration fee.
- Helps us to plan for necessary schedule changes such as cancelling classes or adding classes that fill.
- Register by May 16<sup>th</sup> to be entered into a drawing for free show tickets, free show tshirts, VIP seating at the spring show and more!
- Register by June 1<sup>st</sup> and earn a chance to win a FREE \$50 Visa Gift Card. 20 winners will be selected!

# DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

## May

4<sup>th</sup> • Father/Daughter, Dadsters, Guy/Girl Partner Special Sessions Begin

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> • Triple S Dance Competition (Solos/Duets/Small Groups/Dream Team/Tap III)

7<sup>th</sup> • Registration for 18-19 dance season opens

12<sup>th</sup> • Spring Show Dress Rehearsal @ Sartell HS

19<sup>th</sup> • Spring Dance Shows @ Sartell HS

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> • Last week of Dance class

## June

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> • June Technique classes

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> • June Ballet

23<sup>rd</sup> • Preschool Dance Camp • Moana themed

23<sup>rd</sup> • Registration Open House

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> • K-4<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Camp

## July

10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> • Style/Movement/Technique classes

12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> • July Ballet

12-14<sup>th</sup> • 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Camp

29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> • Summer Dance Intensive in Brainerd, MN

## August

6-8<sup>th</sup> – Summer Boot Camp (recommended for all dancers trying out for a placement jazz/hip hop class)

9<sup>th</sup> – Placement testing for ALL JAZZ classes and 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade HIP HOP classes

11<sup>th</sup> • Preschool Dance Camp

16<sup>th</sup> • Registration Open House

20-22<sup>nd</sup> • Mandatory Choreography Practice for Sparklers, Starlites, Rising Stars, Starmakers

## PLACEMENT CLASS TESTING

We will holding placement testing for 2-12<sup>th</sup> grade JAZZ classes and 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade HIP HOP classes for the 2018-2019 season on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dancers will learn various skills and a short combo in the August Bootcamp that will then be evaluated at the placement testing. For jazz testing, we will be evaluating skills such as: Splits, pirouettes, kicks, straight & open leaps, Chaîné turns, a la seconde turns, overall style and performance quality. Dancers will try out in small groups so that we get a chance to look at each dancer. A staff member will film each of the groups and a panel of teachers will then assess each dancer to place them in the appropriate class for their current level.

Placements will be announced no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be done via email so please be sure the email address connected to your dance account is up to date.

Dancers who are interested in becoming stronger and not losing what they have learned throughout the year are strongly encouraged to take June, July & August technique as well as summer ballet. Dancers improve so much over our 9-month season that taking 3 months completely off can be very detrimental.

## ATTENDANCE

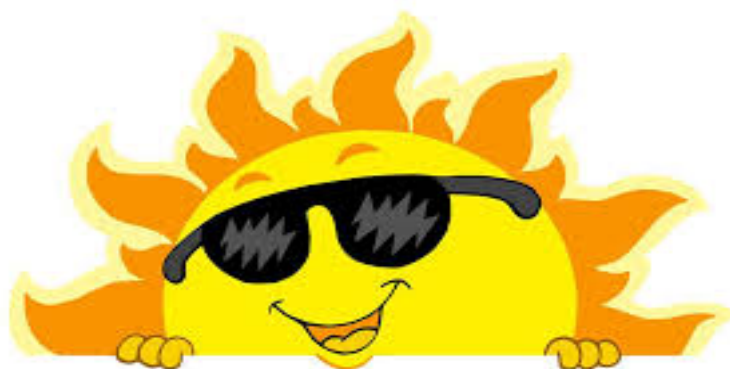
Good attendance is imperative as we prepare for our final competitions and the Spring Show. *We dance as a team.* When one dancer is missing, the whole team suffers. Please make every effort to attend each class. And if for some reason you can't make it to class or a competition, please let your instructor know.

## SUMMER DANCE CLASSES

The layout of our summer dance schedule has changed slightly from year's past. We did this for several reasons.

1. The home office has changed the date of our annual Director's convention to June which overlaps when we've historically held technique classes/auditions.
2. We strive to work together with high school dance teams so that studio dancers can participate in both. High school dance teams have most of the month of August off so this is an opportune time to hold auditions without interfering with the various dance team schedules.
3. The Just For Kix summer intensive in Brainerd is now held at the end of July. Many of our dancers use this as a huge learning opportunity and improve significantly from the intensive so we wanted to allow them that opportunity before evaluating their skill set.
4. We've noticed that many dancers make significant strides over the summer months when they can focus on their technique. We feel that evaluating dancers right before the dance season starts is a better representation of the level they will be at for the upcoming season.

In the past, dancers who plan to tryout for placement classes have been encouraged to take the June Technique classes in preparation. This year, we highly recommend the 3-day summer Boot Camp class in August as the audition prep course. We do offer a variety of other summer technique/style classes but these are not required. They are simply offered for those that want to stay active and involved over the summer months!



# Picture Week Information & Revised Class Times

Picture week will take place at the STUDIO the week of April 9-12<sup>th</sup> for ALL classes including Pleasantview & Mississippi Heights.

Dancers will receive picture envelopes in class prior to the week of pictures. Dancers will need SEPARATE envelopes for each class they are in (ex. Mini Kix & Dazzler jazz dancers need 2 envelopes; 1 for kick and 1 for jazz). In addition, dancers will need a buddy picture envelope if you wish to take buddy pictures/sibling pictures.

**Please note: even if you do not plan to order pictures, all dancers must come in costumes to be a part of our group pictures.**



- Hair and makeup should be done how it is worn for performances.
- When you arrive, dancers and parents can go into the studio and pick out a pose from the options provided. Dancers will then take their individual picture. Once the entire group is present, group pictures will then be taken.
- For dancers in multiple classes, pictures will be taken in the order indicated below. We ask that you do not change costumes until AFTER the group picture has been taken.
- Dancers are free to go after the group picture is done and their individual is complete.

**We have revised our regular class times for picture week. We try our best to run according to the times listed below so it is important that you arrive READY TO GO at your assigned class time so that you do not miss the group picture. All classes will participate in pictures including ALL BALLET classes!**

Pleasantview & Mississippi Heights classes will have class at regular class time the week of pictures.

## Monday

- Sparklers (kick, jazz, lyrical) – 4:30
- Mon. Wee Kix I & Twinklers (kick, jazz) – 5:15
- Starlites (kick, jazz, lyrical, ballet) – 5:45
- Shining Stars (ballet, kick, jazz, lyrical) – 6:05
- Rising Stars (kick, jazz, lyrical, ballet) – 6:30
- Shooting Stars (ballet, kick, jazz, lyrical) – 7:00
- Senior Kix & Stardreamers (kick, jazz) – 7:35

## Tuesday

- Tues. Middle Kix I – 4:15
- Lyrical II – 4:30
- Ballet/Lyrical I – 4:45
- Lyrical III – 5:00
- Tues. Mini Kix I & Dazzlers (Kick, jazz) – 5:15
- Mississippi Heights Wee Petites – 5:30
- Mississippi Heights Mini Kix – 5:50
- Tues. Tiny Kix – 6:15pm
- Tues. Wee Kix II – 6:30
- Tues. Wee Petites – 6:45
- Junior Kix & Diamond Jazz (kick, jazz) – 7:00
- Starmakers (kick, jazz, lyrical, ballet) – 7:15
- Tap III – 7:45

## Wednesday

- Firecrackers (kick, jazz) – 5:00
- Wed. Pre Petite I (Kally's class) – 5:15
- Wed. Tiny Kix – 5:30
- Wed. Pre Petite II (Becca's class) – 5:45
- Wed. Wee Hip Hop I – 6:00
- Wed. Mini Kix II – 6:15
- Dream Team Jazz & Hip Hop – 6:30

## Thursday

- Tap I – 4:15
- Tap II – 4:15
- Thurs. Pre Petite IV – 4:40
- Thurs. Wee Hip Hop II - 5:00
- Ballet III – 5:15
- Thurs. Tiny Kix IV – 5:30
- Tiny Tap/Ballet – 5:45
- Pleasantview Wee Petites – 6:00
- Pleasantview Mini Kix – 6:15
- Thurs. Firecrackers (kick, jazz) – 6:30
- Senior Hip Hop – 6:45
- Mini Hip Hop – 7:00
- Junior Hip Hop Black – 7:15
- Middle Kix & Showstoppers (kick, jazz) – 7:30
- Junior Hip Hop Pink – 7:45



## Conference Time Available During Picture Week!



We will be offering 10 minute conference times during picture week for those interested in sitting down and talking about their dancer's progress, setting goals for the rest of the year, and ideas to take them to the next level for the upcoming season.

A link will be sent out in March to sign up for a timeslot!

# March

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Brainerd TWD
4 Family & Friends Stage Show	5	6	7	8	9	10 Alexandria TWD
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21	22	23 Midwest Starz Dance Comp	24 Midwest Starz Dance Comp
25 Midwest Starz Dance Comp	26	27	28	29	30	31

# April

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7 •Eden Prairie TWD •Teeny Kix, Dance with Me, K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Jazz technique, Pom, & Killer kick begins
8	9 Picture week	10 Picture week	11 Picture week	12 Picture week	13 Wishing Starz & Contemporary begin	14
15	16	17	18 Adult Women Session begins	19	20	21 Light Routine & All Boys session begins
22	23	24	25	26	27 •Rochester TWD •Wee Hip Hop Session begins	28 Rochester TWD
29	30					



# Spring Show Special Sessions 2018



## Wishing Starz Adaptive Dance Class -- \$25

This 6-week class is designed for boys and girls in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade with physical or learning disabilities. The class will focus on coordination, rhythm, socialization and dance basics in a FUN, confidence-building environment. Class will perform a routine at our Spring Show on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Friday- 5:00-5:45 pm

## Teeny Kix (3-5 year olds) - \$58.50

Do you or does someone you know have a preschooler ready to get moving?! Join us for our Teeny Kix short-term introductory to dance basics class that will perform at our spring show on May 19<sup>th</sup>!

Saturday - 9:30-10:15am



## Dance With Me Sessions - \$54

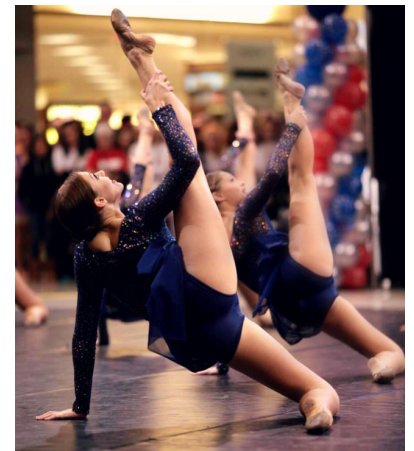
This is an introductory class for dancers aged 18-36months. Dancers will come to class with a parent/guardian to help get them accustomed to the dance class environment. Class will begin April 7<sup>th</sup> and run through May 12<sup>th</sup>. (Non-performing class)

Saturday - 10:45-11:15am

## Contemporary - \$58.50

Contemporary dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet. Contemporary dancers strive to connect the mind and the body through fluid dance movements. This class is designed for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade dancers. Class will be held on Friday's starting April 13<sup>th</sup>-May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Friday- 5:45-6:30pm



## Guy/Girl Partner Routine - \$29.25/couple

3-week session to perform at 2 of the 4 spring shows.

Friday- 8:00-8:45pm • 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders  
Theme: Lifeguards/"Bae"-watch



## Dadsters - FREE!

Friday - 7:15-8:00

Conveniently scheduled right after Father/Daughter practice! Register online so we have a count of how many are doing it! This is always a hit in our show and we hope many get involved!

Costume: TBD

## Adult Women's Dance - \$48.75

Calling all adults 18 years or older looking for a fun dance opportunity and also a great workout! We have a blast in this class! Will perform at the Spring Show + free admission to the show!

Costume: Beach Apparel

Song: Cruisin' for a Bruisin' - Beach themed

Wednesday's - 8:00-8:45pm



## Father/Daughter - \$29.25

Don't miss your chance to create lifelong memories with your daughter! This year's Father/Daughter production will be FINDING NEMO themed and sure to be a hit for all ages! You can choose which spring shows you'd like to be apart of. Dad's will receive free show admission.

Costume: TBD

Classes will take place on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>!

Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> Grade • 5:00-5:45pm

2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade • 5:45-6:30pm

6-12<sup>th</sup> grade • 6:30-7:15pm

## Light Routine - \$25 + cost of light props

This 4-week session has become a crowd favorite at our shows. This year will sure to impress by incorporating a variety of different light props to bring UNDER THE SEA to life! Class runs from April 21<sup>st</sup>-May 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday - 10:45-11:30am

Costume: All Black



## Wee Hip Hop Special Session - \$39

4-week hip hop session for K-4<sup>th</sup> graders beginning April 27-May 18th

Friday • 6:30-7:15pm

Costume: Blue t-shirt, black leggings, black tennis shoes



## All Boys Dance Class – \$39

Looking for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys interested in burning some energy in a structured environment! This class will teach dance basics while learning rhythm, coordination, and more in a fun environment! Class runs from April 21<sup>st</sup>-May 12<sup>th</sup>

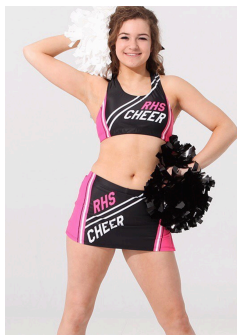
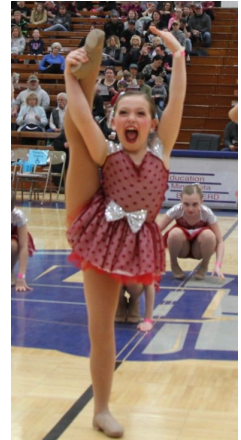
Costume: All gray/shark costume  
Theme: Shark Attack!

Saturday – 11:30am-12:15pm

## 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Jazz Technique -- \$58.50

We are excited to be offering a jazz technique class designed specifically for younger dancers who are interested in joining a jazz class in the fall or simply looking to expand their current knowledge and learn new skills to better their technique. Class will begin April 7<sup>th</sup> and run through May 12<sup>th</sup> (6-week session).

Saturday – 10:45-11:30am



## Pom -- \$58.50

Looking to expand your dance background?! It's time to try something new! Pom is an upbeat style of dance that helps dancers learn how to be tight and precise; key elements to dance! It's also a great way to improve on jumps and turns and prepare dancers for a style popular on many college dance teams! Class begins on April 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 12<sup>th</sup>. Open to dancers in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Saturday – 11:30-12:15pm

## Killer Kicks & Conditioning -- \$58.50

This 6-week class is designed for current or aspiring high school dance team athletes to prepare them with the strength, flexibility, technique and endurance needed for the high school level of dance. 6-week session beginning April 7<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday – 12:15-1:15pm



## St. Cloud JFK Alumni Dance – FREE!

Help us celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St. Cloud Just For Kix program! Calling all alumni who have been apart of the St. Cloud program over the last 30 years! Register online. A video of the routine will be sent 2 weeks prior to the show. One mass practice on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Sartell High School and alumni will perform at each of the 4 spring shows on May 19<sup>th</sup>!

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30-9:00pm



Register today: [www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses)  
320-251-9104  
[stcloud\\_mn@justforkix.com](mailto:stcloud_mn@justforkix.com)

