



Welcome to October!

As we head in to the second month of dance, I hope your student is enjoying classes, reconnecting with friends, making new friends, and excited for the season to come!

As always, please remember that I like to hear from you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call or email. The best time to reach me is during the day between 9:00am-2:00pm. I'm in class Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-10:00pm and won't be able to take calls during this time. Please leave me a message and I will get back to you the following business day. Also, please note that I only see email when I'm at my computer, and typically start checking emails around 10:00am. If your need is urgent, please call or text me.

**Attendance:** With the kids back in school again, the "sick" is going around. If your dancer needs to miss class, you can let me know by:

- Emailing me; even if I see it the next morning, this is still helpful
- Private message me or your student's teacher in the Band App. Click on the "person" widget on the bottom of your mobile device once you go in the actual Band group (it looks like two little people). From there you should see me and the instructor at the top of the member list with a chat widget next to the name. Tap that and you can chat from there. *We prefer that you don't do a public post in the Band if your dancer will be absent.*
- Please remember that, especially for teams grades 4-12, regular attendance is so helpful. For our older classes, choreography is built on a team platform and when someone is missing it is challenging for the dancers that are positioned around them.

I appreciate you taking the time to read through my monthly email. As always, please reach out with any questions you may have.

With Kix,  
Heather

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**October Payment is due:** If you make your monthly payment manually, please go online today to make your payment.

[www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses) - log in and then click on *Make Payment/Classes* on the left menu.

A few important notes on paying your dancer's class fees:

- Monthly class fees are due on the 1st of each month
- There is a monthly late fee of \$10. Late fees are added to your account on the 10th of the month.

- Please note that instructors don't carry cash/change at class. Class payments should be made online through your account.

**Payment Failed Notification:** If you are on AutoPay and received an error message email this morning that your payment "failed" it means that the card you have on your account was unable to be used. If this seems incorrect to you, please let me know so I can help. The most common reason is a change in the expiration date that needs to be updated.

**AutoPay:** If you aren't on AutoPay, please consider setting up your account to have the monthly payment automatically processed to the credit card you have in your account.

- AutoPay set up instructions can be found at: [Autopay Setup Instructions](#)
- PLEASE NOTE: Because our payments are not a full 12 month/full year cycle, AutoPay needs to be selected every year. It doesn't automatically renew. If you are not sure if you are set up, please don't hesitate to email me and I can check.

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## SPirit WEEK! Show Your Team Spirit – October 7th through 10th

- SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM! Wear something to show us your favorite sports team. Maybe is it your local school mascot, a national sports team, or maybe Richfield-Bloomington Just For Kix!
- We are going to be doing a spirit week every other month where the dancers can wear something fun/special to classes! Our first one is next week, October 7-10th

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1. Costume Orders
  2. Costume Arrivals/Exchanges/Tracking
  3. MEA Break
  4. Fall Special Sessions
  5. Winter Show 2024
  6. 2025-26 Bowl Game Trip
  7. BAND notification service (please sign up!!)
  8. Yard Signs – Please bring them back!

1. **Costume Orders:** All costumes should now be on order. If your order hasn't been placed yet, please make sure to connect with me so that I know your estimated order date. This allows me to track it through the JFK system.
2. **Costume Delivery and Exchanges:** Costumes and shoes are shipped directly to me and we will deliver them to your dancer at class. We will distribute them as soon as we receive them. Unfortunately I'm not able to provide a ship date or arrival date. Boxes arrive once a week and I find out what is enclosed when I open them. Once your dancer receives his/her costume, please try it on right away. **DO NOT WAIT!!!** This way we are able to process any exchanges as quickly as possible.
  - **SIZE EXCHANGES:** Any costume that has not been worn for a performance can be exchanged for size. If you need a smaller/larger costume, please return it to your dancer's class as soon as possible.

Please include the green packing slip as the return form is on the back side. *Please note that tights cannot be returned once the package has been opened.*

- **FASTER RETURNS FOR COSTUMES (preferred method):** We received a notice from the JFK home office that they are staying ahead of costume shipments at this time. For now, if you need an exchange, please send it with your dancer to class and I will send it in for the exchange. As we get closer to our show date, you may need to order a new one to ensure we have it in time (and I'll send back the wrong size for a refund). I'll keep everyone informed as things change.
- **TIGHTS:** All dancers need to order tights through your dancer's account with JFK. Not all tights have the same color and we want a uniform look when the dancers perform.  
If you ordered the costume, but not the tights, please take a few minutes today to complete this part of your order.
- **ORDER STATUS:** If you'd like to check the status of your order, log in to your account and select **COMPLETED PURCHASES** from the link on the left menu. Your tuition payments will come up first and then costume items will show up below that. An order status can be found at the end of each line item.

### 3. **MEA Break / Dance Year Calendar:**

- **MEA Break:** Minnesota Schools will be taking their annual teachers' convention break Oct 17-18. We will be having classes on that Thursday night. If you have plans to be gone, just let us know, and have a great time!
- **Annual Calendar:** Unfortunately, I'm still waiting on important dates from the JFK Home office so I'm not yet able to complete our annual Year-At-A-Glance calendar. Please trust that as soon as it is ready I will send out.

### 4. **Fall Special Sessions:**

- **Teeny Kix (3 year olds):** Classes start October 3. This is a 7 week session for our youngest dancers. Participants will perform in our winter show. There is also a winter and spring session!  
Wednesdays 5:30-6:00pm: <https://bit.ly/TeenyFallWed>  
Thursdays 5:15-5:45pm: <https://bit.ly/TeenyFallThur>
- **Sunday Skills:** Each month we will be holding a class to focus on a skill set dancers in grades 5-12 will use in their classes/choreography.  
October – Better Your Turns: [click here](#)  
November – Choreography/Combo – [click here](#)

### 5. **Winter Show 2024:** Please make sure you have our Winter Show date on your calendar.

Sunday, November 24 (held at Burnsville High School)

There will be multiple shows and most classes will only perform in one of the shows. More information will be available after the MEA break.

### 6. **2025-26 Bowl Game Trip:**

Every three years, we take a group of dancers and their families to Tampa, Florida for a week-long trip which ends with the dancers performing at a college football game. We plan to go back one year from this upcoming holiday season. We will be there over New Year's for the 2025-2026 Bowl Game trip. If you have interest in this, [click here to learn more!](#)

### 7. **BAND:** Please take a minute to sign up for your BAND texting/notification service. I will use this for any urgent or VIP information that needs to be communicated quickly. How to sign up:

- Add the BAND app to your mobile device and set up an account for yourself. **If your dancer is younger than 13, the account will need to be in the parent's name/age.**
- Go to your "Classes Starting 2024" email (or "welcome to dance" if you recently joined) and find the link

for your dancer's class. If they are in more than one class, or you have more than one child participating, you will sign up for multiple Bands. There is a separate Band for each class. Please let me know if you are struggling to make it work.

8. **Yard Signs:** If you have a yard sign, please return it with your dancer to class. I do reuse them each year and appreciate getting them back. Dancers that bring them back will get a small treat! Thanks!