# September & October 2016 • Bismarck North

# JUST FOR KIX DANCE NEWS

## Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents. At Just For Kix we pride ourselves on treating your kids as we would like ours to be treated, with respect! I also pride myself on being approachable, so please bring any concerns to my immediate attention. We want your experience to be a GREAT one!

# **NEED TO KNOW**

# Parking

Park in the lot on 3rd Street & Ave B. Use the doors off this lot.

# **Class Attire**

Clothing should allow for movement; we ask that dancers do not wear jeans, jewelry, or chew gum in class. You can purchase Just For Kix practice and active wear at justforkix.com if you wish! Hair should be pulled back in a pony tail or bun. Dance shoes/ tennis shoes should be worn.

## Early Is On Time - On Time Is Late

Just For Kix Teams start on time! Put forth your best effort to come prepared and ready to dance! Every dancer is needed from COUNT ONE to make a true practice, or performance, effective and organized.

## Attendance

Make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depends on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material before the next class.

## **Contact Information**

Director: Michele Stockert Phone: 701-527-4508 E-Mail: bismarcknorth\_nd@justforkix.com Website/Payments: iustforkix.com/danceclasses

## Messes, Theft, Vandalism

Renting a facility is a privilege. Please treat the practice and performance space as if it were your own! We are all judged by the actions of a few; therefore, Just For Kix has no tolerance for disrespecting others' belongings or property. We recommend leaving valuables at home.

## Supervision

Dancers are supervised during their regular class time. Although we may have several classes the same day, during the time prior to and after the class you will need to watch your children. We want them safe.

Just Text with class code to see email to begin receiving texts from Michele.

# WE MAKE IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED

# WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses -This website is a tool used to list unexpected changes such as cancellations due to weather, make up class dates, performance details and/or corrections to the newsletter.

## **BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

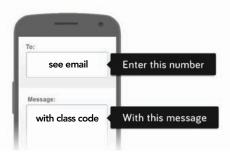
Each dancer should bring home a printed bimonthly newsletter. These newsletters will have important dates and information for upcoming events.

## E-MAIL

We will send out regular e-mails throughout the season with reminders and general information. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back.

# TEXT MESSAGE: REMIND APP.

Get current information fast with the Remind App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, etc. It's easy to use.



# We Offer A No Distraction Environment

Parents, if you stay to observe class, help us make class as productive as possible by observing quietly. Siblings who stay during class should be supervised and wait quietly, not running around the building. We want to offer the best quality class we can, and we only have a short time each week together. Thanks!



# Online Access to Your Dancer's Account Is Easier than Ever!

Now you have online access to all of your dancer's pertinent information for classes, payments and uniforms.

# justforkix.com/danceclasses

# THE JUST FOR KIX DANCE SEASON

Our dance session is broken down into two parts:

## September – December

The primary focus of the first few months of class is preparing the dancers for their season. Dancers will work on new technique, skills, strengthening, stretching and choreography. We use this time to lay a strong foundation for the season. Performances at this time of year are minimal and typically do not use the class uniform.

## December – April

The uniforms are in and the dancers are ready to start performing. This is the time of the season where dancers get a chance to perform their routines while continuing to build on their technique and skills. The majority of our performances for the season will fall during these months. It is fun to see how students grow as dancers and performers during this part of the season. Older classes may also compete at Just For Kix competitions.

# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JUST FOR KIX

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season. Some programs do go to 36 classes.
- Depending on the location, classes will run for either 8 or 9 months.
- Tuition is based on the number of classes your dancer is scheduled to attend. You will get what you pay for.

# TUITION

## There are three easy ways to make your payments:

1. Online Payment System at justforkix.com/danceclasses

This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

2. Call Payments in to the Home Office. 218-829-7107

# Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm (CST)

We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone.

## 3. Mail Payment to the Home Office. Just For Kix PO Box 724

Brainerd, MN 56401

- Discounts apply if you pay for four or more months simultaneously, prior to their due dates. Please contact your Director to get more information.
- Monthly payments are due by the 1st of each month.
- There will be a \$10.00 fee assessed to late payments.
- Any NSF or stopped payment checks made payable to Just For Kix will be charged a \$20.00 service fee per check.
- Student accounts are always required to be current prior to any performance. Any student with a balance due will not be eligible to perform with their team.

\* By giving us your check, please be aware that you are authorizing Just For Kix to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. This electronic debit will be for the amount of your check. No additional amount will be added to the amount.

# POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

Here is a glance at additional costs that may be incurred throughout the season:

- Performance admission
- Just For Kix TWD Competition fees and admission
- Show admission
- Prop fees
- Pictures
- Special Session fees
- Show shirts
- Custom program clothing

# UNIFORMS

Uniform orders are due at registration. If you have not ordered your uniforms, please do so immediately.

## If you still need to order your uniform:

Uniforms need to be paid in full before the order is placed. Some uniforms may take 8-12 weeks from the order date to arrive, so all will not be guaranteed delivery prior to the winter show. Many ordered in the Spring for that reason.

## If you have received your uniform:

Try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct, please follow the instructions on the back side of your uniform invoice on how to handle uniform exchanges. We can make an exchange as long as the uniform has not been worn or damaged. Tights can only be exchanged if they are unopened.

# **CURRICULUM**

Our goal throughout our dance program is two-fold:

- **1.** To teach dancers proper technique, and to develop the strength and flexibility to perform these skills.
- **2.** To introduce choreography and to work on movement and performing. Younger classes will be more choreography-based and will learn 3-4 dances per season. Older dancers will have more emphasis on flexibility, strength, skill work and performance. They will generally learn 1-2 routines per season.



We created a revolutionary curriculum that will give your preshoolers the ultimate fun time while learning the basics in dance.

Using colorful and fun learning tools, the class will let your dancers discover

the joy and passion for dance. Our curriculum is designed specifically for preshoolers based on their learning abilities. You will see growth in the areas of communication/expression, cooperation, self-control and selfesteem.





# DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

September 19 Uniform orders due

October 19 Senior Kix class photos 31 NO CLASS, Halloween

November 19 CHS Dance Showcase, pre-1st grade perform 23 NO CLASS, Thanksgiving December

3 MHS invitational, grades K-3 & Hip Hop perform 5-7 Family Night at class

17 BHS invitational, grades 2-5 perform 19-28 NO CLASS, winter break

## January

2 classes resume 8 Winter Show, all classes perform 9-11 grades 2-12 class photos 16-17 pre-1st grade class photos

#### February

11 Demonette/JFK Showcase, grades 2-7 perform 16 Half-time bball performances, grades 2-5 perform

### March

- 16 Make-up class for Monday classes from Easter
- 18 TWD Competition Fargo, grades 6-12 & Jazz/Hip Hop compete

25 Friends & Family Show, pre-1st grade

#### perform

#### April

1 TWD Competition Valley City, grades 4-12 compete 17 NO CLASS, Easter

## May

1-3 Last week of class 6 Spring Show, all classes perform 12 Parade, grades 2-12

# What Class Am I in?

Just For Kix offers an array of dance classes, and it can be difficult to remember the name of your child's class. Here, I've listed the grade by the class name for your convenience.

Tiny Kix I - preschool, Tue 5:30-6:00 pm Tiny Kix II - preschool, Tue 6:00-6:30 pm Wee Petites I - K & 1st grade, Mon 5:45-6:30 pm Wee Petites II - K & 1st grade, Mon 6:30-7:15 pm Wee Petites III - K & 1st grade, Tue 4:45-5:30 pm Wee Kix I - grades 2 & 3, Tue 5:00-6:00 pm Wee Kix II - grades 2 & 3, Wed 5:00-6:00 pm Mini Kix I - grades 4 & 5, Mon 5:00-6:00 pm Mini Kix I - grades 4 & 5, Mon 6:00-7:00 pm Mini Kix I - grades 4 & 5, Mon 6:00-7:00 pm Middle Kix - grade 6, Mon 7:00-8:00 pm Junior Kix - grades 7 & 8, Mon 8:00-9:00 pm Senior Kix - grades 9-12, Wed 4:00-5:00 pm Mini Jazz/Hip Hop - grades 6 & 7, Tue 7:00-8:00 pm Senior Jazz/Hip Hop - grades 8-12, Tue 8:00-9:00 pm

# Cancellations

In the event that Just For Kix must cancel class, we will make the announcement in several locations:

- justforkix.com/danceclasses
- Remind text

• Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us)

If school is cancelled or let out early for weather emergencies, we will not have class. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes have already been scheduled.

# **Upcoming Events**

Please mark your calendar with our performance dates and make every effort to be there. Performances are an important part of our team-centered dance experience.

#### TOGETHER WE DANCE COMPETITION

Grades 4 and up will compete (see dates above). Please let us know ASAP if your dancer will not be attending TWD Competition, so we can adjust choreography accordingly.

## SAFETY IN THE CHURCH

Dancers should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before class. For their safety, dancers should wait for rides inside the building, not in the parking lot.

# Notes

PRACTICE AT HOME

The most important thing you can do to better yourself as a dancer is to STRETCH at home. Even 10 minutes a day will make a big difference in your dancing. You can videotape yourself or a friend at class to practice your choreography at home.





# Contact Us

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Celebrating 35 Years, Just For Kix has been giving youth a performance platform that puts the prime teaching motivation on not only proven dance technique, but teamwork and confidence. Heads have turned and audiences have cheered through ten states and over 200 locations. Our student enrollment continues to grow, our curriculum continues to develop and our vision of "doing your best is more important than being the best" leaves a lasting impression on our students far after they've left the Just For Kix team.

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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>SFL</u>					CLASS FEES DUE 1	2	3
<b>2016</b> EVENT NOTES	4	5	6 Classes start	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19 Uniform orders due	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26 Parents stop in to see our progress	27 Parents stop in to see our progress		29	30	

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16	17	18	19 Senior Kix photos	20	21	22	
23	24 Wacky Hair Week	25 Wacky Hair Week	26 Wacky Hair Week	27	28	29	
30	31 NO CLASS, Hal- loween						