

# JUST FOR KIX DANCE BRIEF

September & October 2017 | St. Cloud Area

*Dear Dancers & Parents,*

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents! The staff and I are beyond excited to begin this season and I'm especially looking forward to another great year of dance! Just For Kix's annual Director's Convention was held in June and we took away so many new ideas and concepts that we will implement here in the St. Cloud Program and we are confident you will see tremendous growth in your dancer's overall dance ability, confidence, and self-esteem.

One of our main goals this year is to create a culture that fosters not only hard work but FUN & COMRADERIE amongst the dancers in each class. 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! Without further ado.....let the dance season begin!

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## Important News

### Dance Attire

Please follow the dress code sheet that was emailed out and also available on our website under News & Events. Proper dance attire allows our staff to correct alignment and see your dancer's lines, which is an integral part of dance technique. Hair must be in a bun and pulled back off the face so that dancers are developing proper habits. Thank you for having your dancer prepared!

### Shoes

The following shoes are expected to be worn at practice:

**Kick** – Jazz shoes or Tennis Shoes (tennis shoes must be clean and not worn outside)

**Jazz** – Jazz shoes or turners (toes must be completely covered)

**Lyrical** - Jazz shoes, turners or ballet shoes

**Hip-Hop** – Tennis Shoes or Hip Hop boots (tennis shoes must be clean and not worn outside)

**Ballet** – Ballet Shoes (most preferred) or turners

### Early is On Time - On Time is Late

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

### Attendance

Make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depend on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material BEFORE the next class. If you know that you will be absent on the day of a performance, please inform the instructor in advance so they can rework formations at class if needed. **Dancers who are not at class the week before a performance, will not be able to participate in the performance.**

### Parking

Please use our parking lot to park and wait for dancers. At busy times, parking on the road is permitted. The front of the building is for dropping and picking up only (no parking and waiting). Thank you!

### Messes, Theft & Vandalism

We hope you and your family find our studio a warm environment to hang out. Thank you for treating it as you would a treasured possession; we want it to stay beautiful for years to come. Please treat the practice and performance spaces as they were your own! We are 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 only supervised during their regular class time. Although we may have several classes going on before and after your dancers class time, it will be your responsibility to watch your children.

## We Offer a No Distraction Environment

Over the years, we have found the most productive way to run classes is without distraction of parents, siblings or friends in the studio. We only have a short time each week, so every minute is important. Occasionally we will allow spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making. We also have a parent viewing area outside each studio if you wish to stay for the full class.

## We Make It Easy To Stay Informed

### Website:

<https://www.justforkix.com/dancedclasses>  
This is the most important tool we utilize. Please save this to your internet browser. Our website will be utilized to pay your monthly bill, order your costumes, and will serve as a tool to view all of our important handouts and information needed for the season. When you are logged into your account, click on the MY PROGRAM WEBSITE icon in the left hand corner of the page. This will bring you to the latest news you need to know!

### Newsletters

All newsletters for the remainder of the year will be accessed **electronically only** by using our website. To access our newsletters, login to your, click on MY PROGRAM WEBSITE, then click on the NEWS & EVENTS. Important documents will be listed in chronological order. There is also a search bar you can utilize to look up things more quickly!

### Email

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. We also now have the option to add an ALTERNATIVE email address so that 2 people can receive updates! It's important that you read through entire emails sent out to ensure you are well informed with the various program updates.

### Communication

Email or direct phone calls are the preferred method of communication. Text messages, Facebook messages or other forms of communication are not recommended and it is guaranteed to get a response back.

# WE'RE GOING PAPERLESS!



Our Online Payment & Dance Management System Is Your Source For Information!

You will have access to all of your dancer's pertinent information for classes, payments and costumes organized under ONE account!

Find our newsletters and other important announcements by logging into your account, clicking on MY PROGRAM WEBSITE, and then click on the NEWS & EVENTS tab at the top of the page.

[www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses)

## ATTENTION: Important Costume Information

responsible for sending the uniform back to the office on their own. Enclosed with the costume is a colored form which lists the items in the package. The costume exchange portion on the back of the form must be filled out completely and sent back with your items. This includes logging into your account and requesting an RMA number for the return/exchange. The new costume will be shipped back to the director and the dancer will receive it in class.

*\*Recommended procedure: For a timely turn-around time, we recommend ordering a new costume in the size you need and sending back the wrong-fitting costume for a full refund (rather than an exchange).*

Please contact Brittney or Arista if you have any questions regarding this policy.

## Halloween Show – October 29<sup>th</sup>



All Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade dancers listed below will be performing at our Annual Halloween Show at our Just For Kix dance studio in Sartell. This year we will be holding three shows to accommodate all spectators. Please note that space is limited so we recommend waiting to invite extended family until the winter show. This is a great performance opportunity early in the season to get dancers adjusted to performing in front of a crowd. There will be a small admission fee of \$2/person (5 & under free) for this event to help cover the cost of the show (1 admission for all 3 shows).

Specific costume information will be emailed out and posted online as the event gets closer.

### Show #1

Arrive at 1:15pm  
Show is at 1:45pm

- Tues. Tiny Kix I (Brittney)
- Wed. Pre Petite I (Kally)
- Tues. Wee Petite (Kally/Maddie)
- Mississippi Heights Wee Petite (Arista)
- Wed. Wee Hip Hop (Kally)
- Tues. Wee Kix (Arista)

### Show #2

Arrive at 2:30pm  
Show is at 3:00pm

- Wed. Tiny Kix III (Becca)
- Thurs. Tiny Tap/Ballet (Brittney)
- Wed Pre Petite II (Becca)
- Wed. Firecracker Kick (Becca)
- Thurs. Wee Hip Hop (Arista)
- Wed. Wee Kix (Becca)

### Show #3

Arrive at 3:45pm  
Show is at 4:15pm

- Thurs. Tiny Kix IV (Arista)
- Thurs. Pre Petite IV (Brittney)
- Thurs. Firecracker Kick (Emily)
- Pleasantview Wee Petites (Brittney)
- Tap I (Brittney)
- Mon. Wee Kix (Brittney)



### TWD Competitions

The following grade break down will determine which classes will be competing this season.

K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Hip Hop  
K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Lyrical  
2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz  
4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Kick (plus  
Mississippi Heights &  
Pleasantview Mini Kix)

These classes will compete at Together We Dance (TWD) Competitions throughout the season. A list of competitions each class is going to is included in this newsletter.

**Dancers who are not at class the week before a performance for any reason will not be able to compete/perform at the event.**

*Please note: classes competing at each event are subject to change based on available teams to compete against.*



### Senior Showcase

Once again we will be taking our Senior Kix to the Rochester Nationals in April to compete in the Senior Showcase. Last years event was a success, with 31 teams competing from several different states. We are so proud of our St. Cloud Senior Kix's 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the competition! Work Hard & Good Luck, Senior Kix!



# A LOOK AHEAD...

## November

8<sup>th</sup> – Momsters Special Session Starts

9<sup>th</sup> – Dadsters Special Session Starts

10<sup>th</sup> – Tech Dance Show (Placement Classes only)

11<sup>th</sup> – Apollo Dance Show (Placement classes only)

18<sup>th</sup> – Sartell Dance Show (Placement Classes Only)

23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – No Classes – Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Wear your costume for the show to class!

## December

1<sup>st</sup> – Mother/Daughter Special Session begins

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jazz Production Rehearsal & Show Hair & Makeup Tutorial

9<sup>th</sup> – Dress Rehearsal for select classes

10<sup>th</sup> – Winter Show Day!

22<sup>nd</sup>-Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break! No class!

## January

2<sup>nd</sup> – Classes Resume at the studio

6<sup>th</sup> – Cathedral Dance Show

19<sup>th</sup> – Musical Theatre & Serious Stretching sessions begin

20<sup>th</sup> – Teeny Kix & Dance With Me sessions begin

27<sup>th</sup> – Sauk Rapids Dance Show

28<sup>th</sup> – Foley TWD Competition

## February

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – State Dance Team Tournament

18<sup>th</sup> – Solo/Duet/Trio/Small Group Show

19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wear a Tutu to Dance week!

21<sup>st</sup> – Tryouts for Dream Team Jazz & Hip Hop

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Eastview TWD

*\*Please note that the events listed above may not apply to all classes.*



## COSTUMES

**Costumes must be ordered by September 30<sup>th</sup> in order to guarantee they will arrive in time for the winter show.**

Costumes need to be paid in full before the order is placed. Some costumes may take 8-10 weeks from the order date to arrive. Late orders will not be guaranteed delivery prior to the Winter Show. Once your order is placed, costumes will be shipped to the Director and dancers will receive them in class.

**If you have received your costume:**

Try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct please return it to the home office as soon as possible. You can make an exchange as long as the costume has not been worn or damaged. Tights/Under Garments can only be exchanged if they are unopened.

## CANCELLATIONS

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

- St. Cloud Just For Kix Website <https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/st-cloud-area-mn/>
- Mass e-mail to the affected classes
- Facebook Post
- Remind 101 Text Alert\* (for those who have signed up for the text announcements)

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. Since our studio is located in Sartell, we follow what the Sartell School District does regarding cancellations.

*\*Remind 101: Text the number 81010 with the message @stcloudj to stay informed!*

## CONTACT US

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## INSTRUCTORS

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## TUITION

Our tuition is based on a yearly rate for 36 classes (unless it is a special session).

Online payments are the only form of payments accepted. We apologize, we cannot accept cash or checks. Payments are due by the first of the month. Payments received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

Dancers will receive a payment reminder in class if their account is not paid in full by the first of the month. If it is not paid by the following week, they will not be allowed to participate in class. Thank you in advance for your timely attention to payments!



# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 First week of classes!	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Strength/ Stretching/ technique class
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Costume orders are due

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Oct. Class Payment Due	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Teeny Kix, Dance w/ Me, All Boys & Light Routine sessions begin
29 Halloween Show	30	31 Happy Halloween – No class tonight!				28 <sup>th</sup> (cont) Strength/ Stretching/ technique class

Bring a friend to class & wear your Halloween costume to class this week!

