

2017-2018 Just For Kix Dance Season

Welcome and Thank you for choosing Just For Kix! We are so happy that you are going to be a part of the Rochester Just for Kix program and dance family! We have a very exciting year planned and are really looking forward to kicking things off very soon!

ABOUT OUR SEASON

Important Dates

Studio Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Open House: August 3rd 4:00PM

*Trial Classes, Uniform sizing, Tour of studios, Meet the staff

Trial Class Schedule:

Core Kick/Hip Hop

1st-3rd: 5:00-5:30

3-5 yrs: 5:45-6:15

4th-12th grade: 6:30-7:15

Master Class (JAZZ) 6th-12th grade: 7:30-8:30PM

Classes Begin: Monday, August 28th

No Classes Held: October 31st, November 22-24th Thanksgiving Break, December 22-January 2nd Winter Break, April 2nd-8th Spring Break

Winter Show: Tentative date December 17th

Spring Show: Tentative date June 2nd

Studio Address and Parking – Our new dance home is located at 2130 S Broadway Suite 500 55904. There will be a lot of cars coming in and out of the parking lots, so make sure everything is with a parent and paying attention to the other cars and students. There are two access points for the studio/ parking. Front entrance/ parking – right on HWY 63 traveling North or Back entrance/parking – 3rd Ave SE.

Communication

- <u>Weekly Email</u> A weekly email will be sent with any updates/ reminders.
- <u>Remind 101</u> We use an app called Remind 101 to send out information about weather cancellations, changes in plans, etc. It is so easy to use and I need all parents to sign up

for this. All you need to do is the following: Send a text message to <u>507-369-2266</u> With this message: @jfkr

- <u>Newsletters</u> Every two months you will receive a newsletter. Once classes start, you will receive the September/October Newsletter. This has lots of information about the year as well as some important dates to mark on your calendar.
- <u>Tutu Tots Newsletter –</u> Every two months our PK-1st grade classes will receive the Tutu Tots Academy Newsletter. This will include a biweekly calendar and updates as well as the skills of the month.
- <u>Website</u> Remember to always check our website for lots of information that will be posted throughout the year. <u>www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/rochester_mn.</u>
- <u>Class Environment</u> We offer a positive, challenging, and fun environment for our dancers. Parents are welcome to sit in our waiting area/office during class time. Occasionally spectators are invited in for the last 5 minutes of class to see the progress we have made and to go over any information or announcements that are important for class. PK-1st grade will have a skills show for parents they will receive their TuTu Tots certificate at this time for skills achieved specific to their months. Certificate dates will be included in your newsletter.
- <u>Facebook and Instagram</u> Please like us on Facebook (Just For Kix Rochester) and follow us on Instagram (RochesterJFK). We post lots of information throughout the season! Tell your friends and families to like us too!

Tuition - All tuition payments should be made online at <u>classes.justforkix.com</u> Log into your dancer account and select make payment. The monthly fee is divided out over our 9-month season – 36 classes. Monthly payments are due by the 1st of each month. There is an Auto Pay option for your convenience. Multiple months may be paid in advance. A monthly payment not received by the 5th of the month will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Dancers in 4 or more full year classes will receive a 13% discount on each class fee.

Uniforms - If you haven't done so already please log on to your student account at <u>classes.justforkix.com</u> and order your uniform and shoes. For uniform/costume sizing here is the link to the sizing guide for Just For Kix Uniforms:

https://www.justforkix.com/students/sizing-guide.html

For shoes, shoes fit pretty true to tennis shoe size. You can go up from her last year's size or we do have try-on shoes and a shoe sizing chart at the studio so feel free to try on, figure out her size, and then order them online.

All uniform payments should be made as soon as possible. Deadline for uniform orders is September 15th. Uniforms take 8-12 weeks for shipment once ordered. This firm date ensures delivery time for our first performance.

If a fit issue presents itself, you have 30 days to return for an exchange. We want to make sure dancers are comfortable and feel great in uniform!

Class Attire – Appropriate dance clothes are required for class. We want to provide every child the correct feedback. Loose clothing makes this difficult and we may miss something that is important! **Dancers should wear the following attire for class:**

***PRESCHOOL (Tiny Kix and Pre Petites):** At this age many of the dancers wear a leotard and tights and maybe a little skirt or short along with ballet shoes. Movable clothing is ok too as we want your dancer to feel comfortable.

*WEE PETITES (K-1st): Dance attire such as a leotard, short, dance skirt, legging, form fitted top are all acceptable options for class. Jazz shoe or ballet shoe should be worn.

*KICK and TAP CLASS: Leotard or form fitted Top and Dance Shorts or Leggings. Acceptable shoes – Tap, Jazz, or Ballet.

***BALLET:** Leotard (Black is preferred), tights or dance short. Acceptable shoes – Ballet or Jazz. Hair must be in bun.

*JAZZ and LYRICAL: Leotard (Black is preferred) or Form Fitted Top and dance shorts or leggings. Acceptable shoes – Jazz or Turners. PLACEMENT JAZZ DANCERS (Sparklers, Starlites, Rising Stars, StarDreamers, and StarMakers) must be in ALL Black. Hair should be in a bun.

***HIP HOP:** Loose fitting clothing is acceptable. Tshirt, Tank Top or Hoodie, Dance short, Legging, or pant. Acceptable shoes – Sneakers (must be clean).

*Tip: Have a dance bag with multiple options/ extra items. This will ensure that your dancer has what he/she needs for class every day.

*If you have ordered shoes with your uniform and they have not arrived yet your dancer can go barefoot until they arrive.

*All dancers need to have their hair pulled up off of their face in either a pony tail or bun.

Performances/ Shows – Dancers will perform multiple times throughout the dance season. A full season schedule will be made available the first day of class. All classes will perform at the Winter "All Things Sparkle" and Spring Show "Sea Cruise". Our younger classes will also perform in a Stage Show. Community appearances are also a possibility and are dependent on the opportunities presented each season – Festival of Trees, Eagles Cancer Telethon, Century Dance Team Invite, Nursing Homes, etc. The season uniform listed with your class will be worn for all performances.

Competitions – Preschool, Wee Petites, and Wee Kix classes DO NOT compete. All other Full season and placement teams will compete at two Just For Kix Together We Dance Competitions in early and late spring. Placement Jazz teams and older classes will compete at up to four events. Just For Kix Competitions teach our dancers to strive for something greater than themselves. In a positive, yet competitive environment dancers are learning how to prepare, compete, and win/ lose as a team. This is typically the highlight of the year for our dancers besides the Spring Show [©]

Solo/ Duet Competition – Dancers 2nd and up can expand on their skills and confidence by competing with a solo or a duet. Competitions are held in the spring. Please contact me by July 10th if you would like this opportunity for your dancer or if you would like more information.

Private Lessons – Private lessons are available for dancers 2nd -12th grade through Just For Kix staff! Private lessons are a great way for dancers to work with an instructor to master skills and reach goals. A private lesson is 30 minutes and can have up to 2 dancers with similar ability levels. This is at the discretion of the Director. We will be piloting a new scheduling system this year for Just For Kix and hope that you find it convenient. You will be able to register for up to 6 private lessons/season – Season = Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring. Payment must be received prior to scheduling and a 24-hour cancellation notice is required. Email the director for private lesson package links, scheduling link, and/ or questions.

Special Sessions – Special sessions are short sessions held throughout the season. Special sessions are a great way to try new styles, enhance our shows, make new friends, and increase skill level. Examples of popular specials: Father/Daughter, Mother/Daughter, Lights, Improv, Hip Hop, Teeny Kix, Musical Theater, Stretch and Strengthen, and Technique. We hope that you take advantage of these great opportunities!

If you know of anyone who is interested in Rochester Just for Kix have them contact me at <u>rochester mn@justforkix.com</u> or just go register online at <u>classes.justforkix.com</u> we would love to welcome more dancers to Just for Kix!

Let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions! I am looking forward to seeing you all in class soon!

With Kix,

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