

JFK families,

It's almost here – DANCE SEASON! Classes start August 25 for full-season Bismarck North classes, and we are excited to see you all soon!

Locations

Our classes will be held at two locations this season:

- PreK-1st grade meet at Inspire Family Fellowship, 523 N 21st St, USE BACK ENTRANCE OFF 22nd STREET
- Grades 2-12 meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd St & Ave B

Class attire

Hair should be in a bun. Dance shoes must be worn to class. If your shoes are on order, wear tennis shoes until your dance shoes arrive. Wear close-fitting clothing that you can move freely in.

Appropriate for dance class:

- Leotard and tights
- Activewear
- Leggings
- Shorts
- T-shirt
- Jazz shoes or half-sole turner

Not appropriate for dance class:

- Baggy sweatshirts
- Baggy sweatpants
- Jeans
- Long skirts
- Jackets
- Gum
- Street shoes, sandals, crocs

Uniforms and Shoes

- Uniforms need to be ordered and paid for by September 15 because they can take 8-10 weeks to arrive. We will size returning dancers for shoes at the first two weeks of class and send home a size slip.

- To order, login to your JFK family account at the top of the Bismarck homepage:
<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/>
 - Then click the PURCHASE COSTUMES option.
 - You can also call the home office to order at 218-829-7107.
- Uniforms and shoes will be delivered at class.
- When your uniform or shoes arrive, try them on right away, before you leave class if possible.
- We will get your dancer into the correct size, but it sometimes takes more than one attempt. I try to make the process as easy as possible for families by handling paperwork and shipping on returns for you.
- If your uniform or shoes don't fit, give them to your instructor with the green invoice. I will submit the request for a refund and ship it to the home office at the end of the month. In the meantime, re-order the item in the correct size, and the home office will refund you when they receive the old item back. This method is faster than processing an exchange.
- Uniforms and shoes can be returned for a full refund if they are not worn and in the original packaging. Tights and bras must be in the package unopened. If shoes don't fit, take them off immediately. They cannot be returned if they are worn for a class.
- Dancers need all items that are marked required. Some items are the same as last year. If you already have an item and it still fits, you don't need to order another one.
- Uniforms run small. Order 1 size larger than street clothes.
- Shoes run small. Order 2-3 sizes larger than street shoe for youth sizes up through 3. Order 1 size larger for adult size Jazz shoes 4 and up. Hip Hop sneakers run close to street shoe size.

Communication

Communication is important to me, and it's a big part of my job as a JFK director. I will use these methods of communication with dancers and families:

- Email
 - I use email for official communication.
 - I send a monthly email update around the third week of each month. I also post the monthly emails online under NEWSLETTERS.
 - When I send an email to an entire class, I will send it from the JFK server, so please be sure your contact email is up to date in your account. You can also add a secondary email to your account.
 - Feel free to email me anytime. I try to respond within 24 hours, most times sooner.

- **BAND App**
 - I use the BAND app to connect with our dancers and families quickly and conveniently for things like photos, practice videos, and class announcements.
 - It allows us to communicate without looking up contact information.
 - There are two ways to use BAND: group posts and private chats.
 - A private chat in BAND is the best way to reach me.
 - I will send a separate BAND invitation via email to each class, or via the app if you already joined one of our BANDS. Please accept the invite to join the group(s).
 - When creating your account in BAND, please include your first name and your last name or last initial. This helps me know which dancer is yours 😊
 - Dancers in grades 6-12 may join their team's BAND with parent permission. For this reason, I try not to post to the group during school hours or after 10:00 pm in those BANDS.
- **Website**
 - I use the website as a hub for information.
 - Click the NEWSLETTERS tab for info about uniforms, classes, registration, and performances
 - Note that the NEWS & EVENTS tab has been removed from our websites, which I had been using to post details about events. I will now use the NEWSLETTERS tab for this, so please update your bookmarks.
- **Phone**
 - Sometimes, a phone call is best, so feel free to call me at 701-527-4508.
 - Instead of texting me at this number, please send me a private chat in BAND 😊

Competition and Travel

Dancers in grades 4-12 will compete at one or two TWD Competitions out of town this season, usually in February, March, and April. I will let you know as soon as dates are announced. I recommend booking hotel ASAP.

Performances

Performances begin in late November and early December. Most dates for the whole season are set by late October. All classes can expect at least 4-6 performances throughout the 8-month season.

I will post details online at <https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/resources/>

Registration

- If you know someone interested in JFK dance classes, please forward this to them!
- Registration for next season is open online at www.justforkix.com/danceclasses
- If a class is full, add your dancer's name to the waiting list. Sometimes people's plans change, and a spot opens up.

Year-at-a-Glance

- August 20 – Senior hangout for grades 8-12, details in BAND
- August 21 – Mini Pom special session class begins
- August 25 – Classes begin for the 2025-2026 season
 - Come dressed and ready to dance!
- September 1 – NO CLASS Labor Day
 - Makeup not needed because this has already been factored into our 32-week season
- September 15 – Uniform orders due
 - Order online in your family account or call 218-829-7107
- December 1-3 – Family Night performances at class for grades 2-12
- December 8-9 – Family Night performances at class for PreK-1st grade
- December 22-31 – NO CLASS Winter Break
- January 5 – Classes resume
- January 11 – Winter Shows for all classes
- January TBD – Pictures for PreK-1st grade
- January TBD – Pictures for grades 2-12
- April 29 – Last day of classes for the season
- May 2 – Spring Shows for all classes

****Additional performance dates TBA. Check the website for the most current information****

JFK Bismarck North Website:

<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/>

Login to your family account to:

- Make class fee payments
- Order uniform pieces
- Check payment history

Click the NEWSLETTERS tab for details about performances, shows, uniforms, classes, and registration

Please bookmark this site. Let me know if you find anything missing or in error, so I can correct it.

Class Tuition

- If you registered for next season, you have already paid the September class fee.
- Monthly class fee is \$48 K-12 / \$45 Preschool
- Monthly class fee is due the 1st of each month.
- You can opt to select the auto-pay option, which will charge your class fee to your credit card automatically on the first of the month.
 - NOTE: If you were signed up for Auto-Pay last season and you want to continue it, you will need to opt-in again each season for every class. It will not carry over from one season to the next.
- A \$10.00 late fee is assessed on the 10th of the month.

As always, thank you for choosing Just For Kix!

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