

Hi JFK families,

We are already a third of the way through our season, and performances begin this weekend for our littlest dancers! It is so fun to see the excitement of our littlest dancers at their first performance! In this season of gratitude, we are grateful for all our dance families and the smiles at class every week. I am also grateful for our caring staff – Coach Annie, Coach Sofia, Coach Megan, and Coach Ally!

Class Announcements

- November 19, 24, 25 – Holiday Week at class – dress up for fun!
- November 26 – NO WEDNESDAY CLASSES for Thanksgiving (make-up not needed because I planned for this date off in our season schedule)
- December 22-31 – NO CLASS Winter Break
- January 5 – Classes resume (note that BPS does not have school that day)
- January 12-14 – Pajama Night at class
- January 26-27 – Pictures for PreK-1st grade classes at Inspire
- February 2-4 – Pictures for grades 2-12 classes at Trinity

Performances

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

- November 22 – PreK-1st grade perform at Century HS
 - Details are posted here: <https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/resources/>
- December 1-3 – Family Night at class, grades 2-12 at Trinity
 - Wear your uniform to class with hair done
 - Jazz/Hip Hop classes wear your Hip Hop uniform, but also bring your jazz shoes.
 - We will perform for the last 15 minutes of each class. Families invited!
- December 8-9 – Family Night at class, PreK-1st grade at Inspire
 - Wear your uniform to class with hair done
 - We will perform for the last 15 minutes of each class. Families invited!
- ~~December 20 – Bismarck Demonettes Invitational at Bismarck High School~~
 - ~~Classes performing: Wee Kix I (Tue 5:00 class), Wee Kix II (Wed 5:15 class)~~
 - ~~They announce the schedule the week before~~

- The Demonettes cancelled their event due to a conflict with the Legacy event, so these two Wee Kix classes will dance at the Legacy event that same day instead.
- December 20 – Legacy Saberettes Invitational at Legacy High School
 - Classes performing: Wee Kix I (Tue 5:00 class), Wee Kix II (Wed 5:15 class), Mini Kix I (Mon 5:00 class), Mini Kix II (Mon 6:00 class), Mini Hip Hop (Tue 6:00 class)
 - They announce the schedule the week before
- January 3 – Mandan Kachinas Invitational at Mandan High School
 - Classes performing: Mini Kix I (Mon 5:00 class), Mini Kix II (Mon 6:00 class), Middle Kix (Mon 7:00 class), Middle Hip Hop (Tue 7:00 class)
 - They announce the schedule the week before
- January 11 – Winter Show at Mandan High School, all classes perform!
 - NOTE NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!
- January 17 – Basketball halftime performance at Shiloh School
 - Tiny Kix I (Mon 5:30 class) and Tiny Kix II (Mon 6:00 class) dance together at the 3:00 pm game
- January 22 – Basketball halftime performance at Shiloh School
 - Wee Kix II (Wed 5:15 class) dances at the 6:30 pm game
- January 23 – Basketball halftime performance at Century High School
 - Wee Kix I (Tue 5:00 class) dances at the 6:00 pm game
- February 5 – U-Mary basketball halftime performances at University of Mary
 - Senior Jazz (Tue 8:00 class) dances at the 5:30 pm game
 - Senior Kix (Wed 4:00 class) dances at the 7:30 pm game
- February 20 – Basketball halftime performances at Bismarck High School
 - Wee Petites II (Tue 5:15 class) and Wee Petites III (Tue 6:00 class) dance together at the 6:00 pm game
 - Junior Kix (Mon 8:00 class) dances at the 7:45 pm game
- February 21 – Demonette/JFK Dance Showcase at Bismarck High School
 - Classes performing: Wee Petites I (Mon 4:45 class), Wee Kix I (Tue 5pm class), Wee Kix II (Wed 5:15pm class), Mini Kix I (Mon 5pm class), Mini Kix II (Mon 6pm class)
 - The show will be in the morning
- February 26 – Class B basketball halftime performances at St. Mary's High School *tentative*
 - Teams tentatively performing: Senior Jazz (Tue 8pm class) and Senior Kix (Wed 4:15pm class)

- Performance details are posted on the Bismarck North website NEWSLETTERS tab. Please mark your calendar for all dates now. Here is the direct link:
<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/resources/>
- Senior dancers with jobs, ask off work!
- Let us know ASAP if your dancer cannot attend a performance, so that we have time to adjust formations or partnering if necessary. Last-minute changes are stressful for our young performers.

January 11 – Just For Kix Winter Show at Mandan High School

NOTE NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR

- Shows at 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm, and 4:30 pm
- Each show will run about 45 minutes
- Preschool-3rd grade classes will perform at one show; grades 4 and up will perform at one, two, or three shows, depending on which classes they are in.
- Watch for a show newsletter coming home in December with details

Uniforms for Performances

- All uniforms have arrived! If you are waiting on a uniform or shoe item, please talk to me ASAP.
- Check the Bismarck North website NEWSLETTERS tab for uniform notes:
<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/resources/>
- Make sure your dancer is ready with all uniform pieces and correct hair style. Our goal in dance team is to look and dance as one, so uniformity is important.
- 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 your return and add your item to the box I ship to the home office at the end of each 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.

Hairstyles for Performances

- PreK-5th grade must have hair in a tidy high bun.
 - Use a hairnet to hold shorter hair in the bun. Use at least 8-10 bobby pins to secure the bun. Use hairspray for a smooth finish that holds.
 - A bun form “donut” is an easy way to get a tidy high bun. Here is a video tutorial on how to use a bun form: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWX2kYxHUT0>
- Grades 6-12 must have hair in a tidy low bun
 - Use a hairnet to hold shorter hair in the bun. Use at least 8-10 bobby pins to secure the bun. Use hairspray for a smooth finish that holds.
 - Here is a video tutorial on how to do a tidy low bun: <https://youtu.be/3yG7Hcozrf8>

Class attire

Please send your dancer to class with proper attire and hair up.

Now that we are in the cooler weather season, I wanted to remind dancers and families that loose, baggy clothes are not appropriate for class. Loose clothing makes it hard for instructors to see body alignment and give feedback. Proper attire helps the dancer maintain correct posture and instills a sense of discipline. Dancers may wear layers during warmups, but the layers should be shed after warmups.

We are also seeing more dancers coming to class with hair down. We do have a supply of hair ties if your dancer needs one; however, instructors will not take away class time to be putting hair up for dancers.

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

Just For Kix Merchandise

- Order online here: <https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/store/>
- There are two new sweatshirts this year, and a new backpack option, plus many favorites from past years! Some items can also be personalized with your dancer's name!
- This is also where you can pre-order your *Holly Jolly* long sleeve Winter Show commemorative shirt
 - Pre-ordering is the easiest way to guarantee you get a shirt in the size you want
 - There will be a limited quantity of shirts for sale at Winter Show

Together We Dance Competition dates confirmed

****Let me know ASAP if your dancer has a conflict and will not attend either date. It's easier to plan formations and parts now, rather than make adjustments later. ****

We will be competing at these two events:

- Saturday, March 28 – Wahpeton – Grades 6-12 plus Grades 4-5 Jazz/HH
 - Friday, March 27 – Wahpeton SDS Competition
 - SDS (Solo-Duet-Small Group) Competition is an additional, optional competitive opportunity. I will email details separately.
- Saturday, April 18 – Valley City – Grades 4-12
- If you plan to stay overnight, book your hotel early. Hotels fill fast!
 - Grades 4-5 will compete early in the morning.
 - Grades 6-12 will compete in the afternoon-evening.
- Dancers in Jazz/Hip Hop can expect to be there about 5-6 hours. Dancers not in Jazz/Hip Hop can expect to be there about 2 hours.
- FYI – The Wahpeton date conflicts with All State Music, and the Valley City date conflicts with Century prom.

Please mark your calendar now. I understand that these dates may not be ideal for all families, but I expect all dancers to participate if possible. Competition registration will open in January –

I will let you know when you can login to your account and pay. We will compete against other JFK teams from all over the region. Competitions are a highlight of the year for many dancers. Here are some goals of our competitive events:

1. Motivate dancers to work hard and improve their skills
2. Teach good sportsmanship
3. Allow our dancers to share their talents with more people than just those in their community
4. Allow our dancers to meet other dancers involved in Just For Kix from other communities

Behavior

- Dancers are not supervised outside of class.
- They should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before class.
- They should wait quietly for class to start – no running around or disrupting the previous class.
- Dancers should wait for rides inside the building, not in the parking lot.
- Siblings should be closely supervised and not running around the building.
- Remember to pick up any messes and put back chairs.

Communication

Communication is important to me! Please reach out if you have a question or concern. The best way to reach me is a private chat through BAND. The best time to reach me on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays is before 3pm; Thursdays and Fridays anytime works. I do not check my phone while I am teaching, so I will get back to you after 9 pm on class nights or the next day. If you have not joined your dancer's BAND notification group, I can send you an invite. I would love to have every family connected through this handy app!

Year-at-a-Glance

- 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 26-27 – Pictures for PreK-1st grade

- February 2-4 – Pictures for grades 2-12
- March 21 – Friends and Family Show, PreK-1st grade
- March 28 –Together We Dance competition, Wahpeton, grades 6-12 and grades 4-5 Jazz/HH
- April 18 – Together We Dance Competition, Valley City, grades 4-12
- April 29 – Last day of classes for the season
- May 2 – Spring Shows for all classes
- May 8 – Band Night Parade (optional for grades 2-12)

****Additional dates are posted on the website****

JFK Bismarck North Website:

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

Login to your family account to:

- Pay class fees
- Order uniform pieces
- Check payment history

Click the NEWS & EVENTS tab for info about performances and shows

Click the NEWSLETTERS tab for info about uniforms, classes, etc.

Please bookmark this site.

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

Class Tuition

- 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.
- 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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