

JFK families,

Most classes have finished their first routines. We are polishing and preparing for our first performances. This is when the fun really starts! They just love showing the result of all their hard work to families and audiences.

Class Announcements

- October 27, 28, 29 – Wear your Halloween costume to class for fun – we will still be dancing!
- October 31 – NO CLASS Halloween (make-up not needed because I planned for this date off in our season schedule)
- November 19 – Christmas tree decorating in our room at Trinity (grades 7-12) – watch for details in BAND
- 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)

Performances

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

- November 22 – PreK-1st grade perform at Century HS
 - They announce the schedule the week before, but we are usually in late morning to early afternoon
 - I will let you know via email and BAND as soon as I hear the schedule
- 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
- December 20 – Legacy Saberettes Invitational at Legacy High School
 - Classes performing: 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
- 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.

Uniforms for Performances

- Most uniforms have arrived! When your uniform or shoes arrive, try them on right away, before you leave class if possible.
- 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>

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

Practice at Home

- Flexibility is key for dancers. With only one hour (or less) per week, we do not have adequate time to devote to stretching at class. Dancers should be stretching outside of class, at least every other day. Even 10 minutes a day will make a difference. Stretch while watching TV or chatting with friends!

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

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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