



*Welcome to Hutchinson Just For Kix!*

**Mission Statement:** To create an enjoyable experience for dancers in a fun learning environment while teaching skill, technique, confidence, and how to be part of a team.

## WELCOME

Welcome to the Hutchinson Just For Kix program! We are thrilled to have you and your dancer joining our program. This guide will outline the basics of our program, expectations, important info, etc. Please remember if you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to make your experience fun and enjoyable!

With Kix,  
Coach Whitney

# CONTACT INFO & COMMUNICATION

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**Facebook:** @Just For Kix - Hutchinson, MN

**Band App:** 'Hutchinson JFK 25-26' group invitation on BAND

Email will be the main form of communication used throughout the season, so please be sure to check your email. Bi-weekly reminder emails on Sundays highlighting important events/dates for the upcoming week and months ahead.

In the event of a class cancellation, a notice will be sent out via email, band app, and social media. Newsletters, size guides, etc. will be posted on the website and will be emailed out. When in doubt, check your email.

Don't forget to follow us on social media! We'll share photos of our dancers throughout the season, and if

you send in photos of your dancer practicing at home, you might even be featured on our page!

## **CLASS PAYMENTS**

### **PAYMENT POLICY**

- Payments are due on the 1st of each month. It's strongly encouraged to take advantage of our Auto Pay option within your account. This helps to avoid late fees.
- Payments received after the 10th of the month are assessed a \$10.00 late fee per month per dancer. Email reminders will be sent out if/when your account shows a balance due. Dancers are not allowed to participate in class if their account is 3 or more weeks behind. Account balances must be at \$0 to participate in a performance.

### **HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT – 4 EASY WAYS**

1. Use our convenient online payment system at [www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses) & login to your account (you can even set payments to autopay and still receive the discount)
2. Make your monthly payments using the Auto Pay option: Individually select Auto Pay for ALL CLASSES you

want to be included each month

3. Call in and make your payment over the phone via credit card: 218-829-7107

4. Mail your payment to the Home Office – PO Box 724, Brainerd, MN 56401

## **MEMBERSHIP / REGISTRATION FEE**

\$23 for 1st dancer, \$15.00 for each additional dancer

## **TUITION RATES**

- 30 min class: \$43.00
- 45-60 min class: \$46.00

\*Tuition and membership fee/rates subject to change for future seasons.

# **ATTENDANCE AND CLASS ETIQUETTE**

**Class Location:** Vineyard United Methodist Church, 1395 S Grade Rd SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350

- "Arrive ON TIME. Early is on time, on time is late!" (5-10 min early is great). Class start time means class is starting. Have shoes on, hair done, and bathroom breaks already taken by the time class starts (using

the bathroom before class is especially important for littles).

- Be ON TIME to pick your dancer up from class. Please come inside to pick up your little dancers.
- Parents are not required to stay in the building but it is recommended to be in the building if your dancer is in Tiny Kix.
- Because we meet for a short time each week, attendance is very important. Please make every effort to be at class each week. We do understand that life happens and there will be times when your dancer cannot be at class. In those cases, please make sure to share with your dancer the practice videos that will be sent out so they can get caught up before they return the following week. Attendance is important for dancers' knowledge of the routine and holds them as accountable teammates. If a dancer misses more than 2 practices leading up to a performance, it's at the instructor's discretion to assess their knowledge of the routine to allow them to perform. We do this to create a level of fairness for the dancers who have been in class and know the routine. Very rarely is a dancer not allowed to perform due to missing class, but it is a possibility. Please encourage your dancer to practice at home if

they have been absent. Practice videos will be sent out during the season.

- Please send your director an email/text if you know your dancer will be absent from class or from performances.

## COSTUMES

Items are listed as Required and Optional for the costumes. Required items are needed for performances, but if you already have the same item from a prior season that is in good condition please do not feel obligated to purchase again.

Costumes should be purchased by the end of September to ensure we have them in time for our first performances. All pieces must be purchased from JFK (not from Amazon, Walmart, etc.). This is to ensure everyone on the team has matching pieces, and matching colors (i.e. sometimes black can be different shades). We want everyone to look the part and match their teammates. Please note there are different shades of tights and shoes for different skin tones. If you have questions, please ask your director.

When you receive your costume items or shoes, try them on RIGHT AWAY (before you leave the building) so

that exchanges/returns can be handled in a timely manner. If you feel a costume piece does not fit your dancer, your Director will request that you try it on for them. We do this because sometimes parents think a piece doesn't fit when in fact it does. Your director will help with exchanges and returns until early December. After that, returns/exchanges are to be handled at your own expense.

\*Tights and undergarments CANNOT be returned or exchanged if the packaging has been opened.

Find size guides for costumes and shoes on our website under the Newsletter tab.

## PERFORMANCES/COMPETITIONS

Dancers will be given at least 4 performance opportunities during the season. More information on performances will be sent out at a later date.

### **TENTATIVE Performances:**

- Fall Community Show (October)
- Winter Show (December)
- February Community Show
- Competitions (Not all classes will attend. Comp season runs from Jan – April. We will know at a later

date which competitions we are attending).

- Spring Show (April)

## **COMPETITIONS:**

Just For Kix hosts multiple Together We Dance competitions from January to April. More info will be shared at a later date on our plans to attend competitions and which groups will attend. Teeny, Tiny Kix, Wee Petites, Petite Jazz, and Petite Hip Hop classes will not compete.

## **No Distraction Policy**

No parents, friends, or siblings in class, unless a friend is thinking of joining. We will invite you in at the end of class about once a month to observe our progress. If your child is having a hard time in class, we may bring them out to you to regroup so they are not a distraction to the rest of the class (mainly with very young dancers).

We will have "bring a friend night, " which is fun to bring a friend to class and have them try JFK!

Contact your Director if you have a friend who might be interested in coming to try a class. If you refer a friend and they join, your dancer and the new dancer will receive JFK swag!



## What to Wear

- Dancers should wear form-fitting clothing that is easy to move in. Dance shoes or tennis shoes for practice each week. (Please do not wear: jeans, sweatshirts, sweatpants, boots, crocs, sandals, socks, bare feet). No jewelry (small earrings are fine – nothing dangly). If your dancer arrives wearing the wrong attire, the dancer and parent will receive a reminder of what attire is expected.
- Please DO NOT wear your dance shoes outside.
- Hair should be pulled back and out of the face (ponytail, bun, braids, etc.)

## How to Sign Up

- Create an account if haven't created one before – or log in if you already have an account.  
<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/hutchinson-mn/>
- Once your account is set you can begin selecting classes, and add them to your cart.
- Go to your cart to process your 1st month's payment, your membership fee, and any costume items that you have selected
- If you have any troubles please email me and I will help or contact the home office to help you!

# SIMPLE FUNDRAISING

Simple Fundraising is an easy way to raise money for dance expenses! [CLICK HERE](#) to join our Simple Fundraising Group.

Simple Fundraising is a great way to earn extra money for your dancer! NO money to collect! NO products to deliver!

Simple Fundraising has many customizable products for sale such as mugs, blankets, and charcuterie boards! With each product sold the dancer would receive \$25. The website is user-friendly and allows the dancer to easily share it with people directly or a link for social media to reach friends and family who may be interested in supporting them.

What's next?

1. Make sure you are using the SAME email that is linked to your Student Account (whichever email you use to log into your JFK account).
2. If you have more than one child enrolled you only will have one Simple Fundraising account.

## FAQ

**Q: What class should my dancer be in?**

A: Classes are grouped by age/grade. The ages/grades for each class are noted on the class listings online. If you're questioning which class your dancer should be in, please reach out to your Director.

**Q: What should my dancer wear to class?**

A: See the "What to Wear" section above and on our website for ideas on what to wear.

**Q: I know of someone who might be interested in joining a class. Can I bring them for a trial class?**

A: We welcome new dancers at any time during our season. Please contact your director to arrange a trial class for anyone you think might be interested. We will plan to hold a "bring a friend night" where your dancer can bring a friend to class with them.

**Q: Are there any other expenses we should plan for?**

A: Additional expenses may include but are not limited to show tickets, merchandise, photos, competition fees, and prop fees.

**Q: Do I have to purchase the uniform?**

A: Yes. Uniforms/costumes are required for your dancer to participate in a performance.

**Q: How do I know what size uniform to order for my dancer?**

A: The rule of thumb is to order 2 sizes up for jazz shoes, 1 size up for hip-hop shoes, and 1 size up for uniform pieces. Your director will have try-on jazz shoes and can help determine which size your dancer needs. There is also a size guide and step-by-step on how to measure your dancer on our website. If you have questions on sizing, please contact your director.