

# JUST FOR KIX DANCE NEWS



Dear Dancers and Parents,  
Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents. At Just For Kix we pride ourselves on treating your kids as we would like ours to be treated, with respect! I also pride myself on being approachable, so please bring any concerns to my immediate attention. We want your experience to be a GREAT one!

## WE MAKE IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED

### WEBSITE

[justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses) - This website is a tool used to list unexpected changes such as cancellations due to weather, make up class dates, performance details and/or corrections to the newsletter.

### BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Each dancer should bring home a printed bimonthly newsletter. These newsletters will have important dates and information for upcoming events.

### E-MAIL

We will send out regular e-mails throughout the season with reminders and general information. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back.

### TEXT MESSAGE:

#### REMIND APP.

Get current information fast with the Remind App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, etc. It's easy to use.

## NEED TO KNOW

### Parking

If your dancer is in pre-school or K-3rd grade we require a parent to park and come in the building to pick up your dancer. We will not let dancers this age out of the gym without a parent.

### Class Attire

Clothing should allow for movement; We ask that dancers do not wear jeans, jewelry, or chew gum in class. You can purchase Just For Kix practice and active wear at [justforkix.com](http://justforkix.com) if you wish! Hair should be pulled back in a pony tail or bun. Dance shoes/ tennis shoes should be worn.

### Early Is On Time - On Time Is Late

Just For Kix Teams start on time! Put forth your best effort to come prepared and ready to dance! Every dancer is needed from COUNT ONE to make a true practice, or performance, effective and organized.

### Attendance

Make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depends on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material before the next class.

### Contact Information

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### Messes, Theft, Vandalism

Renting a facility is a privilege. Please treat the practice and performance space as if it were your own! We are all judged by the actions of a few; therefore, Just For Kix has no tolerance for disrespecting others' belongings or property. We recommend leaving valuables at home.

### Supervision

Dancers are supervised during their regular class time. Although we may have several classes the same day, during the time prior to and after the class you will need to watch your children. We want them safe.

Just Text @albanytues and @albanythur to 320-685-0190 to begin receiving texts from Jess.



## We Offer A No Distraction Environment

Over the years, we have found the most productive way to run classes is without distraction from parents and sibling in the room. We only have a short time each week, so every minute is important. I will allow spectator in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making.



## Online Access to Your Dancers Account Is Easier than Ever!

Now you have online access to all of your dancer's pertinent information for classes, payments and uniforms.

[justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses)



## THE JUST FOR KIX DANCE SEASON

Our dance session is broken down into two parts:

### September – December

The primary focus of the first few months of class is preparing the dancers for their season. Dancers will work on new technique, skills, strengthening, stretching and choreography. We use this time to lay a strong foundation for the season. Performances at this time of year are minimal and typically do not use the class uniform.

### December – April

The uniforms are in and the dancers are ready to start performing. This is the time of the season where dancers get a chance to perform their routines while continuing to build on their technique and skills. The majority of our performances for the season will fall during these months. It is fun to see how students grow as dancers and performers during this part of the season. Older classes may also compete at Just For Kix competitions.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JUST FOR KIX

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season. Some programs do go to 36 classes.
- Depending on the location, classes will run for either 8 or 9 months.
- Tuition is based on the number of classes your dancer is scheduled to attend. You will get what you pay for.

## TUITION

There are three easy ways to make your payments:

### 1. Online Payment System at [justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses)

This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

### 2. Call Payments in to the Home Office. 218-829-7107 Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm (CST)

We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone.

### 3. Mail Payment to the Home Office. Just For Kix

PO Box 724  
Brainerd, MN 56401

- Discounts apply if you pay for four or more months simultaneously, prior to their due dates. Please contact your Director to get more information.
- Monthly payments are due by the 1st of each month.
- There will be a \$10.00 fee assessed to late payments.
- Any NSF or stopped payment checks made payable to Just For Kix will be charged a \$20.00 service fee per check.
- Student accounts are always required to be current prior to any performance. Any student with a balance due will not be eligible to perform with their team.

*\* By giving us your check, please be aware that you are authorizing Just For Kix to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. This electronic debit will be for the amount of your check. No additional amount will be added to the amount.*

## POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

Here is a glance at additional costs that may be incurred throughout the season:

- Performance admission
- Just For Kix TWD Competition fees and admission
- Show admission
- Prop fees
- Pictures
- Special Session fees
- Show shirts
- Custom program clothing

## UNIFORMS

Uniform orders are due at registration. If you have not ordered your uniforms, please do so immediately.

### If you still need to order your uniform:

Uniforms need to be paid in full before the order is placed. Some uniforms may take 8-12 weeks from the order date to arrive, so all will not be guaranteed delivery prior to the winter show. Many ordered in the Spring for that reason.

### If you have received your uniform:

Try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct, please follow the instructions on the back side of your uniform invoice on how to handle uniform exchanges. We can make an exchange as long as the uniform has not been worn or damaged. Tights can only be exchanged if they are unopened.

## CURRICULUM

Our goal throughout our dance program is two-fold:

1. To teach dancers proper technique, and to develop the strength and flexibility to perform these skills.
2. To introduce choreography and to work on movement and performing. Younger classes will be more choreography-based and will learn 3-4 dances per season. Older dancers will have more emphasis on flexibility, strength, skill work and performance. They will generally learn 1-2 routines per season.

## INTRODUCING THE

# TuTuTots ACADEMY

We created a revolutionary curriculum that will give your preschoolers the ultimate fun time while learning the basics in dance.

Using colorful and fun learning tools, the class will let your dancers discover

the joy and passion for dance. Our curriculum is designed specifically for preschoolers based on their learning abilities. You will see growth in the areas of communication/expression, cooperation, self-control and self-esteem.



# DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

## September

9/22 - Uniform Orders Due

## October

10/27 - Wear your Halloween Costume to class!

## November

11/8 - No Class (Tue. Classes)

11/24 - No Class (Th. Classes)

## December

12/1 - Tutu Night!

12/27 & 12/29 - No Class

## January

1/10 & 1/12 - Dress Rehearsal - wear your uniform to class

1/22 - Winter Shows 2pm and 4pm

## February

2/9 - Picture Night for ALL classes at St. Benedict's

2/25 - Community Show at Albany H.S.

## March

3/12 - TENTATIVE Apple Valley

Competition for 4-12th grade kick and both jazz classes

3/25 & 3/26 - TENTATIVE Brainerd

Competition for classes listed above

\*\*\*We will only dance one day, which day

TBD

## April

4/7 & 4/8 - TENTATIVE Rochester

Competition for Sr. Kix ONLY \*\*\*we will

dance BOTH days

4/13 - Classes held at Avon Elementary Gym

4/29 - Spring Shows 11am and 1:30pm

## May

5/2 & 5/4 - Last Days of Classes

## June

## What Class Am I in?

Just For Kix offers an array of dance classes, and it can be difficult to remember the name of your child's class.

Here, I've listed the grade by the class name for your convenience.

Tiny Kix (3-4 yrs) - 5-5:30pm

Pre Petites (4-5 yrs) - 5:45-6:30pm

Wee Petites (K-1st) - 5:30-6:15pm

Wee Petites (K-1st) - 6:30-7:15pm

Wee Kix (2-3rd) - 4-5pm

Wee Kix (2-3rd) - 7:15-8:15pm

Mini Kix (4-5th) - 6:15-7:15pm

Middle Kix (6-7th) - 7:15-8:15pm

Sr. Kix (8-12th) - 8:15-9:15pm

Mini Jazz (2-5th) - 7-8pm

Jr. Jazz (6-12th) - 8-9pm

## Cancellations

In the event that Just For Kix must cancel class, we will make the announcement in several locations:

- [classes.jusforkix.com](http://classes.jusforkix.com)
- on our Just For Kix - Albany/Avon, MN Facebook page, text alerts for those who sign up for Remind text alerts, and over the PA at school if time allows
- Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us)

If school is cancelled or let out early for weather emergencies, we will not have class. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes have already been scheduled.

## Upcoming Events

We will be offering a variety of short term classes this year, called Special Sessions. The Special Sessions being offered this year include K-12th grade hip hop, 4-12th grade Lights, K-12th grade Lyrical, and K-12th grade Guy/Girl. Watch for more info to be handed out as the year goes on!

## Notes

To Do List:

- Order uniform no later than Sept. 22nd
- Mark all dates on home calendar
- Sign up for Remind text alerts
- Like Just For Kix - Albany/Avon, MN on Facebook
- Make class payment on the 1st of each month (or you can pay ahead)



## Contact Us

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Celebrating 35 Years, Just For Kix has been giving youth a performance platform that puts the prime teaching motivation on not only proven dance technique, but teamwork and confidence. Heads have turned and audiences have cheered through ten states and over 200 locations. Our student enrollment continues to grow, our curriculum continues to develop and our vision of "doing your best is more important than being the best" leaves a lasting impression on our students far after they've left the Just For Kix team.

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## EVENT NOTES

Please note that uniform orders are due by the second night of class in order to ensure that we will receive the uniform in time for our first performance!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				CLASS FEES DUE 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 First night of Tuesday Classes!	14	15 First night of Thursday Classes!	16	17
18	19	20 Regular Class	21	22 Regular Class	23	24
25	26	27 Regular Class	28	29 Regular Class	30	

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9	10	11 Regular Class	12	13 Regular Class	14	15
16	17	18 Regular Class	19	20 Regular Class	21	22
23	24	25 Regular Class	26	27 Regular Class and wear your Halloween Costume to class!	28	29
30	31					

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## EVENT NOTES

Please note that class fees are due on the 1st of each month. Dancer's fees must be received by the first class of the month in order for her to participate that night.