

JUST FOR KIX

DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,
We are so excited to kick off the New Year & are so thankful to have you dancing with us! We are now into the performance & competitive portion of our season. It is fun for the dancers to now have the opportunity to show what they have been working on. Any questions or concerns you have at any time throughout the season are important to me. Class time is very busy so if you are unable to connect with me at class, feel free to contact at the email address and/or phone number listed below. Here's to a successful and Happy New Year!

2025
Happy New Year

NEED TO KNOW

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR 4-12TH GRADE CLASSES

Dancers in 4-12th grade will wear their uniforms to class the week of January 7th. This will give us the opportunity to trouble shoot any issues and make sure everyone has all of the right pieces etc. If your dancer does not have their uniform yet, they should just come in regular practice wear. It is not a problem, but you will get a chance to see by observing the others, what they will need and how the uniform should be worn. Please let me know ASAP if you are missing any required uniform pieces.

JUST FOR KIX TWD COMPETITIONS

Together We Dance Competitions are an opportunity for all programs come together to compete and celebrate our student's efforts. Our program will compete in 4 events this year. The average is 3-4 events for most programs. Tentative dates were sent out quite a while ago but we now have exact dates:

1. Alexandria TWD - Sat. February 22 - all 4-12th grade teams
2. Brainerd TWD - Sun. March 23 - all 4-12th grade teams
3. St. Cloud TWD - Sun. March 30 - all 4-12th grade teams, and both Wee Kix (2-3rd gr) teams
4. Rochester Nationals TWD - Thur. May 1 - Jr. Hip Hop and Jr. Pom; and Fri. May 2 - Jr. Jazz, Jr. Lyrical, Sr. Kix

CLASS PICTURES

We will be holding our class photos on the following dates:
Monday Classes - January 20; Tuesday and Thursday Classes - January 28. Due to the size of the Monday classes, we will meet at our normal class times in the Multipurpose Room and take the group photo 15 minutes into Monday dancer's class time; please be on time so we can stay on schedule for the evening! The rest of class time will be spent on individual photos; once your dancer is done with their photo you may go so we ask that ONE parent stay with their dancer at all times (please no additional family members if at all possible!). ***Tuesday and Thursday Classes - since these classes are smaller, your classes will meet at altered class times on Picture Night - please see the schedule below! We hold picture night on regular class nights if at all possible as we know your lives are busy and we want all dancers in attendance. Purchasing pictures is optional but we would like all dancers to come dressed in uniform to participate in the group photo even if they are not ordering photos. Dancers may wear their hair however you would like for photos but should come in complete uniform. Tuesday and Thursday Classes Picture Night Schedule: Thursday Tiny Kix (preK) and Mini Hip Hop (4-5th gr) - 5:30-6:00pm; Thursday Wee Petites (K-1st gr) and Jr. Jazz (6-12th gr) - 6:00-6:30pm; Thursday Wee Kix (2-3rd gr) and Jr. Hip Hop (6-12th gr) - 6:30-7:00pm. Thursday classes will meet for pictures at these times on Tuesday, and will have regular class that week on Thursday.

STAY INFORMED

WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses/becker-mn -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 or will receive a email PDF version. You can also find these posted on your local website. These newsletters will have important dates and information for upcoming events.

E-MAIL

We will send out weekly e-mails throughout the season with reminders and announcements. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file and make it a habit to check your email before we meet each time. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back.

TEXT MESSAGE-BAND APP

Get current information fast with the BAND App. This is used for announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, practice videos, etc. Please contact me if you are not already in your dancer's BAND groups.

WE OFFER A NO DISTRACTION ENVIRONMENT

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TUITION

There are three easy ways to make your payments:

1. Online Payment System
at justforkix.com/danceclasses. This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

2. Call Payments into the Home Office
218-829-7107
Mon. - Fri. 10:00am - 4:30pm (CST)
We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone. If you can't reach us by phone, please email support@justforkix.com

3. Mail Payment to the Home Office.
Just For Kix
PO Box 724
Brainerd, MN 56401

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.

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, if you wish! Hair should be pulled back in a pony tail or bun. Dance shoes/tennis shoes should be worn.

Online Access to Your Dancer's 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



A SAFER DANCE ENVIRONMENT

The health and safety of our students, families, guests, and staff have always been our highest priority. A concern that has only been heightened by these new and challenging times. By using local, state, and national guidelines to inform best practices for service continuity, Just For Kix is ready to re-open our in-person services. Visit justforkix.com for more information.

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.

ATTENDANCE

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

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.

UNIFORM/COSTUMES

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 order early to ensure timely delivery prior to your program's first performance. 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 exchange instructions on the back of the invoice that came with your uniform. 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.

Return/exchange policy

If you are unhappy with your uniform or need a different size simply follow the steps and complete the forms on your return form that came with your item(s) and send it back within 10 days. Only uniforms that have not been worn and are not damaged, stained or used will be exchanged or refunded. Tights, undergarments and hair pieces may not be exchanged after they have been removed from the packaging. Please allow 2-3 weeks for exchanges of in stock items, and 4-6 weeks for back ordered pieces. For faster processing, order new pieces online first in your student account and send in pieces for refund after.

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DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

January:

Week of 1/6 - Dress Rehearsal for all 4-12th grade classes - wear your uniform to class
1/10 - Winter Special Sessions Class #1
1/17 - Winter Special Session Class #2
1/19 - Winter Shows for all classes - show times 2:30pm and 5:00pm
1/20 - MLK Jr. Day - YES we will meet for Picture Night for all Monday Classes!
1/28 - Picture Night for all Tuesday and Thursday Classes - Strengthening class will still meet from 7:00-8:00pm

February:

2/8 - Becker Business Expo
Performance for PreK-3rd grade - 10:30am showtime
Week of 2/10 - Pink-Out Week!
2/11 - Advanced Jazz Special Session

begins

2/17 - President's Day - YES Monday Classes WILL have class!
Saturday 2/22 - Alexandria TWD Competition for all 4-12th grade classes

March:

3/2 - Becker/Annandale/Delano Community Show for all classes @ Annandale High School - TENTATIVE 3:00pm show time
3/11 - Spring Teeny Kix begins (8 week class for 2-4 yr olds)
3/21 - Friends and Family Stage Show Performance for all PreK-3rd graders and Solos/Duets/Trios - show time 6:20pm
Sunday 3/23 - Brainerd TWD Competition for all 4-12th grade
Week of 3/24 - Tie Dye Week!

Sunday 3/30 - St. Cloud TWD Competition for all 2-12th grade classes (except Wee Jazz/Hip Hop)

April:

4/1 - Spring Special Session Registrations Due
4/4 - Required Mass Practice for all full year Kick and Lyrical Classes *See March/April Newsletter for class times/location
4/23 - Make-up Practice for Tuesday Classes - all classes held at their regular location and times
4/25 - Spring Special Sessions Class #1
4/29 - No Class for Tuesday Classes due to JFK Nationals Competition
4/30 - 5/2 (Wednesday through Friday)- Rochester JFK Nationals Competition for Jr. and Sr. level classes

ONLY

***Solos/Duets will compete Wednesday; Jr. Hip Hop and Jr. Pom will compete Thursday; Sr. Kix, Jr. Jazz, and Jr. Lyrical will compete Friday

May:

5/1 - No Class for Thursday Classes due to JFK Nationals Competition (make-up practice is already built into the schedule)
Week of 5/5 - Last Week of Class and Beach Week!
5/9 - Spring Special Session Class #2
5/10 - Spring Shows for all classes - show times 3:00pm and 6:00pm
***Some classes will perform at both Spring Shows, others will perform in only one show - this info. will be sent via email

WINTER SPECIAL SESSIONS

The following Winter Special Sessions will be held on Fridays, January 10th and January 17th at the Becker Intermediate School Multipurpose Room. Registrations are due by December 17th. The following classes will perform in BOTH Winter Shows! Class times as well as class costumes are listed below:

1. Preschool Father/Dancer - class time is 5:00-5:45pm - open to ages 3-5 years old, not yet in K
Costume: Kids - Kids - brown shirt and black leggings, Guys - Christmas/festive shirt and jeans
2. Mother/Dancer - class time is 5:45-7:15pm - open to K-12th grade
Costume: Kids and Adults - Winter Show tshirt and black leggings/pants
3. Winter Lights - class time is 7:15-8:45pm - open to 4-12th grade, 2-3rd graders must be approved to join by me prior to registering
Costume: Solid black sweatshirt worn over whatever costume dancers performed in last; please be sure you ordered LIGHT STICKS (listed as required with class uniform pieces)

The following special session class will meet in February and we are currently taking registrations:

4. Winter Parent/Child Dance with Me - class dates, Tuesdays 2/4/25-3/4/25 - 6:15-6:45pm - open to ages 18-36 months
***The focus of this class is for kiddos to be introduced to a dance class setting without the added pressures of separating from parents and performing, with the ultimate goal of getting them ready for independent dance class in the future!

For over 40 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 14 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.

CANCELLATION

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

- jusforkix.com/danceclasses
- Announcement text
- 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 or we will do it virtually. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes have already been scheduled or if they are done virtually.



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES - TWO NEW ONES ADDED!

January 19 - Winter Shows for all classes - a separate Winter Show Newsletter will be emailed out containing all show day details!

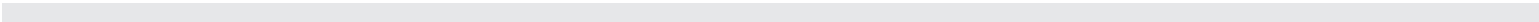
February 8 - PreK-3rd grade classes will be performing at the Becker Business Expo! Show time will be 10:30am. I will send out a performance newsletter once I have received all details from the planning committee, but please add this to your calendar!

March 2 - Becker/Annandale/Delano Community Show for all classes at 3pm at Annandale- A Community Show is performance that brings several Just For Kix programs together! We LOVE this performance as our kids get to see and support dancers from other programs! This show requires collaboration between several different directors; at this time directors are still working out details. A separate show newsletter will be sent out containing all details closer to the event date!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 Class Pmt Due	31	1 Class Pmt Due	2 Thur. Classes	3	4
5	6 Dress Rehearsal for 4-12th gr	7 Dress Rehearsal for 4-12th gr	8	9 Dress Rehearsal for 4-12th gr	10 Special Session Class #1	11
12	13 Mon. Classes	14 Tue. Classes	15	16 Thur. Classes	17 Special Session Class #2	18
19 Winter Shows 2:30pm and 5:00pm	20 Mon. Classes Picture Night	21 Tue. Classes	22	23 Thur. Classes	24	25
26	27 Mon. Classes	28 Tue. & Thur. Classes Picture Night	29	30 Thur. Classes	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31 Class Pmt Due	1
2	3 Mon. Classes	4 Tue. Classes	5	6 Thur. Classes	7	8 Business Expo Performance for Pre-3rd gr
9	10 Mon. Classes - Pink Out Week!	11 Tue. Classes - Pink Out Week!	12	13 Thur. Classes - Pink Out Week!	14	15
16	17 Mon. Classes	18 Tue. Classes	19	20 Thur. Classes	21	22 Alexandria Competition for 4-12th gr
23	24 Mon. Classes	25 Tue. Classes	27	27 Thur. Classes	28	1
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