Mar/Apr/May 2024 Becker, MN

# JUST FOR KIX

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Our season is rapidly winding down. The dancers have improved so much this year! It is truly a pleasure to work with your child each week. As the season nears it's end, we are working on perfecting routines for upcoming events. The teams are so excited for upcoming performances, Together We Dance Competitions and the Spring Show. Remember, the dancers love to have loud cheering sections at events, so be sure to invite everyone. Thank you for your continued support!



## **NEED TO KNOW**

#### ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is so important as we head into show and competition season. We dance as a team and positioning and formation work is difficult with missing members of the team. Please make every effort to attend every class. Each dancer is an important piece of the puzzle.

#### MAKE UP CLASSES

We have not had to schedule any make-up classes yet this season! We built in 5 extra hours of practice for the year, so could cancel up to 5 times before needing to make-up paid class time. Please note our tuition is based on a 32 week season and though all months may not have the same number of classes by the end of the season we guarantee that we will hit a minimum of 32 classes....so far, most classes will have received 36 hours of instruction!

#### **PAYMENTS**

Just a reminder as we head into the final months of our season, that all accounts must be current for dancers to participate in class, compete and perform. We recommend just making your March and April payments, If possible, at the beginning of March to save you a step. Payments are due the 1st of each month. Late payments will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. We recommend that you make your payments online by going to

www.justforkix.com/danceclasses and logging in there with the login information the home office provided. If you need login information please contact me and I will have it sent to you. Payments can also be made to the home office

by calling (218) 829-7107.

#### **SPRING SHOW**

Only those dancers with a zero balance in their account can perform at the Spring Show. For details on the Spring Show we will be sending a separate Spring Show Newsletter.

#### TOGETHER WE DANCE COMPETITIONS

Some of our older classes will be participating in TWD events in the next couple of months. A separate handout has been sent with details on

these upcoming events. These can also be found ON our website at www.justforkix.com/danceclasses. Competition fees will be billed into your dancers account prior to the event. These fees will need to be paid in order for the dancer to receive their wristband. Wristbands will be required for all dancers taking the floor the day of the

#### SUMMER CLASSES

We have some exciting classes we are adding throughout the summer months to keep dancers dancing! Summer classes will help your dancer to maintain flexibility over the break and to continue to build in the areas of strength and technique. We will communicate the summer class offerings to you once they are ready!

#### **REGISTER NOW**

#### Spring Registration

In April, you will receive your registration packet for next season. We are asking that you take the opportunity to register this Spring. It helps me immensely with planning for class sizes, staffing and any additions I need to make. Stay tuned for more information about this year's early registration contest!!

#### Registration is Easy!

Complete the online registration process at www.justforkix. com/danceclasses. You will be able to select classes and order your uniform. I will be sizing dancers who need new uniforms for next season at class. I allow room for growth over the Summer months. There is also detailed sizing information and size charts availble online. Order your uniform NOW to beat the rush.

- There are no lines to wait in!
- Uniforms can be ordered and paid for now rather than waiting for fall and back to school time.
- Uniforms will be delivered early in the new season.
- Any Spring order uniform exchanges needed, take precedence over Fall order fulfillment.
- Any or all class fee payments can be made now.
- Guarantees your spot in class!
- The only commitment you make is your non-refundable registration fee.

Tell your non-Just For Kix friends about our registration date which is open to the public. They are missing ALL the fun!!

\* While you are at it, sign up for our convenient auto-pay option which will have your monthly payment automatically deducted from your account on the first of each month in the season.

#### 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

**Director:** Jess Karsch-Strassburg

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www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/becker-mn **Follow us on Facebook:** Just For Kix - Becker,

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Thank you to all of our dance families for the support and trust you've put in us for over 40 years!



#### **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

I cannot stress enough that we need families to make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depends on you! If you are absent, use our BAND practice videos or 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.



# JUST FOR KIX HIGH SCHOOL DANCE CAMPS

7th grade and up



I encourage you all to check into a Just For Kix Camp this Summer. It is a great way to take your dancing to the next level! Check into the Summer camp schedule at www.justforkix.com/dancecamps STORM LAKE, IA | JUN 24-27 STEVENS POINT, WI | JUN 29-JUL 2 BRAINERD, MN #1 | JUL 7-10 BRAINERD, MN #2 | JUL 14-17 BRAINERD, MN #3 | JUL 21-25

Check with your local Just For Kix about Youth Camp Dates.

#### DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

March:

3/10 - St. Cloud Tech TWD Competition for 4-12th gr Kick, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Lyrical classes 3/12 - Spring Teeny Kix begins (8 week class for 2-4 yr olds) 3/17 - Brainerd TWD Competition for 4-12th gr Kick, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Lyrical classes Week of 3/18 - Crazy Hair Week! 3/22 -Friends and Family Stage Show Performance for all PreK-3rd graders and Solos/Duets/Trios show time 6:20pm Week of 3/25 - Spring Break - YES all classes WILL have class this week!

April:

4/4 - Pom Special Session for 4-12th grade begins 4/12 - Required Mass Practice for all full year Kick and Lyrical Classes

Week of 4/15 - Tie Dye/Neon Week!

4/19 - Spring Special Sessions Class #1

\*\*\*Classes offered this Spring include: Just For Sibs (sibling class), K-12th gr Father/Dancer, 4-12th gr Spring Lights (2-3rd graders will be allowed to take this class on an individual basis - must talk with Jess for permission), K-3rd gr. Pom, Parent/Child Dance

with Me for 18months-3 years old (non-performing), and Adult Hip Hop (non-performing) 4/25 - No Class for Thursday Classes due to JFK Nationals Competition 4/26 (FRIDAY) - Rochester Nationals Competition for Sr. Kix, Jr. Jazz, Jr. Hip Hop, and Jr. Lyrical classes ONLY

May:

5/3 - Spring Special Session Class #2

5/5 - 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 Week of 5/6 - Last Week of Classes and Beach Week!

#### SPRING SPECIAL SESSIONS

Spring Special Sessions are now live online and open for registration!! This year we are offering:

- K-12th grade Father/Dancer (2 week class)
- Spring Lights for 4-12th graders; 2-3rd graders please have a one-on-one conversation with me if your dancer would like to join and I will let you know if your dancer is ready for this class (2

week class)

- Just For Sibs! (2 week class) Back by popular demand, this is a partner class for sibling sets, dancers age 3 years old -12th grade can register with a partner as long as one of them in the pair is at least 7 years old. Due to the way the choreography is set up, we need at least one of the siblings to be at least 7 years old. If your dancer doesn't have a sibling but wants to participate, they could dance with a cousin, friend, etc. No boyfriends though - thanks! When registering for Just For Sibs!, you only pay one class fee per pair, just like with Mother/Dancer and Father/Dancer. Both partners will need to purchase a show shirt (listed as a required uniform piece when you register for the class). Register ASAP to reserve your dancer's spot!
- Pom for K-3rd graders (2 week class)
- Pom for 4-12th graders (4 week class)
- Parent/Child Dance with Me for 18-36 months (non-performing 2 week class)
- Adult Hip Hop (non-performing 2 week class) We are so excited to be offering so many options for our kids! Registration is open now through March 29th for 4-12th grade Pom, and now through April 10th for all other classes register now to reserve your dancer's spot!

#### **CANCELLATION**

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

- jusforkix.com/danceclasses
- Announcement text in BAND
- Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us)
- Program Facebook page

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

#### Just For Kix Friends and Family Stage Show for Preschool-3rd grade classes:

Show Date/Time/Location: Friday, March 24th at 6:20pmat the Becker High School PAC

Admission: \$7/adults and \$5/students at the door; dancers and age 5 and under are FREE!

Arrival Times: All dancers please arrive to the PAC at 6:00pm; dancers can be dropped off on the stage with instructors

Uniform/Hair Information: Dancers please arrive in full uniform with "show hair" done (same show hairstyles that we have used all year - Preschool and K-1st hair curled and pulled up into half-pony with hairpiece infront of pony; 2-3rd - low dancer bun with center part and bangs pinned back)

Pick-up Instructions: All dancers can be picked up from the stage by one parent following their final performance so they can watch the rest of the show with them!







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.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 Class pmt due	2
3	4 Regular Mon- day Class	5 Regular Tues- day Class	6	7 Barg Obars Shurs-	8	9
St. Cloud Competiton for 4- 12th gr.	11 Regular Mon- day Class	Reg.Tue. Class &Spring Teeny Kix Starts	13	Regular Thursday Class	15	16
Brainerd Competition for 4-12th gr.	18 Monday Class - CRAZY HAIR DAY	Tuesday Class - CRAZY HAIR DAY	20	21 Thursday Class - CRAZY HAIR DAY	Stage Show for PreK-3rd gr.	23
24	25 Regular Mon- day Class	Regular Tuesday Class	27	Regular Thursday Class	Registraitons Due for 4-12th gr. Pom	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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7	Regular Mon- day Class	9 Regular Tues- day Class	10	Regular Thursday Class	REQUIRED Spring Mass Practice	13
14	Monday Class - TIEDYE/NEON DAY	Tuesday Class - TIEDYE/NEON DAY	17	Thursday Class - TIEDYE/NEON	Spring Special Session #1	20
21	Regular Mon- day Class	Regular Tuesday Class	24	NO THURSDAY CLASS	Nationals Competition for 6-12th gr.	27
28	Regular Monday Class	Regular Tuesday Class	1	Regular Thursday Class	Special Session #2	
Spring Shows - 3pm and 6pm	Last Monday Class - BEACH DAY	Last Tuesday Class - BEACH DAY	8	Last Thursday Class - BEACH DAY	10	11

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#### REQUIRED MASS PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Our REQUIRED Mass Practice for all full season kick classes and both Lyrical classes is taking place on Friday, April 12th in the locations listed below. At mass practice, Tiny Kix dancers will learn the majority of a Spring Show routine and all K-12th grade dancers will learn an entire production routine and/or the show finale routine. With mass practice being so close to the Spring Show, attendance is INCREDIBLY important! The schedule and locations for our Mass Practices are below:

Both Tiny Kix (full year class for 3-5 yo) - 5:00-6:00pm - meet in Middle School Commons

Both Wee Petites (K-1st gr) - 6:15-7:45pm - Meet in Middle School Commons

Both Wee Kix (2-3rd gr), Mini Kix (4-5th gr), Middle Kix (6-7th gr), Sr. Kix (8-12th gr) - 6:15-8:15pm - meet in Middle School Commons Mini Jazz/Lyrical (4-5th gr) and Jr. Lyrical (6-12th gr) - 4:00-6:00pm - meet in High School North Commons