Nov/Dec 2023 Becker, MN

# JUST FOR KIX

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!



# **NEED TO KNOW**

#### WINTER SHOW SHIRTS

Winter Show shirts are now available online! Ordering now allows you to purchase a Winter Show shirt for your dancer before the event - ensuring that you get the size that you would like. Show day t-shirt sales may not be available in all locations and size choices may be limited. We encourage you to order your show shirt online through your dancer's student account at justforkix.com/danceclasses. However, if you cannot order online, you can call in your order to the home office at 218-829-7107. Please allow an extra two weeks for processing on phone orders.

#### **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms are being delivered on a weekly basis right now. If you receive your uniform at class, please try it on as soon as possible, preferably at class before you leave. If the uniform does not fit and needs to be exchanged, please complete the form on the back of the invoice and follow the return/exchange directions. Uniforms cannot be exchanged if they have been worn, are dirty or damaged. Tights/undergarments may not be exchanged or returned, if opened.

### WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TO CLASS - SAVE THE

During the week of November 13th, I would like all PreK-3rd grade dancers who have received their uniform to wear it to class. 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. Dancers in 4-12th grade will wear their uniforms to class on the following dates: January 2nd (Tuesday classes) and January 8th (Monday classes).

#### **DANCER PICK UP - GRADE 3 & YOUNGER**

When picking your dancer up after class, please come in to the facility to get them. I ask that you come the last 5 minutes of class, we will perform for you, we will give brief announcements and then I will dismiss students to you. Classes run back to back so dancers that are not picked up will need to wait in the class area until their parent arrives.

#### 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. Most weeks, I will allow spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making!

#### **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

I will send out weekly 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.

#### **BAND APP**

Get current information fast with the BAND App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, practice videos, etc. It's easy to use! If you have not already done so, please sign up using the links that were emailed out earlier this year. Contact me if you need me to resend the links!

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website/Registration:

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

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Just For Kix

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.

iustforkix.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 open for 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 depends on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend and/or use the practice videos sent in BAND 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 were due several weeks ago. 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.



#### DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Please see our "Dance Year at a Glance 23/24" document for a list of all regular class, special session, mass practice, performance, and competition dates! This has been attached to almost all weekly emails and can also be found on our program website! Reminder that an updated version has been emailed out.

#### REQUIRED MASS PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

#### MASS PRACTICE

Our REQUIRED Mass Practice for all full season kick classes and both Lyrical classes is taking place on Friday, November 3rd in the locations listed below. At mass practice, Tiny Kix dancers will learn the majority of a Winter Show routine and all K-12th grade dancers will learn an entire production routine and/or the show finale routine. Mass Practice hours will serve as make-up hours....we have two Mass Practices scheduled for the year, and each one is the length of two regular classes for your dancer. This means that the Mass Practices are the equivalent of 4 make-up hours total; meaning that on a typical year we could cancel class up to 4 times throughout the season and the make-up hours are already built in! If we do not need to cancel, you get those extra 4 hours of instruction (equal to an entire months-worth of class!) for FREE! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this! 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

Mini Jazz/Lyrical (4-5th gr) and Jr. Lyrical (6-12th gr) -4:00-6:00pm - meet in High School North Commons

#### **BECKER DANCE TOGETHER PERFORMANCE**

Dancers in PreK-3rd grade will perform at the Becker Dance Together Performance, hosted by the Becker High School Dance Team, on Friday, November 17th! Show time will be 6:00pm. All other show details including arrival time/drop off information, admission fees, class costume/hair style details, performance order, etc. will be sent out in a separate show newsletter. I am just waiting for a few details to be finalized by the hosting group. Watch for that to be emailed out soon!

#### WINTER SHOW

This year our Winter Shows are schedule for Sunday, January 14th! All classes will participate in Winter Shows. You will receive a detailed Winter Show Newsletter closer to the show date. This document will contain all details that you need to know about show day! Please be on the lookout for that to be emailed to you.

#### CANCELLATION

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

- jusforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn
- Announcement in full program BAND group
- 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. We will always plan to do our make-up classes in person as long as we can get into the facility!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

11/3 - Required Mass Practice for all full year Kick and Lyrical Classes

Week of 11/13 - Dress Rehearsal for PreK-3rd grade classes wear your uniform to class

11/17 - Becker Dance Together Performance

11/21 - Winter Teeny Kix begins (8 week class for 2-4 yr olds)

11/23 - No Thursday Classes - Thanksgiving

Week of 11/27 -Silly Sock Week!

Week of 12/11 - Pajama Week!

12/20 - Winter Special Sessions Registrations Due 12/21, 12/25, 12/26, 12/28, 1/1 - No Classes due to Holiday Break

1/2 - Dress Rehearsal for Tuesday 4-12th grade classes wear your uniform to class

1/5 - Winter Special Sessions Class #1 \*\*\*details about these extra classes will be sent via weekly email!

1/8 - Dress Rehearsal for Monday 4-12th grade classes wear your uniform to class

1/12 - Winter Special Session Class #2

1/14 - Winter Shows for all classes - show times 2:30pm and

\*\*\*Some classes will perform at both Winter Shows, others will perform in only one show - this info. will be sent via email

1/15 - MLK Jr. Day - YES Monday Classes WILL have class! 1/22 - Picture Night for all Monday Classes!

1/30 - Picture Night for all Tuesday and Thursday Classes







For over 39 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
29	30	31	1 Class Pmt Due	Regular Thur. Classes	3 Mass Practice	4
5	Regular Mon. Classes	7 Regular Tue. Classes	8	9 Blagssless Thur.	10	11
12	Class Location Moved - see note below!	Class Location Moved - see note below!	15	Class Location Moved - see note below!	Becker Dance Together Per- formance	18
19	Class Location Moved - see note below!	Class Location Moved and Winter Teeny	22	No Class - Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25
26	Regular Mon. Classes - SILLY SOCK NIGHT!	Regular Tue. Classes - SILLY SOCK NIGHT!	29	Regular Thur. Classes - SILLY SOCK NIGHT!	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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26	27	28	29	30	1 Class Pmt Due	2
3	4 Regular Mon. Classes	5 Regular Tue. Classes	6	7 Regular Thur. Classes	8	9
10	Reg. Mon. Classes - PAJAMA	Reg. Tue. Classes - PAJAMA NIGHT!	13	Reg. Thur. Classes - PAJAMA NIGHT!	15	16
17	Regular Mon. Classes	Regular Tue. Classes	Winter Special Session Registrations Due	No Class - Happy Holiday Break!	22	23
24	No Class	No Class	27	No Class	29	30
31	1 No Class	z Tue. Classes Resume	3	Thur. Classes Resume	5 Winter Special Session Class #1	6

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The Book Fair is being held in our normal dance room from Nov. 13-21. During that time frame all of Jess, Ang, and Morgan's classes will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria; Lindsey's classes will be held in the High School North Commons!