

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!



NEED TO KNOW

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.

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.

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.

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.

Power Pack

Watch for emails from the Home Office packed with skills videos, tips, motivational quotes, sale items in the catalog and much more!

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 general information. Please check your email before we meet each time and 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-BAND APP

Get current information fast with the BAND App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, etc. It's easy to use. Links will be emailed out for you to sign up for our program-wide band group as well as individual groups for each class you dancer is in. Dancers will receive their practice videos in their individual class band groups, whereas the program-wide group will be used to send out general reminder/announcements; so please be sure to sign up for both!

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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www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/becker-mn

Follow us on Facebook: Just For Kix - Becker, MN



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.

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

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



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, though there are some exceptions.

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

- Each class that you register for will meet once per week, a total of 32 times throughout the season.....if a class is canceled for any reason those hours will be made up either by a make-up class or other pre-scheduled practice to ensure that dancers receive the 32 hours they are paying for.
- Typically, classes will meet weekly September through April, unless otherwise indicated on the "Dance Year at a Glance" handout, newsletters, or other form of communication.
- Kick is our core class style, meaning that this is the class in which all basic technique is taught. Technique and concepts taught in the other classes will build off of what is learned in kick....these other styles are called supplementary classes, meaning that dancers must be enrolled in kick in order to enroll in the additional class styles.

UNIFORM/COSTUMES

Uniform orders are due by the second week of class. 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 to exchange your uniform, or to return it for a refund and place a new order for the correct size needed. You will receive the correct size MUCH QUICKER if you return for a refund and place a new order. We can make an exchange/return 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.

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.

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

Please see our separate handout titled "Dance Year at a Glance 23/24" for all important dates for this season!

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.

Fall, Winter, Spring Teeny Kix - 8 week short term classes for 2-4 year olds
Monday Tiny Kix - full season class for 3-5 year olds (not yet in K)
Thursday Tiny Kix - full season class for 3-5 year olds (not yet in K)
Monday Wee Petites - K-1st grade
Thursday Wee Petites - K-1st grade
Monday Wee Kix - 2-3rd grade
Thursday Wee Kix - 2-3rd grade
Wee Jazz/Hip Hop - K-3rd grade
Mini Kix - 4-5th grade (competition class)
Mini Jazz/Lyrical - 4-5th grade (competition class)
Mini Hip Hop - 4-5th grade (competition class)
Middle Kix - 6-7th grade (competition class)
Sr. Kix - 8-12th grade (competition class)
Jr. Jazz - 6-12th grade (competition class)
Jr. Hip Hop - 6-12th grade (competition class)
Jr. Lyrical - 6-12th grade (competition class)

CANCELLATION

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

- [jusforkix.com/danceclasses/becker-mn](https://www.jusforkix.com/danceclasses/becker-mn)
- Announcement text in Band group(s)
- 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 or if they are done virtually. Classes will only be done virtually if there is no facility availability to hold an in-person make-up class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27th - Halloween Show for all Tiny Kix, Wee Petites, and Wee Kix classes

November 17th - Becker Dance Together Performance for Fall Teeny Kix, Wee Jazz/Hip Hop, and all Tiny Kix, Wee Petites, and Wee Kix classes

Details for these performances will be emailed out closer to each event!

Please refer to our "Dance Year at a Glance 23/24" handout for a list of all other upcoming events for the season!



For 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.

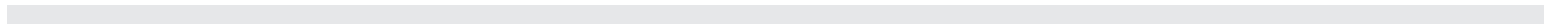
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 First night of Monday clas- ses!	12 First night of Tuesday clas- ses!	13	14 First night of Thursday clas- ses!	15	16
17	18 Regular Class and Uniform Orders Due	19 Regular Tues- day Classes	20	21 Regular Thurs- day Classes	22	23
24	25 Regular Mon- day Classes	26 Regular Tues- day Classes	27	28 Regular Thurs- day Classes	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 Class Pmt Due	2 Regular Mon- day Classes	3 Regular Tues- day Classes	4	5 Regular Thurs- day Classes	6	7
8	9 Regular Mon- day Classes	10 Regular Tues- day Classes	11	12 Regular Thurs- day Classes	13	14
15	16 Regular Mon- day Classes	17 Regular Tues- day Classes	18	19 Regular Thurs- day Classes	20	21
22	23 Mon. Classes - Halloween Cos- tume Night!	24 Tues. Classes - Halloween Cos- tume Night!	25	26 Thur. Classes - Halloween Cos- tume Night!	27 Halloween Show for PreK- 3rd grade	28
29	30 Regular Mon- day Classes	31 No Class - Happy Hallow- een!	1	2 Regular Thurs- day Classes	3	4

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All dancers are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume to class the week of October 23rd! Please be sure you can still move in your costume and that you are wearing jazz shoes or tennis shoes!