

Hi JFK families,

Most classes have finished their first routines. We are polishing and preparing for our first performances. This is when the fun really starts! They just love showing the result of all their hard work to families and audiences. I want to give a shout-out to our Bismarck North families and say THANK YOU! Our student accounts have never looked so good at this point in the season. I am spending much less time on payment tracking and reminders, so thank you for paying on time!

### **Class Announcements**

- NO CLASS ON HALLOWEEN – Make-up is Thursday, March 16 at your usual time. I scheduled this for March because we might want an extra practice around competition time. ☺
- Coach Michele's classes (grades 2-12) will meet downstairs in Fellowship hall Nov 1-2 because Trinity is setting up for their annual rummage sale in our usual space.
- November 14-16 is 80's/Neon Week at class – wear something fun and flashy!
- Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade dancers will be using a prop for one of their dances. Prop fees are due November 8, and you can pay online in your family account under PURCHASE UNIFORM.

### **Counting My Blessings Winter Show Commemorative Shirt Pre-Order**

- Pre-orders are now open!
- Order online in your family account – click MERCHANDISE.
- Pre-ordering is the easiest way to guarantee you get a shirt in the size you want.
- There will be limited quantities of Winter Show shirts for sale at the show.

### **Custom Items (shirts, warm-ups, bags, etc.)**

- Custom items are now available and may be ordered anytime throughout the season.
- Order online in your family account – click MERCHANDISE.
- Some items can be personalized (personalize items after they are in your cart).
- Items are delivered to class with no shipping charge.
- If you're ordering a gift for your dancer, let me know and I will call you instead of handing out at class.

### **Performances**

- Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade dancers have their first performance at CHS on the Saturday before Thanksgiving!
  - They announce the schedule the week before, but we are usually in late morning to early afternoon.
- All performance dates are posted on the Bismarck North website RESOURCES tab. Please mark your calendar for all dates now.
- Let us know ASAP if your dancer cannot attend a performance, so that we have time to adjust formations or partnering if necessary. Last-minute changes are stressful for our young performers.

### **Nov-Dec Newsletter**

- The Nov-Dec Newsletter went home from class with dancers last week.
- You can also view and print newsletters from the Bismarck North website RESOURCES tab.

### **Uniforms**

- Uniforms have arrived for many dancers, and more arrive each week.
- Check the Bismarck North website RESOURCES tab for uniform notes to make sure your dancer is ready with all uniform pieces and correct hair style.
- When your uniform arrives, try it on right away, before you leave class if possible. If an item doesn't fit, follow the instructions on the back of the invoice to get a return authorization (RMA). You can ship it yourself or I can ship it when I have enough for a shipment. To speed up the process, order the item in the correct size, and they will refund you when they receive the old item back.
- Our goal in dance team is to look and dance as one, so uniformity is important.

### **Practice at Home**

- Flexibility is key for dancers. With only one hour (or less) per week, we do not have adequate time to devote to stretching at class. Dancers should be stretching outside of class, at least every other day. Even 10 minutes a day will make a difference. Stretch while watching TV or chatting with friends!

### **JFK Bismarck North Website:**

<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/>

Login to your family account to:

- Make class fee payments
- Order uniform pieces
- Check payment history

Click the NEWS & EVENTS tab for info about performances and shows

Click the RESOURCES tab for info about uniforms, classes, etc.

Please bookmark this site.

Let me know if you find anything missing or in error, so I can correct it.

### **Class Tuition**

- If paying by the month, November tuition (\$36 K-12 / \$33 preschool) is due November 1.
- Please pay online or mail a check to the home office: Just For Kix, PO Box 724, Brainerd, MN 56401.
- We strongly recommend the auto-pay option, which will charge your class fee to your credit card automatically on the first of the month.
- A \$10.00 late fee is assessed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **Behavior**

- Dancers are not supervised outside of class.

- They should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before class.
- They should wait quietly for class to start – no running around or disrupting the previous class.
- Siblings should be closely supervised and not running around the church.

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