PAYNESVILLE - Alexandria Together We Dance Competition Details - Sunday, February 25th MOST TIMES HAVE SHIFTED BY 3-6 MINUTES!

Location: Alexandria High School 4300 Pioneer Rd SE Alexandria MN

This is a big event – remember to allow plenty of time to find parking, walk into the building, and find our meeting location. Make sure you note the side your dancer is performing on for each division they are participating in, as this is a two-sided event. Please reach out with any questions!

PARKING - There is a large lot on the south side of the facility, a north lot, and an overflow parking area off the south driveway of the facility. Please DO NOT park on the grass. The school has asked us to communicate that "if you have to drive up on the curb, it's the grass". If we do not abide by this request, we will not be able to use this facility as a competition site in the future.

ADMISSION - There will be NO ADMISSION at any of the TWD Competitions.

PARTICIPANT WRISTBANDS - Directors will receive wristbands for **paid** participants, which will be distributed the day of competition. Dancers will not be able to participate the day of competition without the wristband. Your account has been billed for this event- if you have not already done so, please log in and pay by 11:59pm Sunday, February 11th. Thank you!

LUNCH/MONEY - There will be food & merchandise available for purchase.

HAIR/UNIFORM/MAKE-UP – Please arrive in uniform with hair and make-up done. Please check to make sure you have all costume pieces NOW; kick classes should also wear black socks (from home) that cover the ankle. Red lipstick is required for all competing dancers; blush is recommended, any other make-up is optional. If you are in two or more dances it is recommended to wear a leotard under for easy changing – only do this if the is not visible under the costume. Make sure your hair is VERY NEAT – all classes should wear their hair in a low bun with a CENTER part, same as for all performances this year. For those in more than one class – changing areas are limited, but DO NOT change out in the open; please use changing tents provided.

NO GLITTER - Teams wearing glitter may be disqualified. This is a facility issue – glitter is very hard to clean up off the performance floor.

MEETING AREA - We will have an assigned meeting place to gather. Our meeting area is the AUX. GYM. Please remember to bring minimal personal belongings, items left in the meeting area are done so at your own risk as we will be sharing the space with several other programs. Put everything in one bag; label all personal items with your name and town.

HOW DO I FIND MY DANCER AFTER THE COMPETITION - Please meet your dancer back in our meeting area after awards are done.

DIVISIONS - Competition divisions are based on grade range and class size. Your division may not have the same title as your normal class name. The final schedule will be posted online at www.justforkix.com/twd within 24 hours of the event.

JUDGING – The same judging sheet will be used as the last year; this will be discussed at our parent meeting!

MESSAGE TO PARENTS - Competition day is an exciting and high-adrenaline day. At this point in the season, the dancers are still working on polishing and mastering new skills. As always, this will be a tough competition. I have prepared the dancers for that fact, but sometimes I think we as parents need to be prepared for that as well. We are biased to your kids. I like to stress to our dancers to do their best, display good sportsmanship, learn something new and enjoy the day!! I will ALWAYS stress that doing our best is more important than being the best and that I will love them the same no matter if we get first place or last place. In our program we are also very clear with kids that poor sportsmanship will NOT be tolerated; there will be consequences in regards to remaining competitions for the season if dancers to not abide by this. Thanks for your support of your dancers no matter the outcome of the day!!

DANCER ARRIVAL- APPROX PERFORMANCE TIME AND AWARDS-Dancers are free to leave after their awards or stay and cheer for other groups!

Mini Kix (4-5th gr) – Mini Kix 1 division

Arrival: 7:05am

Performance time: 8:06am

Awards: 8:39am

Side A

Mini Jazz/Lyrical (2-5th gr) - Mini Lyrical and Wee Jazz divisions

LYRICAL - Arrival: 9:00am

LYRICAL – Performance time: 9:57am

LYRICAL - Side B

***Immediately following their lyrical performance, dancers will get ready to perform jazz. Both divisions will be at the same awards ceremony.

JAZZ - Performance time: 10:16am

JAZZ - Side B

JAZZ AND LYRICAL - Awards: 10:22am

Mini Hip Hop (2-5th gr) – Wee Hip Hop division

Arrival: 10:30am

Performance time: 11:33am

Awards: 11:54am

Side B

Jr. Hip Hop (6-12th gr) – Jr./Sr. Hip Hop division

Arrival: 12:00pm

Performance time: 1:02pm

Awards: 1:17pm

Side B

Jr. Jazz (6-12th gr) – Jr./Sr. Jazz division

Arrival: 12:00pm

Performance time: 1:31pm

Awards: 2:00pm

Side A

***Dancers who are in both Jr. Hip Hop and Jr. Jazz – both of these classes are arriving at the same time, because their performance times are very close together. Arrive dressed for hip hop, and plan to change into your jazz costume immediately after your hip hop performance.

Jr. Lyrical (6-12th gr) – Jr./Sr. Lyrical division

Arrival: 1:45pm

Performance time: 2:45pm

Awards: 3:04pm

Side A

Jr. Kix (6-12th gr) – Jr. Kix division

Arrival: 2:45pm

Performance time: 3:38pm

Awards: 3:41pm

Side B

***Dancers who are in both Jr. Jazz and Jr. Lyrical, and/or Jr. Lyrical and Jr. Kix – your lyrical arrival time overlaps your jazz awards time, and your kick arrival time overlaps your lyrical awards time. Instructors will let you know exactly when you should change costumes for the next class as well as when we will practice with each class in between performances and awards.