

JUST FOR KIX

DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,
We are so excited to kick off the New Year & are so thankful to have you dancing with us! We are now into the performance & competitive portion of our season. It is fun for the dancers to now have the opportunity to show what they have been working on. Any questions or concerns you have at any time throughout the season are important to me. Class time is very busy so if you are unable to connect with me at class, feel free to contact at the email address and/or phone number listed below. Here's to a successful and Happy New Year!

2024
Happy New Year

NEED TO KNOW

Dress Rehearsal for All Classes

Dancers will wear their uniforms to class on January 9th. 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. Please let me know ASAP if you are missing any required uniform pieces.

TWD COMPETITIONS

JUST FOR KIX Together We Dance Competitions is when all programs come together to compete and celebrate our student's efforts. Our program will compete in 4 events this year. The average is 3-4 events for most programs. These dates were sent out quite a while ago but I want to make sure you have them all on your calendar:

1. Alexandria TWD - Sun. February 25 - all Mini and Jr. teams
2. St. Cloud TWD - Sun. March 10 - all Mini and Jr. teams

3. Brainerd TWD - Sun. March 17 - all Mini and Jr. teams
4. Rochester Nationals TWD - Fri. April 26 - all Jr. teams

CLASS PICTURES

We will be holding our class photos at dancers' regular class time on Tuesday, January 23rd. We will take the group photo 15 minutes into your dancer's class time, please be on time so we can stay on schedule for the evening! The rest of class time will be spent on individual photos; once your dancer is done with their photo you may go so we ask that one parent stay with their dancer at all times. We hold picture night on a regular class night as we know your lives are busy and we want all dancers in attendance. Purchasing pictures is optional but we would like all dancers to come dressed in uniform to participate in the group photo even if they are not ordering photos. Dancers may wear their hair however you would like for photos but should come in complete uniform.

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 invite spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making!

STAY INFORMED

WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-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 make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file and check your email before we meet each time. 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. Please email me if you need instructions sent again on how to join!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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.

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.

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DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

January:

1/2 - Regular Class
1/9 - Regular Class & Dress Rehearsal for all classes (wear your uniform to class tonight)
1/13 - Winter Special Sessions Class #1
***Classes offered this Winter include: PreK Father/Dancer, K-12th gr Mother/Dancer, 4-12th gr Winter Lights (2-3rd graders will be allowed to take this class on an individual basis - must talk with Jess for permission), Parent/Child Dance with Me for 18months-3 years old (non-performing), and Adult Hip Hop (non-performing)
1/16 - Regular Class
1/20 - Winter Special Sessions Class #2
1/21 - Winter Shows - 2:30pm and 5:00pm show times
***Some classes will perform at both Winter Shows, others will perform in only one show - this info. will be sent via email
1/23 - Picture Night!
1/30 - Regular Class

February:

2/6 - Regular Class
2/11 - Paynesville/BBE Community Show @ Belgrade - 11:00am and 12:30pm show times
***each class will only dance in one show - this information will be sent via email
2/13 - Regular Class - We LOVE to Dance/Valentines Dress-up Night!
2/20 - Regular Class
2/25 - Alexandria TWD Competition for all Mini and Junior classes
2/27 - Regular Class

March:

3/2 - Paynesville/Albany/Melrose Community Show for Kick Classes ONLY - 2:00pm and 3:30pm shows
***each class will only perform in one show - this info will be sent via email
3/5 - Regular Class
3/10 - St. Cloud Tech TWD Competition for all Mini and Junior classes

3/12 - Regular Class

3/17 - Brainerd TWD Competition for all Mini and Junior classes
3/19 - Regular Class - Crazy Hair Night!
3/26 - Regular Class and Spring Teeny Kix begins (6 week class for 2-4 yr olds)

April:

4/2 - Regular Class
4/6 - Paynesville Talent Showcase Performance for PreK-3rd grade classes and Solos/Duets/Trios - 1:00pm Show
4/9 - Regular Class
4/10 - Spring Special Session Registrations Due
4/13 - Required Mass Practice for all full season classes *Class times will be listed in March/April Newsletter*
4/16 - Regular Class - Tie Dye/Neon Night!
4/21 - Spring Special Session 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, 4-12th gr Pom, Parent/Child Dance with Me for 18months-3 years old (non-performing), and Adult Hip Hop (non-performing)
4/23 - Regular Class
4/26 (Friday) - Rochester Nationals Competition for Jr. Kix, Jr. Jazz, Jr. Lyrical and Jr. Hip Hop ONLY
4/28 - Spring Special Session Class #2
4/30 - Regular Class

May:

5/4 - Spring Shows - 10:30am and 1:30pm show times
***Some classes will perform at both Spring Shows, others will perform in only one show - this info. will be sent via email
5/7 - Last Night of Class - Beach Night!

WINTER SPECIAL SESSIONS

Winter Special Sessions will be held on Saturdays, January 13th and January 20th at the Paynesville Lutheran Church. The following classes will perform in BOTH Winter Shows! Class times as well as class costumes are listed below:

1. Preschool Father/Dancer - class time is 4:00-4:45pm - open to ages 3-5 not yet in K
Costume: Kids - red shirt and black leggings, Guys - green shirt and jeans
2. Mother/Dancer - class time is 4:45-6:15pm - open to K-12th grade
Costume: Kids and Adults - Winter Show tshirt and black leggings/pants

The following Special Session is NON-PERFORMING - no costume needed, just wear activewear and tennis shoes:

1. Winter Parent/Child Dance with Me - 3:30-4:00pm - open to ages 18-36 months
***The focus of this class is for kiddos to be introduced to a dance class setting without the added pressures of separating from parents and performing, with the ultimate goal of getting them ready for independent dance class in the future!

CANCELLATION

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

- [justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn](https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn)
- Announcement message in BAND group(s) and program Facebook page
- 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 only do classes virtually if there is no facility availability.

SHOW DETAILS

January 21 - Winter Shows for all classes - a separate Winter Show Newsletter will be emailed out containing all show day details!

February 11 - Community Show for all classes - A Community Show is performance that brings several Just For Kix programs together! We LOVE this performance as our kids get to see and support dancers from other programs! This show requires collaboration between several different directors; at this time directors are still working out details but we finally have this date confirmed! There will be two shows, lasting about 30 minutes each, with each classes dancing in only one show...short and sweet to get you home in time for the Super Bowl! A separate show newsletter will be sent out containing all details closer to the event date!



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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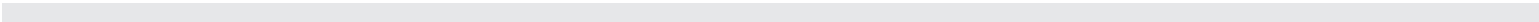
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Class Pmt Due - No Class	2 Reg. Classes	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Dress Rehearsal	10	11	12	13 Special Session #1
14	15	16 Reg. Classes	17	18	19	20 Special Session #2
21 Winter Shows	22	23 Picture Night	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Reg. Classes	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 Class pmt due	2	3
4	5	6 Reg. Classes	7	8	9	10
11 Community Show	12	13 Reg. Classes - Valentines Dress Up Week	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Reg. Classes	21	22	23	24
25 Alexandria TWD Competi- tion	26	27 Reg. Classes	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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