

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!



NEED TO KNOW

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ALL CLASSES

Dancers will wear their uniforms to class on January 6th. 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.

JUST FOR KIX TWD COMPETITIONS

Together We Dance Competitions are an opportunity for all programs come together to compete and celebrate our student's efforts. Our program will compete in 5 events this year. The average is 3-4 events for most programs. These dates were sent out a while ago, but I want to make sure you have them noted - I will let you know as soon as I know which day of the weekend we are competing:

1. St. Cloud #1 TWD (at Tech H.S.) - 2/21-2/22 - all Mini and Junior level teams, plus Wee Kix (2-3rd gr)
2. St. Cloud #2 TWD - 3/14-3/15 - all Mini and Junior level teams, plus Wee Kix (2-3rd gr)
3. Brainerd TWD - 3/21-3/22 - all Mini and Junior level teams

4. Wahpeton (ND) TWD - 3/28-3/29 - all Junior level teams
5. Rochester Nationals TWD - Thur. April 30- Jr. Hip Hop and Jr. Pom; and Fri. May 1 - Jr. Jazz, Jr. Lyrical, Sr. Kix

CLASS PICTURES

We will be holding our class photos on January 20. All classes will we will meet at our normal class times in the Fellowship Hall (big room) and will take the group photo 15 minutes into each group's class time, with the exception of Jr. Kix, who we ask to be ready to take their group photo at 8:15pm. 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 (please no additional family members if at all possible!). We hold picture night on regular class nights if at all possible 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. I will allow spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making and go through announcements!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn

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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 announcements. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file and make it a habit to 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. This is used for announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, practice videos, etc. Please contact me if you are not already in your dancer's BAND groups.



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.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depend on you! If you are absent, use the practice videos in BAND and 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.



DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

January:

1/6 - Regular Class & Dress Rehearsal for all classes (wear your costume to class tonight)
1/10 - Winter Special Sessions Class #2
1/13 - Regular Class
1/18 - Winter Shows - 2:30pm and 5:00pm show times
1/20 - Picture Night!
1/27 - Regular Class

February:

2/3 - Regular Class
2/10 - Regular Class - Pink-out Night!
2/17 - Regular Class
Weekend of 2/21-2/22 - St. Cloud #1 TWD Competition for all Wee Kix and all Mini and Junior classes - we will only dance one day, but do not know which day yet! Exact date will be communicated via email once I know.
2/24 - Regular Class

March:

3/3 - Regular Class

3/7 - Paynesville/Albany/Melrose/Sauk Centre Community Show @ Albany High School for all Kick classes, Wee Jazz/Hip Hop, and Mini Hip Hop - show time to-be-determined

3/10 - Regular Class
Weekend of 3/14-3/15 - St. Cloud #2 TWD Competition for all Wee Kix and all Mini and Junior classes - we will only dance one day, but do not know which day yet! Exact date will be communicated via email once I know.
3/17 - Regular Class
Weekend of 3/21-3/22 - Brainerd TWD Competition for all Mini and Junior classes - we will only dance one day, but do not know which day yet! Exact date will be communicated via email once I know.
3/24 - Regular Class - Tie Dye Night!
Weekend of 3/28-3/29 - Wahpeton TWD Competition for all Junior classes ONLY - we will only dance one day, but do not know which day yet! Exact date will be communicated via email once I know.

3/31 - Regular Class

April:

4/7 - Regular Class and Spring Teeny Kix begins (6 week class for 2-4 yr olds)
4/11 - Required Mass Practice for all full season classes *Class times will be listed in March/April Newsletter*
4/14 - Regular Class
4/19 - Paynesville/BBE/Osakis Community Show @ Brooten Elementary School - all classes - 3pm show
4/21 - Regular Class and Spring Special Session Registrations Due - Retro JFK Day (wear old costumes, old winter/spring show shirt, etc.)
4/26 - Make-up Class for all classes at regular class times (this is to make up for no class on April 28 as coaches and potentially soloists will need to travel to our Nationals competition that evening)
4/28 - No Class due to JFK Nationals Competition

4/29 - 5/1 (Wednesday through Friday) - Rochester Nationals Competition for Jr. level classes ONLY
***Jr./Sr. Solos/Duets will compete Wednesday; Jr. Hip Hop and Jr. Pom and Middle Solos will compete Thursday; Jr. Kix, Jr. Jazz, and Jr. Lyrical will compete Friday

May:

5/3 (Sunday) - Spring Special Session Class #1
5/5 - Regular Class
5/9 (Saturday) - Spring Special Session Class #2
5/12 - Last Night of Class - Beach Night!
5/16 - Spring Shows - 3:00pm and 6:00pm show times
***Some classes will perform at both Spring Shows, others will perform in only one show - this info. will be sent via email

WINTER SPECIAL SESSIONS

All Winter Special Sessions are running, and will be held on Saturdays, January 3rd and January 10th 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 10:30-11:15am - open to ages 3-5 years old, not yet in K

Costume: Kids - Christmas/holiday dress from home (shorts underneath please), Guys - solid red shirt and jeans

2. Elementary Pom - class time is 11:15-12:15pm - open to K-5th grade

Costume: Winter Show shirt, black leggings, white poms (same as last year)

3. Mother/Dancer - class time is 12:15-1:45pm - open to K-12th grade

Costume: Kids and Adults - Winter Show shirt and black leggings/pants

4. Winter Lights - class time is 1:45-3:15pm - open to 4-12th grade, 2-3rd graders must be approved to join by me prior to registering
Costume: Solid black sweatshirt worn over whatever costume dancers performed in last; please be sure you ordered LIGHT STICKS (listed as required with class uniform pieces)

Please let me know if you have any questions!

CANCELLATION

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

- jusforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn
- Announcement text
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18 - Winter Shows for all classes - a separate Winter Show Newsletter will be emailed out containing all show day details!

Please see the "Dance Year at a Glance" section for a list of all remaining performances for the season!



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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Special Sessions Class #1
4	5	6 Dress Rehearsal	7	8	9	10 Special Sessions Class #2
11	12	13 Tue. Classes	14	15	16	17
18 Winter Shows 2:30pm and 5:00pm	19	20 Picture Night	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Tue. Classes	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

FEB

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 Class Pmt Due	2	3 Tue. Classes	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Tue. Classes	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tue. Classes	18	19	20	21 St. Cloud #1 Competition
22 St. Cloud #1 Competition	23	24 Tue. Classes	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

We will only dance ONE day at the St. Cloud #1 Competition - I will let you know which day as soon as I know!