

# JUST FOR KIX

## DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Our season is rapidly winding down. The dancers have improved so much this year! It is truly a pleasure to work with your child each week. As the season nears its end, we are working on perfecting routines for upcoming events. The teams are so excited for upcoming performances, Together We Dance Competitions and the Spring Show. Remember, the dancers love to have loud cheering sections at events, so be sure to invite everyone. Thank you for your continued support!



## NEED TO KNOW

### ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is so important as we head into show and competition season. We dance as a team and positioning and formation work is difficult with missing members of the team. Please make every effort to attend every class. Each dancer is an important piece of the puzzle.

### MAKE UP CLASSES

We have not had to schedule and make-up classes yet this season; we had 5 extra hours built in to use as make-up hours in case of cancellations and so far we have only used 1. Please note our tuition is based on a 32 week season and though all months may not have the same number of classes by the end of the season we will hit the 32 class count, if not more.

### PAYMENTS

Just a reminder as we head into the final months of our season, that all accounts must be current for dancers to participate in class, compete and perform. We recommend just making your March and April payments. If possible, at the beginning of March to save you a step. Payments are due the 1st of each month. Late payments will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. We recommend that you make your payments online by going to [www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses) and logging in there with the login information the home office provided. If you need login information please contact me and I will have it sent to you. Payments can also be made to the home office by calling (218) 829-7107.

### SPRING SHOW

Only those dancers with a zero balance in their account can perform at the Spring Show. For details on the Spring Show we will be sending a separate Spring Show Newsletter.

### TOGETHER WE DANCE COMPETITIONS

Some of our older classes will be participating in TWD events in the next couple of months. A separate handout has been sent out with details on these upcoming events. These can also be found ON our website at [www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses). Competition fees will be billed into your dancers account prior to the event. These fees will need to be paid in order for the dancer to receive their wristband. Wristbands will be required for all dancers taking the floor the day of the event.

### SUMMER CLASSES

We have some exciting classes we are adding throughout the summer months to keep dancers dancing! Summer classes will help your dancer to maintain flexibility over the break and to continue to build in the areas of strength and technique. Watch your email for communication on summer class offerings!

### SPECIAL SESSIONS

Get involved in some of the great Special Session Classes we have starting soon! Registration can be done online!

## REGISTER NOW

### Spring Registration

In April, you will receive your registration packet for next season. We are asking that you take the opportunity to register this Spring. It helps me immensely with planning for class sizes, staffing and any additions I need to make. Stay tuned for more information about this year's early registration contest!!

### Registration is Easy!

Complete the online registration process at [www.justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses). You will be able to select classes and order your uniform. I will be sizing dancers who need new uniforms for next season at class. I allow room for growth over the Summer months. There is also detailed sizing information and size charts available online. Order your uniform NOW to beat the rush.

- There are no lines to wait in!
- Uniforms can be ordered and paid for now rather than waiting for fall and back to school time.
- Uniforms will be delivered early in the new season.
- Any Spring order uniform exchanges needed, take precedence over Fall order fulfillment.
- Any or all class fee payments can be made now.
- Guarantees your spot in class!
- The only commitment you make is your non-refundable registration fee.

Tell your non-Just For Kix friends about our registration date which is open to the public. They are missing ALL the fun!!

\* While you are at it, sign up for our convenient auto-pay option which will have your monthly payment automatically deducted from your account on the first of each month in the season.

## 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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**Website/Registration:**

[www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn)

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## TUITION

There are three easy ways to make your payments:

### 1. Online Payment System

at [justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://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](mailto:support@justforkix.com)

### 3. Mail Payment to the Home Office.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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

I cannot stress enough how important it is for our dance families to make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depends on you! If you are absent, use the practice videos provided on BAND and/or 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.



## JUST FOR KIX HIGH SCHOOL DANCE CAMPS

7th grade and up



I encourage you all to check into a Just For Kix Camp this summer. It's a great way to take your dancing to the next level! Check into the Summer camp schedule at [www.justforkix.com/dancecamps](http://www.justforkix.com/dancecamps)

STORM LAKE, IA | JUN 24-27  
STEVENS POINT, WI | JUN 29-JUL 2  
BRainerd, MN #1 | JUL 7-10  
BRainerd, MN #2 | JUL 14-17  
BRainerd, MN #3 | JUL 21-25

Check with your local Just For Kix about Youth Camp Dates.

# DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

## March:

3/2 - Paynesville/Albany/Melrose Community Show for all kick classes, Wee Jazz/Hip Hop and Mini Hip Hop - 10am show  
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  
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!

## SPRING SPECIAL SESSIONS

Spring Special Sessions are now live online and open for registration!! This year we are offering:  
- K-12th grade Father/Dancer (2 week class)  
- Spring Lights for 4-12th graders; 2-3rd graders - please have a one-on-one conversation with me if your dancer would like to join and I will let you know if your dancer is ready for this class (2 week class)  
- Just For Sibs! (2 week class) - Back by popular demand, this is a partner class for sibling sets, dancers age 3 years old - 12th grade can register with a partner as long as one of them in the pair is at least 7 years old. Due to the way the choreography is set up, we need at least one of the siblings to be at least 7 years old. If your dancer doesn't have a sibling but wants to participate, they could dance with a cousin, friend, etc. No boyfriends though - thanks! When registering for Just For Sibs!, you only pay one class fee per pair, just like with Mother/Dancer and Father/Dancer. Both partners will need to purchase a show shirt (listed as a required uniform piece when you register for the class). Register ASAP to reserve your dancer's spot!  
- Pom for K-3rd graders (2 week class)  
- Pom for 4-12th graders (2 week class)  
- Parent/Child Dance with Me for 18-36 months (non-performing - 2 week class)  
- Adult Hip Hop (non-performing - 2 week class)  
We are so excited to be offering so many options for our kids! Registration is open now April 10th - register now to reserve your dancer's spot!

## CANCELLATION

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

- [justforkix.com/danceclasses](https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses)
- Announcement text on BAND
- Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us)
- Post on program Facebook page

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Paynesville Talent Showcase Performance for PreK-3rd grade and Soloists:

This event is a fundraiser for the school district and we are so happy to be able to participate to support them!

The Paynesville Talent Showcase is taking place on Saturday, April 6th at the Paynesville Area High School. Please arrive at the Paynesville High School Auditorium in costume with show hair done at 11:50am; we will practice on the stage from 12:00-12:15pm. Parents will drop off their dancers and will then need to exit the Auditorium to re-enter when the doors open for spectators at 12:30pm. The show will begin at 1:00pm; most of our groups dance in the first half of the show.

Families please meet your dancer to the left of the stage immediately after their performance.

Tickets are \$10 for all spectators (no variation for children or seniors - my understanding is that if your child is old enough to need their own seat then they need a ticket). Dancers are FREE! General admission seating can be purchased at the door, or you can order your tickets online to reserve your seating ahead of time. To reserve seats in advance, google "Paynesville Talent Showcase 2024".



*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.*

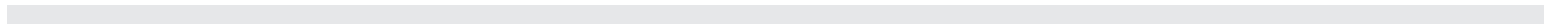
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## 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 Class pmt due	2 Community Show at Albany H.S.
3	4	5 Regular Tues-day Class	6	7	8	9
10 St. Cloud Com- petition for Mini & Jr. Classes	11	12 Regular Tues- day Class	13	14	15	16
17 Brainerd Com- petition for Mini & Jr. Classes	18	19 Tuesday Class - CRAZY HAIR DAY	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Reg.Tue. Class & Spring Teeny Kix Starts	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



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31	1 Class pmt due	2 Regular Tues- day Class	3	4	5	6 Paynesville Tal- ent Showcase for PreK-3rd gr.
7	8	9 Regular Tues- day Class	10	11	12	13 REQUIRED Spring Mass Practice
14	15	16 Tuesday Class - TIEDYE/NEON DAY	17	18	19	20
21 Spring Special Session #1	22	23 Regular Tues- day Class	24	25	26 Nationals Competition for Jr. Classes	27
28 Spring Special Session #2	29	30 Regular Tues- day Class	1	2	3	4 Spring Shows - 10:30am and 1:30pm Shows
5	6	7 Last Tuesday Class - BEACH DAY	8	9	10	11

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### REQUIRED MASS PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Our REQUIRED Mass Practice for all full season classes is taking place on Saturday, April 13th at the Paynesville Lutheran Church. At mass practice, Tiny Kix dancers will learn the majority of a Spring Show routine and all K-12th grade dancers will learn an entire production routine and/or the show finale routine. With mass practice being so close to the Spring Show, attendance is INCREDIBLY important! The schedule for our Mass Practices are below:

Tiny Kix (full year class for 3-5 yo) - 9:00-10:00am

Wee Petites (K-1st gr) - 10:15-11:45am

Wee Kix (2-3rd gr), Mini Kix (4-5th gr), Jr. Kix (6-12th gr) - 10:15-12:15pm

Wee Jazz/Hip Hop and Mini Hip Hop - 12:30-1:30pm

Jr. Hip Hop (6-12th gr) - 12:30-2:00pm

Mini Jazz/Lyrical (2-5th gr), Jr. Lyrical (6-12th gr), and Jr. Jazz (6-12th gr) - 2:15-4:15pm