

JUST FOR KIX

DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents. At Just For Kix we pride ourselves on treating your kids as we would like ours to be treated, with respect! I also pride myself on being approachable, so please bring any concerns to my immediate attention. We want your experience to be a GREAT one!



NEED TO KNOW

WINTER SHOW SHIRTS

Winter Show shirts are now available online! Ordering now allows you to purchase a Winter Show shirt for your dancer before the event - ensuring that you get the size that you would like. Show day t-shirt sales may not be available in all locations and size choices may be limited. We encourage you to order your show shirt online through your dancer's student account at justforkix.com/danceclasses. However, if you cannot order online, you can call in your order to the home office at 218-829-7107. Please allow an extra two weeks for processing on phone orders. Dancers who participate in the Elementary Pom Special Session and the Mother/Dancer Special Session (both adults and kids) will wear this shirt when they perform at the Winter Shows!

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are being delivered on a weekly basis right now. If you receive your uniform at class, please try it on as soon as possible. If the uniform does not fit and needs to be exchanged, please complete the form on the back of the invoice and follow the return/exchange directions. Uniforms cannot be exchanged if they have been worn, are

dirty or damaged. Tights/undergarments may not be exchanged or returned, if opened.

DRESS REHEARSAL - WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TO CLASS - SAVE THE DATE!

On January 6th I would like all dancers who have received their uniform to wear it to class. 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 her 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.

DANCER PICK UP - GRADE 3 & YOUNGER

When picking your dancer up after class, please come in to the facility to get them. I ask that you come the last 5 minutes of class, we will perform for you, we will give brief announcements and then I will dismiss students to you. Classes run back to back so dancers that are not picked up will need to wait in the class area until their parent arrives.

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!

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

I 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. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back.

BAND APP

Get current information fast with the BAND App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, practice videos, etc. It's easy to use! If you have not already done so, please sign up using the links that were emailed out earlier this year. Contact me if you need me to resend the links!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn

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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.

MESSSES, 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, it is expected that you use the practice videos 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.



DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Please see our UPDATED "Dance Year at a Glance 25/26" document for a list of all regular class, special session, mass practice, performance, and competition dates!

REQUIRED MASS PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

MASS PRACTICE

Our REQUIRED Mass Practice for all full season classes is taking place on Saturday, November 8th at the Paynesville Lutheran Church. At mass practice, Tiny Kix dancers will learn the majority of a Winter Show routine and all K-12th grade dancers will learn an entire production routine and/or the show finale routine. Mass Practice hours will serve as make-up hours....we have two Mass Practices scheduled for the year, and each one is the length of two regular classes for your dancer. This means that the Mass Practices are the equivalent of 4 make-up hours total; meaning that on a typical year we could cancel class up to 4 times throughout the season and the make-up hours are already built in! If we do not need to cancel, you get those extra 4 hours of instruction (equal to an entire months-worth of class!) for FREE! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this! 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 (K-3rd gr) - 12:30-1:30pm
Mini Hip Hop (2-5th gr) and 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
Jr. Pom - no additional mass practice; practices will be made up if cancellations arise

WINTER SHOW

This year our Winter Shows are schedule for Sunday, January 18th! All classes will participate in Winter Shows; some classes will be in one show, some will be in both shows. You will receive a detailed Winter Show Newsletter closer to the show date. This document will contain all details that you need to know about show day! Please be on the lookout for that to be emailed to you.

For over 44 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.

CANCELLATION

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

- justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn
- Announcement in Full Program BAND group
- 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. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes/hours have already been scheduled or if they are done virtually (as a last resort if we cannot secure a make-up date with the facility).



UPCOMING EVENTS

11/3 - Deadline to let Jess know if you are missing any competitions
11/8 - Required Mass Practice for all full season classes
11/18 - Silly Sock Night!
11/25 - Winter Teeny Kix begins (6 week class for 2-4 yr olds)
12/16 - Winter Special Session Registrations Due - Pajama Night!
12/23 and 12/30 - No Class
1/3 - Winter Special Sessions Class #1
***Classes offered this Winter include: PreK Father/Dancer, K-5th gr Elementary Pom, K-12th gr Mother/Dancer, and 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)
1/6 - Dress Rehearsal for all classes (wear your costume to class tonight)
1/10 - Winter Special Sessions Class #2
1/18 - 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 closer to the show date
1/20 - Picture Night!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Class Pmt Due
2	3	4 Regular Tue. Class	5	6	7	8 Required Mass Practices
9	10	11 Regular Tue. Class	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 SILLY SOCK NIGHT!	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Regular Tue. Classes & Teeny Kix Starts	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



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30	1 Class Pmt Due	2 Regular Tue. Class	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Regular Tue. Class	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Reg. Tue. Class & Special Ses- sion Reg. Due	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 NO CLASS	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY - NO CLASS	26	27
28	29	30 NO CLASS	31 NEW YEARS EVE	1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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