## ALEXANDRIA JUST FOR KIX DANCE NEWS



#### WELCOME TO DANCE!

Welcome back returning dancers and a special welcome to all new dancers and families. 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 questions or concerns to my attention. We want your experience to be a GREAT one!

#### STAY INFORMED

#### **BAND APP**

BAND is our **PRIMARY SOURCE** of communication. Please take the time to set up access to our group. **This is so important!** Here you will find reminders, info on weather cancellations, newsletters.

info on weather cancellations, newsletters and ALL the important Alexandria JFK things you need to know!



SCAN the QR code or copy and paste the link below! https://band.us/n/aeaaAdm7vd40q

#### WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses/alexandria-mn/
This Alexandria JFK website page is where you can also find the newest newsletter, competition info, etc!

#### ALEXANDRIA JFK FACEBOOK

https://www.facebook.com/justforkix.alexandria

#### ALEXANDRIA JFK INSTAGRAM

@alexandriajfk

#### E-MAIL

We send reminders and updates by email throughout the season. Please keep your email address up to date in your dancer's account. If you don't see our emails, check your promotions, junk, or spam folders.

#### **POWER PACK**

Watch for emails from the Home Office packed with skills videos, tips, motivational quotes, sale items in the catalog and much more!

#### **NEED TO KNOW**

**Early Is On Time - On Time Is Late.** Just For Kix Teams strive to 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.

#### **CLASS ATTIRE**

Clothing should allow for movement; We ask that dancers do not wear jeans, jewelry, or chew gum in class. Hair should be pulled back in a pony tail or bun. Dance shoes/tennis shoes should be worn.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Make practices and performances a priority - your team depends on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material before the next class.

#### **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.

#### **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

For preschool–3rd grade dancers, please walk your child into the lobby/hallway at drop-off and pick-up (about 5 minutes before class). If waiting during class, we ask that only one parent stays in the lobby due to limited space.

#### **SUPERVISION**

Dancers are supervised only during their scheduled class time. Before and after class, parents are responsible for watching their children to ensure their safety.

#### **DISTRACTION FREE CLASSES**

To help dancers stay focused, parents and siblings don't stay in the classroom during practice. Since class time is short, we make the most of every minute! From time to time, we'll invite you in at the end of class to see your dancer's progress.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### **TUITION**

There are two 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. - Thurs. 10:00am-4:30pm Fri 10:00am-12:00pm We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone.

- \*\*\*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.

#### **AUTO PAY**

Autopay is a wonderful feature we offer! In your account, click make payment and make sure to check the box!



### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JFK

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season.
- Our season runs from Mid September- April with our spring show normally being held within the first weeks of May.

#### **CANCELLATIONS**

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

- BAND APP
- Alexandria JFK Facebook & Instagram Pages
- Email to those who have supplied their email address

If school is cancelled or let out early for weather emergencies, we will let make an announcement if Just For Kix classes are also cancelled. Many times the weather improves by the start time of our classes. We always encourage families to use their best judgement when traveling to class. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes have already been scheduled.

#### **COSTUMES**

Costume orders are due at registration. If you have not ordered your costumes, please do so by October 1st.

#### If you still need to order your costume:

Costumes need to be paid in full when the order is placed. Some costumes may take 8-10 weeks from the order date to arrive, so order early to ensure timely delivery prior to our Winter Show.

#### If you have received your costume:

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 costume. 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 costume 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.

#### **POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Here is a glance at possible additional costs that may be incurred throughout the season:

- Performance Admission
- Just For Kix TWD Competition Fees
- Pictures
- Special Session Fees
- Show shirts
- Competition Merchandise
- Custom Program Clothing





## THE JUST FOR KIX DANCE SEASON

## Our dance season runs in two parts:

#### September - December

The primary focus of the first few months of class is preparing the dancers for their season. Dancers will work on new technique, skills, strengthening, stretching and choreography. We use this time to lay a strong foundation for the season. Performances at this time of year are minimal and typically do not use the class costume.

#### **December - May**

The costumes are in and the dancers are ready to start performing. This is the time of the season where dancers get a chance to perform their routines while continuing to build on their technique and skills. The majority of our performances for the season will fall during these months. It is fun to see how students grow as dancers and performers during this part of the season. Older classes will also compete at Just For Kix competitions.

### **TWD COMPETITION 2026**

Together We Dance, also known as TWD are Just For Kix hosted competitive events, they have proved to be the highlight of the year for many teams. Please keep in mind the goal of these events is to provide our dancers with an opportunity to perform in front of a large crowd and share their talents with more people than just those in their community. It also gives our dancers an opportunity to meet other dancers involved in Just For Kix from a number of different communities and we all get the chance to cheer for one another. We feel that the exposure to other groups will instil a harder work ethic and give dancers something to strive for. This wil be a great opportunity for our dancers, I hope you make every effort to participate.

## TWD DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER

### **DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE**

#### **NOVEMBER**

**11/3-11/6** BLACK OUT DAY - Wear black attire to class & Parent Showcase **11/27** NO REGULAR CLASS - Thanksgiving Break

#### **DECEMBER**

12/1-12/4 BLACK OUT DAY
-Wear black attire to class
& Parent Showcase
12/8-12/11 Wear
costumes to class
2/15-12/18 Wear Holiday
Socks/Ugly Sweater to
class

#### **DECEMBER** cont.

12/19 Winter Show REHEARSAL at Studio 12/20 WINTER SHOWS at AAHS

**12/22-1/1** NO CLASSES - HOLIDAY BREAK

#### **JANUARY**

1/1 HOLIDAY BREAK
1/3 PERFORMANCE at
Cardinal Dance Invitational
at AAHS for all teams
1/5-1/8 CLASSES RESUME,
BLACK OUT DAY - Wear
black attire to class
TBD TWD COMPETITION

#### **FEBRUARY**

2/2-2/5 BLACK OUT DAY - Wear black attire to class & Parent Showcase 2/23-2/24 PICTURE DAYS at the Studio TBD TWD COMPETITION

#### MARCH

3/2-3/5 BLACK OUT DAY -Wear black attire to class & Parent Showcase 3/16-3/19 GLOW DAY -Wear Neon to class TBD TWD COMPETITION

#### **APRIL**

4/2-4/7 BLACK OUT DAY -Wear black attire to class & Parent Showcase TBD COMMUNITY SHOW 4/30-5/1 NATIONALS COMPETITION in Rochester

#### MAY

**5/4-5/7** Last Week of Classes **5/8** Spring Show REHEARSAL at AAHS **5/9** SPRING SHOWS at AAHS

\*Additional performances and events will be added as they are confirmed.

For 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.

# SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	FIRST DAY OF THURSDAY CLASSES	5	6
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## **OCTOBER 2025**

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#### **BLACK OUT DAYS**

Black Out Days will be held each month, generally on the first class of the month! On

this day, we ask all dancers to wear ALL BLACK to class. This helps create a unified look and allows our dancers to focus on their technique and instructors to help make corrections. Plus, it fosters a sense of team spirit and cohesion within the group. Please ensure your dancer is dressed in black attire (leotard, t-shirt, leggings, etc.) for our upcoming class.

#### **PARENT / HALLOWEEN SHOWCASE**

Parent Showcase will be held each month, generally on the first class of the month. In October we will also host a Halloween Showcase for Tiny Kix, Pre Petite and Wee Petite (3yr old - 1st grade) classes.

Parents are invited to watch class during the last 5-10 minutes. We will invite you into the studio to see our progress.

#### **SPOOKTACULAR SATURDAY**

Dancers in 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to bring a friend and join us for a FREE, fun Halloween-themed dance class! The morning will include learning a Halloween dance combo, a costume contest with prizes, spooky dance activities, and time to show off their moves. We'll wrap up the class with treats and lots of Halloween spirit. Costumes are encouraged, but make sure dancers can still move safely.

#### (b) Date/Time: Saturday, October 25

- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade: 9:00am-10:30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 10:30am-11:30am
- ↑ Location: JFK Dance Studio

#### **WEAR HALLOWEEN ATTIRE TO CLASS**

Dancers can wear their favorite Halloween costumes or fall-themed attire to their class! It's a great chance to get festive and celebrate the season with a little extra fun.

### **Meet the Staff**













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#### **Crystal Hoepner** Program Director

- Dance Experience: 24th year with JFK
- Favorites:
  - Being with my family, going on vacations, walks, golf, flower gardening.
  - Coffee hot and iced, and ice cream.
- Most looking forward to: Our Spring Dance Show, the theme is "At the Movies."

#### **Kayla Gast** *Instructor on Tuesdays & Thursdays*

- Dance Experience: 14 years
- Favorites:
  - Lyrical
  - Ice cream and water
- Most looking forward: Working with all the dancers and seeing their progress throughout the year!

#### Micaela Wilke Instructor on Mondays

- Dance Experience: 14 yrs
- Favorites:
  - o Being with friends and going on the lake
  - Fruits and Shirley Temple's
- Most looking forward to: Bonding with the team.

#### Reagan Lennes Instructor on Tuesdays

- Dance Experience: 7 yrs
- · Favorites:
  - Hanging out with friends and family.
  - Strawberry açaí with lemonade
- Most looking forward to: Getting to know all of the dancers.

#### **Jada Zenner** *Instructor on Thursdays*

- Dance Experience: 14 yrs
- Favorites:
  - Cross country and track
  - Dr Pepper and chicken nuggets
- Most looking forward to: Competitions



## EXPLANATION OF PRESCHOOL DANCE CLASSES

## Welcome to the crazy world of dance.

It can be very confusing when you first start, so I thought I would answer the most frequently asked questions. At anytime, if you have a question, please give me a call.

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#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALL-YEAR CLASSES AND 8-WEEK SESSIONS?

The all-year classes run for 32 weeks of instruction, while the 8-week sessions are shorter terms offered in the fall and spring. Both options cover the same material, but the 8-week sessions have built-in breaks.

- All-Year Classes: Provide consistency and allow dancers to build stronger connections with their group over time.
- 8-Week Sessions: Offer flexibility for families who prefer shorter commitments or breaks between sessions.

You really can't go wrong-some kids love attending every week without a break, while others benefit from having time off.

#### COSTUMES

Each class will have one costume that is worn for all performances. Costumes remain the same for both the Fall and Spring 8-week sessions.

#### **WINTER SHOW**

**Type:** Performance for all dancers, including Fall 8-week sessions

**Where:** Alexandria Area High School Gym

**Date:** Saturday, December 20 (multiple shows; each dancer performs in one)

Tickets: Advance sale for

spectators

### CARDINAL DANCE TEAM INVITATIONAL

**Type:** Hosted by the Cardinal Dance Team; performance for all dancers, including Fall 8-week sessions.

Where: Alexandria Area High School

**Date:** Saturday, January 3, 2026 (exact times TBD) **Admission:** Fee required for

spectators

## 2026 COMMUNITY SHOW (ALEX, PARKERS PRAIRIE & GLENWOOD JFK)

**Type:** Performance for younger dancers, including Spring 8-week sessions **Where:** Parkers Prairie High

School Gym

Date: TBD - April 2026 Tickets: Advance sale for

spectators

#### **SPRING SHOW**

**Type:** Performance for all dancers, including Spring 8-

week sessions

Where: Alexandria Area High

School Gym

**Date:** Saturday, May 9, 2026 (multiple shows; each dancer

performs in one)

Tickets: Advance sale for

spectators

## ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

More opportunities will be scheduled and announced in future newsletters.

#### **PICTURE DAYS - 2/23-2/24**

We hold picture night on a regular class night as we know your lives are busy and we want all dancers in attendance. Ordering of pictures is optional but we would like all dancers to come dressed in costume to participate in the group photo even if they are not ordering photos. We open picture day to all dancers including 8-week sessions.



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