
2020 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

What a great first week of our 27th season! With all the new rules, regulations and precautions that have been put into place, the children did amazing and we could not be more proud of them. Thank you for bringing your children to us under the current circumstances and for being so supportive and understanding of us as well. Now on with the news.....

Winter Announcements & COVID-related cancellations:

If the weather is bad, I will cancel dance when/if all the area schools are cancelled. I will post on Colleen's corner by noon of the day of dance/tumbling if I have decided to cancel dance/tumbling for that evening. If we cancel dance, all choreography for that day will still be sent home through Dropbox. **If a local school goes RED**, I will most likely cancel dance for that week to ensure the safety of all of our children. I have dancers/tumblers that come from Van Buren, Caribou, Presque Isle, Limestone, Fort Fairfield, Easton, Washburn, Woodland, Mars Hill, Mapleton, Caswell, Ashland etc... therefor I cannot take the chance of a spread with so many areas involved. I have strict guidelines to follow in order to keep our dance academy open and I will do everything that I need to do in order to make that happen. My #1 goal is to keep your children safe, so I am asking you to support my decisions when I cancel classes because of any school's decision to go RED.

There have been a few scares over the past few weeks. UNFORTUANTELY, this will continue to happen. **I need EVERYONE enrolled at our academy to be cognizant of the fact that we all must stay home if:**

- 1-You show any symptoms of illness, ANY.
- 2-You may have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive or is awaiting results from a test.
- 3-You have travelled out of the area and are awaiting test results.
- 4-You attend large gatherings and awaiting test results.
- 5-Your school has gone RED.

If you do not get tested or cannot get tested and can say yes to #1-4 above, you will need to stay away from the academy for 2 weeks. Once the school has reversed their RED CODE, we will resume dance. **I need everyone to PLEASE follow these rules.** We have 250 students here at the Academy and the only way, ONLY WAY, we keep everyone safe is by being diligent with social distancing, hand sanitizing and following all of our guidelines at the academy.

Thank you for helping us keep you all safe!

Finally, please remember to **wait in your cars and watch for the blinking lights** to know when we are ready for you to enter the building. We let all classes out 5-7 minutes

early so we can quickly sanitize the studios. We will then blink the outdoor lights when we are ready for the next 2 classes to enter.

Students who enter the back entrance need to just take their outer shoes off and quickly head to the locker room with their dance bags. This is where they will hang up their coats and put on their dance shoes. Please move quickly as we do not want people waiting outside longer than needed.

Those of you entering the front entrance, need to put their jackets on the hooks, put their outer shoes in the cubbies and then quickly move to the waiting area with their dance bags. This is where you will put on your dance shoes.

If **Pavlovas and/or Lopokovas** have pointe and dance right after each other, you need to come to class ready for pointe. You do not have to change into regular dance clothes for your dance class as we do not want to let all of these Moms in to do so. If a dancer can change themselves, then yes you may change. Moms will not be allowed into the studio to change their children from pointe clothes to dance clothes.

PARENTS MUST BE AT THE STUDIO ON TIME TO PICK UP THEIR CHIDLREN. ONCE WE OPEN THOSE DOORS AND RELEASE YOUR CHIDLREN, YOU HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO PICK THEM UP (WE DO NOT WANT CHIDLREN WAITING OUTSIDE UNATTENDED). WE NEED TO DO THIS IN A TIMELY FASHION SO THAT WE CAN GET THE NEXT CLASS INTO THE BUILDING. PLEASE, DO NOT BE LATE!

We need COVID waivers on every student this week. If your child does not have one this week, then we will send them back out. We have these waivers at each door, so please ask for one if you cannot print one. **THIS IS A MUST THIS WEEK!**

Food for the Needy during Thanksgiving:

As we have done for the past 13 years, TMDA is collecting food for the Catholic Charities food pantry. This year, more than ever, the food pantry is in desperate need of our donation. Because of the necessary precautions we have in place, the boxes for your donations will be placed at the front doors. You can drop off these donations as soon as we have your children in their classes. Please allow us to do this first and then you may come into the entrance to drop off your donations. I will conduct the same contest again this year as I have done in the past; when you bring in your food donation, please sign your name on the list on the entrance wall. **During our Christmas Party Week, I will pick one name out of all of those who brought in food items and that lucky winner will receive a 50% discount on his/her spring tuition.** This is for all of my dancers and tumblers too! The pantry desperately needs our help so please, be generous if you can. They look forward to us bringing in all the boxes each year so please, if you can...they are in desperate need of cereal, canned goods, juice....but they will take anything you can give. Every year we bring in more and more food....and I wish you could see how much Catholic Charities appreciates what we do. My goal again this year is to bring in 2 large "costume boxes" of food to the food pantry from each class...we need to collect 34 boxes of food! We need all donations to be brought in by Wednesday, November 18, 2020 which means we only have 3 weeks to accomplish this feat!! We will be delivering the food to Catholic Charities on Thursday, November 20 so please do not drop off food past this date. Can we all try to remember to do so this week and remind your classmates as well! Can we all jump to that challenge? Thank you all in advance for your continued generosity and good luck to being the winner of Half-Off Spring Tuition!

FINAL TAPING OF MOANA:

We did it! Our show is now in the hands of the pretty lady that will make it all come to life. The kids and the seniors were so professional throughout our week of taping and we know the final outcome will be awesome, as usual! At the end of this Newsletter you will find the Moana DVD order form. This order form is a must so please, even if you are paying for your Moana DVD through VENMO, we still need an order form from you. We will take orders for this DVD all the way through to Thanksgiving. Please get your orders to us ASAP and we hope to have this DVD to you for Christmas!

Important Dates:

Week of November 2, 2020: Dance & Tumbling

Wednesday, November 4, 2020: Senior Practice from 7:15-9pm.

Week of -November 9, 2020: Dance and Tumbling.

Wednesday, November 11, 2020: Senior Practice from 7:15-9pm

Week of November 16, 2020: Dance and Tumbling.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020: Senior Practice from 7:15-9pm

Week of November 23, 2020: Week off from Dance and Tumbling for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Week of November 30, 2020: Dance and Tumbling.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020: Senior Practice from 7:15-9pm

Week of December 7, 2020: Dance and Tumbling

Wednesday, December 9, 2020: Senior Practice from 7:15-9pm

Week of December 14, 2020: Christmas Parties in all classes.

Christmas Break from December 18 through January 3, 2020

Week of January 4, 2021 : Dance and Tumbling

Week of January 11, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of January 18, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of January 25, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of February 1, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of February 8, 2021: Dance and Tumbling. Second Semester Starts and Tuitions are due February 10, 2021.

Week of February 15, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of February 15, 2021: FEBRUARY BREAK, No Dance and No Tumbling.

Week of March 1, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of March 8, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of March 15, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of March 22, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of March 29, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of April 5, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of April 12, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of April 19, 2021: APRIL BREAK, No Dance and Tumbling

Week of April 26, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of May 3, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of May 10, 2021: Dance and Tumbling- Awards Week and last week of classes at the studio.

Week of May 17, 2021: Recital Week at C-Pac

Monday, May 17, 2021: Finale Rehearsal-MANDATORY

Wednesday, May 19, 2021: Dress Rehearsal - MANDATORY

“FROZEN 2 Recital”

Year End Recital at the Caribou Performing Arts Center.

Friday, May 21, 2021 @ 7pm Saturday, May 22, 2021 @ 7pm

Sunday, May 23, 2021 @ 2pm

Summer activities include: TAP CAMP, Hip-Hop Camp, TUMBLING CAMP & DANCE CAMP-WEEK INTENSIVE. DATES TBA!

Senior and Youth Practices:

Below is the practice schedule through to Christmas:

Wednesday, November 4, 2019 @ 7:15pm: All seniors & all youth cast. We will begin from #1, # 3 and # 4 from our Frozen 2 Script.

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 @ 7:15pm

We will review and finish #1, #3 and #4.

Wednesday, November 18 , 2020:

Talking after #2, # 5, #6, #7

Wednesday, DECEMBER 2, 2020:

Review of talking above then moving forward to talking after #8, #9, #11, #12

Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, 2020:

Review of everything thus far before Christmas break

Tuition is due this week by Thursday, November 5th. All late tuitions will have a \$10 late fee added to them each week so please, get these payments to us on time. Please use the VENMO app to make these payments.

The Dance Store WILL be open this week and the week of November 16th, 2020. On Tuesdays it will be open from 4:15-8:15pm, on Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15pm. Please allow us to get all of our students into class before entering the dance store. Please use the front entrance when needing the dance store, hand sanitize upon entering and do not forget to remove all outer shoes (place them in the cubbies please).

Halloween Parties:

Thank you to all who helped with our Halloween parties, who brought in treats and were agreeable to us moving our festivities outside. This is always a fun time for our students and no matter how we were able to PARTY, the kids still had smiles on and that is all that matters in the end. Thank you for always thinking of the children first...we can do this....together!

Thanksgiving 2020:

There will be no dance or tumbling the week of Thanksgiving, November 22-28, 2020. Dance/tumbling will resume the week of December 1, 2020. We hope you have a wonderful holiday and please take the time to enjoy each other and this amazing season!!

Please label your shoes:

Please label all of your outdoor shoes as well as your dance shoes. So many shoes are left behind each week and if they are properly labeled with your children's names on them, we can make sure they are returned to the rightful owner. Double check to make sure your children have the correct shoes before leaving as well. Thank so much!!!

Costumes:

Parents have been asking about costume deposits: as I have said in the October Newsletter, I will only begin collecting costume deposits once I see a clear path to performing Frozen 2. We will practice like we would any other year, in full preparation for our recital. We will wait to order costumes until after our Christmas break. I will let you all know in advance when these deposits will be due.

Photos from Lyndsey Maynard and Jordyn Rossignol:

If you purchased photos last spring from Lyndsey and/or Jordyn, we have them in the studio. Please ask your children to ask for them and we will see to it that we pass them out to them. We have been trying to pass them out when we remember to do so!! I apologize that some of you are still asking for them.

TROPHIES AND T-SHIRTS:

If your child has not received their Moana trophy and t-shirt, please have them ask us for these in class. We are doing our best to pass them out as well.

Private Lessons:

For those of you needing private lessons, Miss Malerie, Miss Delaney, Miss Sheridan, Miss Emily and Miss Elizabeth are available. You can set up these lessons by contacting them at miss.malbuck@gmail.com, or williamsd@sad1.org or sheridan1@maine.rr.com or emichaud01@yahoo.com or ecoll12@hotmail.com.

Miss Emma and Miss Danielle will be available for private lessons from Thanksgiving through January 15th and you can set these lessons up by contacting them at emma.jandreau@maine.edu or dhanson175@gmail.com. **All private lessons must be paid for at the time of the lesson.**

Final Thoughts:

At this time of the year, we look to find things that we are most thankful for; our health, our families, our jobs etc.... and although we are living in uncertain times, we still have so much we can find in our daily lives to be thankful for. I am still so very thankful for my dance family and a career that gives me so much joy. Although it isn't normal or "OUR perfect", it is still our academy and we can still make it special for our dancers and tumblers..... as long as we work to keep each other safe.

Take the time to enjoy your families safely during the Thanksgiving Holiday. If we can all remember to do one nice thing for someone less fortunate, what an even more wonderful place this world would be! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving all of you!

"If you can be anything in this world, be kind... 😊"

Your TMDA staff ...and me, Miss Colleen

THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY'S MOANA DVD ORDER FORM

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ CELL #: _____

EMAIL: _____

\$25 PER DVD IF ORDERED BY 11/25/20 , \$30 THEREAFTER.

#OF DVD'S ORDERING: _____

TOTAL COST OF DVD: _____

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