

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

Welcome back everyone! We cannot wait to finally have our students back in the studio next week. As you well know by now, my first priority is the safety of our students and staff so I just want to go over a few things before we return on Tuesday:

- 1- All students have to have well-fitting masks at all times. Please make sure your child's mask fits properly over their nose and mouth.
- 2- Look for the signs in the doors to know which door your child will enter in each week. Temple and Napoleon will ALWAYS enter the back door while Pavlova and Nigel will always enter the front door. All other dance classes enter the front door one week and the back door the following week and so on. NO EXCEPTIONS. This is how we keep your children safe.
- 3- Tumbling classes: Retton enters and exits the front door while Conner and Korbut enter the back door and leave through the front door.
- 4- All students must wait in their cars until we blink the lights when we are ready for the next class to enter. DO NOT WAIT BY THE DOORS, please wait in your cars until we are ready for you.
- 5- We will let all classes out 7 minutes before their class lets out...for example, Napoleon & Pavlova will be release around 4:53 so that we have enough time to have them dressed and released, we disinfect our studios and then are ready for the next classes to be called in at 5pm.
- 6- Parents will NOT BE allowed in the studio throughout February and possibly into March as well. We are trying to keep as few adults in the building as possible, minimizing the risk to our students. Therefore, if you need supplies in the dance store this is the procedure you will follow: Send your child into the dance store with a note explaining exactly what your child needs along with your phone number. Deana and Vicki will then fit your child with the proper supplies and then call you with the amount for the supplies. You will then VENMO the fee to Deana/Vicki at @Colleen-DuPlissie. Our studio phone number is 207-493-1495 so this is number you will be called from.
- 7- We appreciate your cooperation with all of the above. This is how we keep all of our dancers and tumbler safe and still able to have in-person instruction. We can do this if we all move in the same direction. Thanks for believing in TMDA!

Important Dates for Everyone:

Week of February 1, 2021: Dance and Tumbling. Return to “in-the-studio” instruction.

Week of February 8, 2021: Dance and Tumbling. Second Semester Starts and Tuitions are due February 11, 2021. Valentine Parties in all classes with our Christmas Ornament Exchange.

Week of February 15, 2021: FEBRUARY BREAK, NO DANCE just Tumbling(1st week of make-up tumbling)

Week of February 22, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Week of March 1, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of March 8, 2021: **NO DANCE just Tumbling** (2nd week of make-up tumbling)

Week of March 15, 2021: Dance and Tumbling.

Week of March 22, 2021: **NO DANCE just Tumbling** (3rd week of make-up 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

Zoom rehearsals every other week to keep choreography fresh in our student’s minds until our recital.

1) Week of June 15, 16 & 17, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Possible week of RECITAL: June 21 Finale Rehearsal, June 22 Dress Rehearsal and shows June 25, 26 & 27, 2021

OR 2) Week of July 13, 14 & 15, 2021: Dance and Tumbling

Possible week of RECITAL: July 19 Finale Rehearsal, July 21 Dress Rehearsal and shows July 23, 24 and 25, 2021.

Valentine Parties the week of February 9, 10 & 11, 2021:

We will have Valentine/Christmas parties in all of our classes **the last 15 minutes** of each class.. It will be hectic but we will get it all done in one night! You can bring Valentine Cards in for your child’s classmates at this time. Please only mark who they are from and do not put individual children’s names on the envelopes because it takes too long to pass them all out. As

long as the kids know who they are getting them from, they will be happy with that. Below is a list of all the classes and how many students are in each class. Thanks for helping us make Valentines fun for our students!

Temple	10
Troupe	15
Mini Troupe	16
Petite Troupe	14
Tiny Troupe	15
Astaire	15
Fosse	12
Company	16
Nigel	11
Twitch	16
Napoleon	15
Conner	9
Retton	11
Lopokova	18
Pavlova	19
Baryshnikov	13
Korbut	6

We will also have our Christmas Ornament Exchange during our Valentine Parties. **Some of you parents have had some concern for your children touching or opening gifts from others therefore, we will be sending the exchanged ornaments home wrapped.** This will give parents the chance to take the precautions they wish to make with the ornaments before giving them to their children. We will handle the Valentine exchange the same way... **therefore we are asking all parents to send in a bag for their children so that we may place their Valentine's and their Ornaments in these bags to send home with them.** I have listened to your concerns and this is the best we have come up with to handle this situation. The kids have been looking forward to these exchanges so we will try to make it as special as possible for them.

Please do not send in unwrapped goodies to our parties as we will not allow students to remove their masks to eat them. Everything sent into the studio needs to be easily sent home. Thanks for your help with all of this 😊 😊!

Senior and Youth Practices:

February 3, 2021 from 7:15-9:15pm: Finish all remaining speaking parts from Act 1 and run through Act 1 from beginning to end. Need entire cast.

February 10, 2021 7:15-9pm: Finish remaining speaking parts in Act2 and Cast bow. Need entire cast.

February 24, 2021 7:15-9p:15pm: Run through Act 2 from beginning to end. Need entire cast.

March 3, 2021 7:15-9pm: Run through Act 1. Need entire cast.

March 15, 2021 7:15-9pm: Run through Act 2. Need entire cast.

All the above practices will run smoothly as long as seniors and youth cast members go to all of their classes during the week. We do not have time during senior practice to teach dances or to place cast members in their spots. Therefore, from here on out, all members of the senior and youth cast need to be attending their extra classes each week. Just come on into the studio where you are needed.

Tuition Fees:

All second semester tuitions are due by February 11, 2021. If you pay by this date, you may deduct \$10 per class. Tuitions will be considered late if paid any later than February 17, 2021. (Late fees accrue at a rate of \$10 per week.) There are still some fees remaining on accounts from the fall and these invoices have been mailed to you in January. We appreciate your promptness in payments. Please VENMO all your tuition fees to @Colleen-DuPlissie. The fees for each class are as follows:

Temple, Napoleon, Nigel, Twitch, Astaire and Pavlova = \$220.00 per semester

Petite Troupe, Fosse = \$275.00

Lopokova, Baryshnikov, Mini Troupe, Tiny Troupe, Troupe, Company = \$330.00

For Tumbling we have adjusted tuition fees for missed classes: (3 will be made up during the new, Spring semester)

Retton and Conner = \$148.00

Korbut = \$220.00

WINNER OF THE THANKSGIVING DRAW:

The winner of the "Half-off Tuition" of one class for the spring semester goes to QUINN CODREY of Petite Troupe and Pavlova. We had 84 names in the HAT from all the generous people who donated food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Even in these unsettling times, our TMDA families were so very generous again! I can't thank you all enough for helping us to help others. I continue to say that we have the best families ever! Thank you to all who so generously donated and congrats to QUINN!

COSTUMES:

I am hoping to order costumes in the spring, but I will continue to wait until we all can see a clear path to recital. I have some neat ideas about costuming for Frozen 2 and I am anxious to share them with you. Please continue to be patient with this process, I have a lot of hope and am keeping my fingers crossed!

That is it for February!! Thank you for your cooperation with our ZOOM classes. It was great for us to stay connected with our students. We have installed 75 inch monitors while we have been away from the studio so that we can watch our students on large monitors in case we ever have to ZOOM again, and it also gives me the chance to teach my students whenever I am away. It will also be a useful tool to be able to watch our videos on the big screen and point out to our students what we need to improve on. I am extremely excited about this new technology and I want to thank Dance Dad, Kyle Washington for making this happen for us. Also, thanks to Dance Dad, Daren Stone for helping us with the heavy lifting. I am truly blessed to have so many amazing Dance Moms and Dads that help me make dance and tumbling happen during these changing times. I so appreciate all of your help!!

Now to our students, we have missed you and are so excited to have you all back in class! Let's do this TMDA! Welcome back!!

Miss Colleen... Happy Valentine's Day!

