
NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thank you to all families for making our Halloween Parties so much fun for our students. The treats were amazing, the costumes on point and the smiles, priceless. We all look forward to Halloween Week and I just want to say a huge thank you for making it so successful each year!

November & December Schedule:

November 1, 2 and 3: Dance and Tumbling

November 8, 9 and 10: Dance and Tumbling

November 15, 16 and 17: Dance and Tumbling

November 22, 23 and 24: NO DANCE OR TUMBLING, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 29, 30 and December 1: Dance and Tumbling (Final week to pick up each family's 4 tickets)

December 6, 7 and 8: Dance and Tumbling (Remaining tickets go on sale)

December 11, 2022 @ 2pm: A CHRISTMAS SNOW.... A Holiday Preview

December 13, 14 and 15: Dance and Tumbling/CHRISTMAS PARTIES

December 18, 2022 @ 7pm: Dan Ladner's Christmas Concert

Week of December 20, 2022: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Week of December 27, 2022: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Week of January 3, 2023: CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 10, 11 and 12, 2023: Dance and Tumbling resumes for our Spring Semester

DANCE STORE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

November 1 and 2: Tuesday from 4:15-8:15pm, Wednesday from 4:15-6:30pm

November 8 and 9: Tuesday from 4:15-8:15pm, Wednesday from 4:15-6:30pm

November 29 and 30: Tuesday from 4:15-8:15pm, Wednesday from 4:15-6:30pm

December 6 and 7: Tuesday from 4:15-8:15pm, Wednesday from 4:15-6:30pm

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

I have lost count, but I think we are close to 20 years of collecting food every Thanksgiving for Catholic Charities. I will put out boxes for your food donations this coming week, starting November 1, 2022. We will collect these donations until Thursday, November 17. That gives us 3 full weeks to collect as much food as possible. Again, best items to donate are Cereal boxes, Juice, canned vegetables, soups, stuffing...anything non-perishable. I will again make a contest out of this.... when you bring in your donations, sign your name to the donation sheet. At our Christmas Show, I will pull one name out of a hat and that lucky person will receive half off their Spring tuition for one class. I want to collect 2 full boxes of food from each class so that is 36 boxes of food! Boxes will be left in waiting area for your donations so please bring your donations into this area once we have our students in class. Let's do this TMDA!!!

COSTUMES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP:

All costumes have arrived and need to be picked up this week. A late charge of \$10 per week will be charged on all costumes after this week so please, purchase them this week.

NOTE: The prices on the costume page are before taxes. I apologize that I did not make that clear on the costume page.

A CHRISTMAS SNOW-A HOLIDAY PREVIEW:

Our Christmas recital is Sunday, December 11 at 2pm at the Caribou Performing Arts Center. We only do one show: this show is specifically designed to allow parents to see what their children have been learning during the fall semester. Each FAMILY is allowed 4 tickets to this Holiday Preview. The price of each ticket is \$12, and you can begin to purchase these tickets this coming week in the dance store. I know many of you will be wanting extra tickets so there will be a sign-up for these tickets. If there are any left over after everyone has purchased their tickets, we will then sell these to those that have signed up for extra tickets. I will tell you upfront that the most you will be able to purchase is probably 2 extra tickets. The auditorium holds only 830 seats so if everyone picks up their 4 tickets, there will be approximately 100 tickets left for purchase. As I said above, this preview is really designed for parents to see what their children have been learning over the fall semester. We will have 3 shows in May, and this will give everyone in your family the opportunity to see the full show then. I promise!

All tuitions will need to be paid before you are able to purchase these tickets. Those of you on a payment plan will be able to purchase your tickets the first week of December when your final payment is due. We will hold your tickets until December 1, 2022, and then on December 5th, we will sell all remaining tickets to those that have signed up for extra tickets.

We will be doing this Sunday Christmas Show without a dress rehearsal so whatever happens, happens. We are just going to cheer loud for all of our dancers and just be happy that we are having a Christmas Show again.

I will post the entire show at the end of this newsletter so that you all know what song(s) your children are dancing too. You will then match up the song to the costume from the Costume Requirements pages so that your child is in the proper costume for the Christmas show.

Our Christmas Show is Act 1 of Encanto. It will not be finished entirely for this performance as we have not yet choreographed all the songs. Tumblers are not part of our Christmas Show since we are now just working on stunts that we will incorporate into the May recital. We will not be bringing the set to C-Pac either...that will have to wait until the full May recital. Remember, this is just a preview of what is to come in May!! We do not want to give it all away!

All of our dancers will sit in the isles to watch the Christmas Show since this is the only show that they are allowed to do so. Temple dancers will sit with their parents in a reserved area, and we will speak to you about this in class in December. We will have Designated Moms in charge of each group. They will sit with the class they are in charge of and then bring them to the stage when it is their turn to dance. Once they have completed their dance, they will return to their isle to finish watching the show.

This is a general seating show so there are no reserved seats. We will only open the doors to C-Pac at 1:30pm. Dancers need to be dropped off by 1:25pm to the DM's of each dance class, fully dressed in costume, hair, make-up and with the correct shoes.(Temple parents will stay with their children until the show starts and then they can have a seat in the auditorium). Parents will take their children's coats with them into C-PAC as we do not rent the cafeteria for this performance. No one is allowed to save seats in C-Pac, you cannot place coats on seats to save them for other people. We do not allow this. Also this is a sold out performance each year so every seat will be accounted for. Do not leave single empty seats between you and other guests. Otherwise, I will have to go on the microphone and ask everyone to move into the middle so that we can make sure everyone has a seat. Remember, this is Christmas, and we should all be looking out for one another. Let's make this simple and easy for everyone.

We do not allow photography or videography at our show so we will ask you to please put your cell phones away. This is for the safety of our dancers. We will have a photographer at our show, and she will load all the photos from this performance on Facebook. When you purchase your tickets, you will be asked to pay a minimal fee of **\$5 per family to pay for our photographer**. This fee will go entirely to our photographer.

We are thrilled to have a Christmas Show this year...our last one was for Moana so this exciting for everyone. Let us all move in the same direction to make this enjoyable for everyone involved.

Dan Ladner's Christmas Concert:

It is back! Just like us, Mr. Ladner has not had a Christmas Concert for the past 3 years and this year, he is back! I was just informed this past weekend that they voted to have their annual Christmas Concert and we could not be happier! Company will dance at this concert. We will speak more about this in class. The date is Sunday, December 18 at 7pm at Grant Memorial Methodist Church on Fleetwood Street in Presque Isle. It has been a tradition of ours to dance at this concert and I am sure our dancers are happy to be invited back again this year!

Tuition Payment Plans:

If you are making tuition payments and have not signed a Payment Plan Form, then you need to do so ASAP. As I have said before, Shannon does not know all of you and it is quite difficult for her to keep track of random payments. She has messaged everyone who is making payments that do not have a form signed. Without these forms, you are receiving late fees. Please, sign a Payment Plan form this week if you have not already done so. The plan is for the entire year. Thanks!

VENMO PAYMENTS:

When making VENMO payments, please remember to put your child's name in with what you are paying for. For example, Monroe Stone-C. Thanks!

NEW SWEATSHIRTS ARE HERE!

We have just received our new Fall sweatshirts and they are beautiful! We only have a limited quantity and so when they are gone, that is it! Grab them while they are hot! These make excellent Christmas gifts for our dancers and tumblers!

December Christmas Parties:

Our last week of dance for the Fall semester is the week of December 13, 14 and 15. We will continue with our tradition of our annual "Ornament Exchange". During this week of classes, we will take the last 15 minutes of class to have a Christmas Ornament Exchange. We ask that all students bring in a wrapped ornament for this exchange. I think it is something we all look forward to each year and it is a wonderful ending to our semester. I already have all of mine bought for this exchange.... cannot wait to see all the beautiful ornaments!

I think that is everything we need to know for November. We say good-bye to Halloween and hello to Thanksgiving. Our fall semester is always exciting as there are so many things that we get to celebrate together as a studio. I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to teach your children with the best dance and tumbling instructors around. Shannon and Amy keep our office running smoothly and your children provide us with so much inspiration to elevate our shows to greatness each year. We have made so much progress in just 6 weeks...I think you will be quite impressed with your children!! Thank you for giving me the best job in the world and for continuing to support TMDA. I have only wanted to dance my whole life and very thankfully, I have been able to live that dream.

Our world is a better place when we try to do small acts of kindness so thank you in advance for donating to our food drive. Our county is a kinder place because of you!

Have an amazing Thanksgiving everyone!

*Colleen, Danielle, Emily, Malerie, Madison, Chris, Brittany,
Danica, Anna, Allison, Sadie, Shannon and Amy*

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ACT 1

1. Let's Get Loud 0 – 4:14 Senior/Youth Cast	TUMBLING
2. THE MACARENA 4:14 – 7:02 Senior/Youth Cast	TUMBLING
3. <i>Talking</i> 7:02 – 7:56 Abuela & Lit Mirabel, Isabella and Louisa	
4. RUN FREEDOM RUN 7:56 – 9:55 Abuela/Abuelos	TROUPE
5. REMEMBER ME 9:56 – 11:53 Abuela to Abuelos	LOPOKOVA
6. <i>Talking</i> 11:53 – 12:06 Abuela to Little Mirabel, Isabella and Louisa	
7. THE STORY 12:06 – 15:17 Abuela to Little Mirabel, Isabella & Louisa	COMPANY
8. <i>Talking</i> 15:17 – 16:07 Abuela to Little Mirabel, Isabella & Louisa	
9. BRICKHOUSE 16:07 – 17:49 Camillo	MINI
10. <i>Talking</i> 17:49 – 18:50 Abuela to Little Mirabel	
11. GONNA BE MY DAY 18:50 – 20:40 Mirabel	TEMPLE
12. <i>Talking</i> 20:40 – 20:47 Mirabel/youth cast	
13. THE FAMILY MADRIGAL 20:47 – 25:09 Senior/Youth Cast	ASTAIRE/FOSSE
14. <i>Talking</i> 25:09 – 25:54 Mirabel/Abuela/Dolores/youth cast/Felix	
15. QUEEN OF MEAN 25:54 – 27:44 Mirabel	TROUPE
16. <i>Talking</i> 27:44 – 29:11 youth cast/Mirabel/Felix/Pepa/Isabel/Abuela	
17. HURRICANE 29:11 – 32:02 Pepa/Felix	COMPANY
18. <i>Talking</i> 32:02 – 33:17 Mirabel/Antonio	
19. BETTER WHEN I'M DANCIN' 33:16 -35:17 Mirabel/Antonio	GLOVER
20. <i>Talking</i> 35:17 – 37:54 Senior/Youth Cast	
21. DANCE MONKEY 37:54 – 39:42 Mirabel/Antonio	PETITE
22. <i>Talking</i> 39:42– 40:09 Abuela/Felix/Senior/Youth Cast	
23. WAITING ON A MIRACLE 40:09 – 42:45 Mirabel (others frozen)	BARSH
24. <i>Talking</i> 42:45 – 44:01 Mirabel/abuela/Senior/Youth cast	
25. I'D RATHER BE ME 44:01 – 46:04 Mirabel	TINY
26. <i>Talking</i> 46:04 – 46:51 Mirabel/Julieta	
27. WHAT BAKING CAN DO 46:51 – 49:08 Julieta to Mirabel	PAVLOVA
28. AS WE STUMBLE ALONG 49:08 – 51:58 Julieta to Mirabel	MINI/TINY
29. <i>Talking</i> 51:58 – 52:53 Abuela/Mirabel listening	
30. NOT ABOUT ANGELS 52:53 – 54:54 Abuela	TROUPE
31. <i>Talking</i> 54:54– 56:35 Senior Cast	
32. SURFACE PRESSURE 56:35 – 59:53 Louisa to Mirabel	NAPOLEON/TABITHA
33. <i>Talking</i> 59:53– 1;01:53 Abuela/Mirabel/Louisa/Pepa/Felix	
34. WE DON'T TALK ABOUT BRUNO 1;01:53 – 1;05:20 Senior Cast	COMPANY
35. FINALE, COLUMBIA-MI ENCANTO Bruno	ENTIRE ACADEMY

**NOTE: Items highlighted in yellow will not be performed by those groups for the Christmas Show. The Tumbling portion will be sung by the senior cast. #15 and #16 will only be sung for the Christmas Show.