

DANCE BY KRIS

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Welcome to Dance By Kris! Thank you for joining us for our 24th season of dance. Our teachers and staff are excited to work with your children!

Communication: Information throughout the year will be emailed to parents. We also post some information on our studio website (dancebykris.com), Facebook (facebook.com/dancebykris), Instagram (@dancebykris), and on bulletin boards throughout the lobby. Any questions throughout the year can be brought to our front desk staff. You can also contact us by calling 651-458-3111, emailing dbk311@msn.com, or by messaging our Dance By Kris Facebook page.

September Photo Contest: Upload a Facebook or Instagram picture of your child on the first week of dance and tag Dance By Kris for a chance to win prizes! Check our studio bulletin boards for contest details.

Referral Promotion: Know somebody interested in Dance By Kris? Receive a \$20 discount on your October tuition if you refer a new student that registers and pays their first month's tuition. Receive an additional \$10 discount on your October tuition for any second, third etc. new student referrals that pay their first month's tuition. Referral promotion ends September 26. Referred student must list you as their reference in order to receive discount.

Important Dates:

First Day of Classes: September 9, 2019

Measuring for Costumes: October 7-10, 2019 during class

MEA Break (No Classes): October 17-19, 2019

Halloween Break (No Classes): October 31, 2019

Thanksgiving Break (No Classes): November 25-30, 2019

Winter Break (No Classes): December 20, 2019 - January 2, 2020

Spring Break (No Classes): March 9-14, 2020

Easter Break (No Classes): April 10-12, 2020

Picture Week: TBD

Memorial Day (No Classes): May 22-25, 2020

Last Day of Classes: TBD

Recital Dress Rehearsal Dates: TBD

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Recitals: Recitals will be held in mid-June. Each recreational class will perform in 2 recital shows. Competition line students will perform in all recital shows. More details about recitals and dress rehearsals will be released later in the season.

Costumes: Costumes for our recital are ordered in October. We will measure all students during their classes the week of October 7-10. Final payments for costumes will be due by Monday, October 21. You can make partial payments at any time, now until October 21. Dance By Kris will not order any costume which has not been paid for. Any costume ordered at a later date (if the costume is available from the costume company)

will incur an additional \$15 per costume charge for shipping & handling fees. There is no refund on costumes which have been ordered.

Recreational Costume Costs 2019-2020:

Broadway Babies & Stompers (1 Costume) - \$60

Swing Kids 1 & 2/Showstoppers 1 & 2 (2 Costumes) - \$150

Rising Stars/Headliners 1 & 2 (2 Costumes) - \$170

Hollywood/Teen Class (3 Costumes) - \$230

Beg Hip Hop/Int Hip Hop 1/Teen Hip Hop 1 (1 Costume) - \$90

Int Hip Hop 2/Teen Hip Hop 2 (2 Costumes) - \$180

Adult Hip Hop & Adult Tap - TBD

Family & Student Information: Please notify the office if you have changed your address, telephone number, or email so that we will be able to reach you if necessary and make sure you are receiving all information.

Auto-Payments & Online Payments: You can arrange for auto payments or pay online through the Parent Portal. The link to the Parent Portal is www.dancestudio-pro.com/online/dancebykris.

Monthly Tuition: Payments are ALWAYS DUE the 1st class of the month. Late Fee of \$20 will be applied for any account not paid by the 15th. If the account is not current by the end of the month you will receive notice and your child will not be able to continue in class. Returned checks will be charged a \$35 Return Check Charge.

Dress Code:

Recreational Class Dress Code: All students should have proper shoes for classes, hair pulled back, any style/color leotard, and any color tights. Dance shorts are acceptable as well.

Recreational Hip-Hop Class Dress Code: Pants to cover your knees (no jeans). Any style/color tank top or t-shirt. Clean tennis shoes/sneakers that are for dance class only.

Competition Line Dress Code: All dancewear must be black. Ballet Class – black leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes, and hair in a bun.

Competition Hip Hop Line Dress Code: Any color activewear, dancewear, or stretchy clothing. Clean tennis shoes/sneakers that are for dance class only.

Shoes: Students will need the following shoes for class and recital.

Broadway Babies – pink ballet shoes

Stompers/Swing Kids 1 & 2/Showstoppers 1 & 2 – black tap shoes, pink ballet shoes

Rising Stars/Headliners 1 & 2 – black tap shoes, black jazz shoes

Hollywoods/Teen Class – black tap shoes, black jazz shoes, pink ballet shoes

All Recreational Hip Hop Classes – any color tennis shoe (must wear black tennis shoe for the recital)

Note: Boys will wear the same shoes as girls except for black ballet shoes instead of pink ballet shoes

Competition Lines – shoes will be determined after costumes have been ordered

Dance By Kris is able to measure and order any of your dance shoes. Stop by the office and we will gladly assist you. It takes approximately 1 week for shoes to come in after ordering. Shoes must be paid for when placing your order.

Dance Bags: All students should have a dance bag for weekly class that holds all their dance shoes, a water bottle, and extra hair binders. Please label your dancer's name on their bag and inside all dance shoes. Bags, jackets, and water bottles will be stored either in the classroom or in our lobby hallway based off of your teacher's preference.

Attendance: It is important that your child attend each class. Dance technique is learned through a series of progressions. It is important for your child to learn each step to assist them in advancing within their classes.

Weather: We will post all weather-related closures on Facebook, email through the parent portal, and a recording on the studio phone. The studio will follow the closures of South Washington County Schools regarding weather.

Lobby Information: Our store located by the front desk sells snacks, shoes, dancewear, and more throughout the season. Our front desk has hair binders and band aids for dancers as needed. Any donations to the front desk of hair binders and/or band aids would be greatly appreciated!

Next to the front desk is our student lounge! Dancers are welcome to hang out in the student lounge between classes or store a snack in the student lounge refrigerator. We also have a lost and found by the back door of the studio. Items from the lost and found are donated periodically.

Hallway Etiquette: Please help keep the studio clean by picking up after yourself and notifying the front desk of any spills. Please remain attentive to any siblings not in dance class. Bring quiet games or activities to keep them occupied.

Illness: Keep your child at home if they are too sick to dance! Call the studio and let us know if they will be missing class. If a child becomes ill during class, we will try to reach you with the telephone numbers we have on file. Students may use the office phone to call home whenever necessary. Teachers and staff cannot give aspirin or medication to any child.

Classroom Expectations: Please talk with your child about being respectful to their teachers and classmates during classes. Follow directions, take turns, listen attentively, do not talk and distract others. Children should not leave the classroom unnecessarily. Disruptive behavior could result in removal from class. Also, encourage your child to use the restroom before class begins.

Bringing Class Treats: Treats are always welcome, whether celebrating a birthday, holiday, or just because. When bringing a treat please be aware of allergies! We have several students within the studio that have SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES. Do not bring anything with nuts or nut products. If you need to know how many students are in your child's class, ask your child's teacher or the front desk for this information.

Pictures & Video: Throughout the year our staff will periodically take photo and video of dancers at the studio and other dance events. These photos and videos are often posted on our social media pages. If you do not want your dancer photographed or video recorded, please email dbk311@msn.com or notify the office.

Stone Soup Fashion & Variety Show: Some of our dancers will be performing at the 2019 Stone Soup Fall Fashion & Variety Show held Thursday, September 19, 6:00-9:00pm at the Historic John P Furber Farm in

Cottage Grove! Check out the flyers in our hallway for more information. Come support our dancers and the St. Paul Park Stone Soup Thrift Shop at this wonderful event.

Gev Manoukian Choreography: Gev will be returning September 27-29 to set routines for Crew 4, Crew 5, and our Hip Hop Production (Crews 2-5). Choreography fees have been posted to accounts and are due September 27. Exact rehearsal schedule to come!

Competition Dates 2020: This year's competitions are as follows. Reminder, all regional competitions are mandatory. Nationals are optional this year but required for dancers in performance lines. Please notify the office of any conflicts you may have.

March 27-29: Talent On Parade – Minneapolis Convention Center – All Performance Lines, Solos, Duets, & Trios

April 3-5: BravO! – Ames Center – All Competition Lines, Solos, Duets, & Trios

April 23-26: Masquerade Hopkins – Lindbergh Center (Hopkins High School) – All Competition Lines, Solos, Duets, & Trios

May 6-10: Starquest – Roy Wilkins Auditorium at St. Paul RiverCentre – All Competition Lines, Solos, Duets, & Trios

June 21-25: Starquest Nationals in Galveston, Texas – Galveston Island Convention Center – All Competition Lines, Solos & Duets (optional unless in performance lines)

Optional Competitions 2020: The following competitions are optional this season for solos, duets, and trios. Later this fall, more optional/extra competitions will be added.

February 28-March 1: Legacy Dance Championships – Roy Wilkins Auditorium at St. Paul RiverCentre

March 13-15: Starz Dance Competition in Duluth, MN - Marshall School

Shoe Drive: Our DBK Booster Club will be having a shoe drive fundraising event beginning the week of September 16. Shoes may be dropped off at the boxes located at the studio throughout the week. Shoes must be in used good condition.

Booster Club Meeting: Our DBK Booster Club will be having a meeting later this month regarding by laws and new representatives for both recreational classes and competition lines. More info to come! Interested in joining our Booster Club? Visit the front desk to fill out a form.

Looking forward to a great year!

Dance By Kris Staff