

## *December 2019 newsletter*

Can you believe we are just a few weeks from 2020?! What a busy, yet productive few months we have had! There is A LOT in this newsletter, so please read it so you know what is going on for the rest of the year and moving in to next year.

**Wear your ugly sweater/Christmas gear:** This week, show your Christmas spirit and wear your ugly sweaters, Christmas socks or bows, basically anything Christmasy!

**Tuition:** Reminder that autopay is ran on the 10th of each month. If you would like to pay before autopay is ran, you are welcome to do so using cash, card or check at the desk, or using Venmo (@Andrea-Olsen1). If your autopay does not process, you will be notified via email and will have 5 days to make a payment before a late fee of \$25 is added to your account.

**Company fees (All Stars):** A reminder to our company dancers that your company fee will be ran using autopay on the 26th of this month. If you would like to pay it before the break, please do so by Thursday, December 19th. Otherwise, it will be ran with autopay on the due date. If it does not process, you will still only have the 5 days to pay it and will need to use Venmo, or arrange with Andrea a payment option, as we will not be in the studio during the break. A finance fee will be added to all accounts that are not paid on time.

**Past due accounts:** We are starting to get a few accounts that are past due. Please bring all accounts current by December 19th. Any accounts with 3 or more months past due will be suspended and dancers will not be allowed to participate in class until the balance is brought current.

**Cold weather:** The weather has turned wintery and cold! Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather. We allow students to wear layers over their dance clothing until they get warmed up, and then ask them to take their layers off. Walking to and from the car and waiting in between classes or for their ride can get chilly, so please make sure they are dressed for the weather. We have LOTS of items in our student store that can help keep them warm, AND STYLISH, while sporting and supporting our studio! See below for GREAT DEALS!

**Dress codes:** If your student is enrolled in a class that requires a specific dress code or shoes, please make sure that those items are available to your student. We are now more than 3 months in to classes and all students should have all their appropriate clothing/shoes for their classes. If you aren't sure, you can look on the website under "dress codes", or ask the front desk or the teacher. Dancers that are not dressed properly (which also includes hair and tights in some classes) may be asked to sit out. We are seeing improper dress in a few classes, especially Ballet. All participants in Ballet MUST wear a black leo (any style), pink tights (no holes or runs) pink ballet slippers (preferably canvas and split sole for the older dancers), and hair MUST be pulled into a bun. (Boys dress code is slightly different: black dance pants/male dance tights or black basketball short, plain white fitted t-shirt, black ballet shoes.) We also have students come to tumbling with their hair down and in their face. This is not only distracting, but it is also dangerous. The type of things the students are learning and doing in tumbling can be dangerous for themselves as well as others if they step on or are distracted by hair that is not back and out of the face. If hair is excessively long, please make sure it is secured so it does not get stepped on. We have dress code cards to help assist your student and you in making sure he or she is properly dressed for classes. Your student, if dressed improperly, will bring home a card that needs to be signed by the parent and brought back to class. We know that often times the parent doesn't know their student isn't dressing properly. Dress code cards help with that. Thank you for your help with this.

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**Christmas break:** The studio will be closed from Monday, December 23 - Sunday, January 5. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6.

**Music:** Most all music is uploaded on the website. If your students' class music isn't there yet, it should be very soon. You can access it by going to our website: [www.theedgedancestudioutah.com](http://www.theedgedancestudioutah.com), clicking on the music tab, then click on the appropriate class section. You will need the password to access the music. All Stars password is *surfing*; Intro to competition password is *intro*; Combo password is *combo*.

**Costumes:** We have finalized all costumes for all classes! Emails will be sent with cost and payment information within the next day or so. Pictures of our costumes will be up in the studio after Christmas break! We have 2 options to pay for your costumes: 1) payment in full due by Thursday, January 23, OR 2) 1st payment (1st half) due by Thursday, January 23 and 2nd payment (2nd half) due by Thursday, February 20. ALL COSTUMES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20. Any costumes not paid in full will not be ordered until full payment is received. If full payment is made after the deadline, costumes may not arrive in time for competition/performances. Please pay on time. We will be measuring for costumes as soon as we come back from Christmas break. I will also have the costume accessory list done and available after the first of the year.

**Wizard of Oz Ballet costume rental fees:** Reminder that the \$25 ballet costume rental fee is due this month, and needs to be paid in full to the front office by Thursday, December 19. Autopay will be ran on the 19th for those accounts who are not paid.

**Competition/performance dates:** For those classes that perform and/or compete, we have our competition and performance schedule! Here are our upcoming dates, please remember that teams are on Saturday, and solos/duets are the Friday before:

- March 20/21: Empowered5678 @ Farmington High School, All Stars ONLY
- March 27/28: Amplify @ Tuacahn High School, *St. George*, All Stars ONLY
- March 31: Wizard of Oz Ballet @ Valentine Theater American Fork, Ballet students ONLY
- April 17/18: TBD, All Stars & Intro to Competition teams
- April 24/25: Step Up @ Righfield High School, All Stars ONLY
- May 8/9: Utah Valley Competition @ Spanish Fork High School, All Stars & Intro to Competition teams
- May 19: Spring Recital @ American Fork Jr. High, All Stars, Intro to competition, & combo/tap classes
- June 5: USA Dance Championship Nationals @ Lagoon, All Stars ONLY

**Studio gear:** If you are looking for GREAT for your students, we have LOTS of great items available for purchase! We have studio jackets, leggings, duffle bags, hanging costume bags, back packs, back sacks, hip hop pants, unitards, tops and bottoms, hats, half soles, tank tops, and mom & dad shirts! ALL ITEMS ARE 20% OFF THIS WEEK ONLY! (With the exception of hip hop pants and unitards, they are just \$10 right now!) Many items can be personalized with your students' name on them for just \$10! All orders you want customized must be paid for by December 19. If you don't want them personalized, that's ok, too. Your dancer will LOVE to have her own jacket, leggings or bags! Stop in and see what we have.

**Solos & duets:** Those dancers interested in competing a solo or duet, you will need to pick up a form from the front desk. It will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Full payment must be made before choreography can start. No exceptions. Those who have already started, we need to get costumes picked

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out and must be PAID FOR by January 25th in order to get them ordered and here on time for competitions. If you would like more information on solos and duets, please talk to Andrea.

**Locker names:** Did you know your student can have their very own locker with their name on it? For just \$15 for the entire year, your student can have a locker with their name on it. If you'd like to get a locker for your student, just pay at the front desk.

**All Stars company practice:** Our next company practice will be Saturday, January 18 from 8-9:30 am. This is mandatory for all All Stars. Please wear your hair in a low ponytail, with your company outfit and company leggings. February's practice is a dress rehearsal on Saturday, February 29 from 8-11 am.

**December birthdays:** We would like to give a shout out to our December birthdays - Michelle H., Abby M., Aimee H., Chloe N., Brooke R., Kenos A., Madison O., Addie E., Kari T., Emerson E., & Megan M. We have a special birthday surprise from us! Stop by the desk to grab yours!

During this busy time of year, we thank you for sharing your students with us. We always take time to reflect on the year and look back on our blessings we have had, and we always count our students as our many blessings! Have a wonderful season and... see you next year!

**Miss Andrea, Miss Janae, Miss Keerstyn, Miss Lauren, Miss Lisa, Miss Tylar, Miss Vanessa**