

Hi, everyone!

As you may know, I am due with my second child in just less than 4 weeks. For those of you who were with Dancin J's Studio when my daughter was born, you know that I will not be gone long once this baby is born. I also plan on dancing til I go into labor, once again. While I am out on my short leave, I will have Miss Kylee, Miss Gabby, & Miss Mia subbing for me. I will still be available to answer any & all emails, & will do my best to do so in a timely manner. The only class which may be affected by my leave is the Tiny Tots Tumbling class. If I do not have anyone to teach it in it's usual time slot on Thursday mornings, it will need to be moved to Wed 6-6:30. All Tiny Tots Tumbling students will be notified if this change needs to occur. But for now, plan on attending Thurs mornings through the end of the year. Some of my soloists will also be affected by the leave. Miss Mia will be covering all my private lessons, as well as her own. Please refer to the Maternity Leave schedule which is hanging on the bulletin board. Again, private lessons will also be notified when the time comes. Also, check the website frequently, as well as our facebook page, to stay informed of all dance related things. The website is constantly being updated weekly.

May 1 is our annual recital opening rehearsal. We will be practicing outside at Norwin Middle School, promptly at 1:00pm. Please wear either a tank top & shorts, or tank leotard & shorts, along with sneakers. DO NOT wear your dance shoes, as we will be dancing on pavement. Also, no flip-flops, slip-ons, sandals, etc. The reason we hold this rehearsal is to better prepare everyone for the opening number. This will be the first time the entire studio will meet to rehearse together, & it always makes things run more smoothly once we reach dress rehearsal night. Also, we practice outside because it's just a larger area & all the students can see/hear me better than when we are crammed onto the stage & backstage area on rehearsal night.

Opening Costumes:

Many people have been confused as to what is to be worn for the opening number on dress rehearsal & recital nights. Here is what you will need for each class:

Itsy Bitsies, Teenie Weenies: Plain red leotard with clear rhinestones. Ballet shoes.

Teenie Tinies; White leotard with red rhinestones. Ballet shoes.

Monday Minis: Black & white leotard only. No tutu or fringe. Ballet shoes.

Tuesday Minis: Red & black leotard only. No tutu or capri pants. (Ellie H. will also perform with this class wearing a red leotard with rhinestones.) Ballet shoes.

Junors: Red & black leotard only. No tutu or fringed. Girls who ONLY take Hip Hop will need the red leotard with rhinestones, if not purchased already. Jazz students, please wear your pedinis, anyone who doesn't take jazz will need black ballet shoes. You may want to see if you can borrow these, or check the donation bin at the studio.

Teens/Seniors: Black jazz pants, black tank with designated letter attached (you will get this from Miss Jen or Miss Mia), plain colored t-shirt for the first section. Black jazz shoes.

Teen/Senior ELITE: Silver sparkle top with either white or silver booty shorts. Foot paws/undeez/mittens/etc.

Hair & make up will be done as you wear it per your class. If you are still unsure about hair & make up, a list of these can be found on our website in the Recital section, or on the studio bulletin board. Again, I cannot stress enough how important it is to check our website frequently. Everything posted on the website can also be found on our bulletin board at the studio. But, please never hesitate to ask questions. I check my email quite frequently, unless I am in the middle of teaching.

Also, I've had some questions about payments. The monthly fee is always the same regardless of how many weeks of class are in a month. Some months you may end up with 5 classes instead of 4. The payment schedule is based on the 10 month dance season. And, all students are always welcome to make up classes which are missed, or come for extra practices whenever you wish. Please just notify Miss Jen when you plan on doing so. The technique/conditioning

class is open for all students of all ages & abilities. If you just want to come for some extra practice, this is a great class to attend. It is 4:30-6:00 on Wednesdays, & is very beneficial for beginners through advanced.

Lastly, we DO have classes as regularly scheduled during Holy Week. The only time we will be closed through the rest of this season is on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. There *may* be a modified schedule on May 31 due to Norwin's school picnic. Miss Mia & myself will take a poll during class to see how many students plan on going to Kennywood that day. If a majority of students in Tuesday night's classes will be absent, class may just be cancelled. So, stay tuned!

Our summer schedule is now posted on the website! You can sign up with Miss Jen at any time.

Have a great week, everyone!

-Miss Jen