



Steppin' Out SPOTlight

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Mark Your Calendar!

Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23rd-25th. Classes resume on Monday, Nov. 28th.

**** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE ****

Winter Break: Tuesday, Dec. 20th-Monday, Jan. 2nd. Classes resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

Encore DCS Competition: Friday-Sunday, March 23rd-25th. Fowlerville, Michigan (near Lansing).

Spring Break: Thursday, March 29th-Friday, Apr. 6th. Classes resume on Monday, Apr. 9th.

Hall of Fame Competition: Thursday-Sunday, Apr. 26th-29th. Columbus, Ohio.

Last Day of Classes: Thursday, May 24th.

Recital: Friday, June 1st (Saturday Dress Rehearsal), Saturday, June 2nd (Sunday Dress Rehearsal and Saturday Recital), and Sunday, June 3rd (Sunday Recital).

Parent Exit Interviews: Monday-Thursday, June 4th-7th.

Hall of Fame National Competition: Monday-Friday, July 9th-13th. St. Charles, Illinois (near Chicago).

Moving into the Holidays!

I encourage each of you to take the time to thoroughly read through each monthly newsletter. This is our main means of communication with you, and we include a lot of information and important dates for the entire dance year.

Please remind your children to not wait in or wander into the parking lot between or after their dance classes, especially now that we have set our clocks back and it is getting dark so early. With all of the parked cars, it is hard for drivers to see children, and we do not want to have any accidents. Students should wait inside the studio until their ride has arrived to pick them up.

Last month students were measured for recital costumes. If you have a newly-enrolled student who has not yet been measured, their dance teachers will do measurements in class. I will begin ordering costumes over Winter Break. Students in all classes (with the exception of technique-only classes) will be performing in our recital, held June 2nd-3rd (see side bar). Parents will be receiving invoices for costumes in late January, and costume payments are due in full by the end of February. Costumes will be sent home in April (except for competition costumes, which are distributed prior to our first competition).



We are pleased to welcome Judy Scott, who will be working at the front desk on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Gail Mix will work at the front desk on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Kris Laughlin, our business manager and co-owner, will be working in her office Monday through Thursday, as well as taking over front desk responsibilities each evening after 8 p.m.

Now through Monday, December 19th, all in-stock studio apparel — such as t-shirts, sweats, and other clothing — will be 20% off. Our studio wear items make great Christmas gifts. We also have a variety of apparel and gift items in a \$5 box and \$10 box. Please inquire at the front desk to see these items.

Dance students should not leave valuable items in the studio cubbies. If a student must bring a valuable item (cell phone, etc.) to the studio, keep the item on the shelf in the classroom rather than leaving it in the cubbie area. We also ask that students come to dance class on time and follow the proper dress code. Students need to remember to come to class ready to learn. Please respect the teachers by not socializing in the classroom and focusing on what is being taught.

Thanks for your feedback about fitness classes at the studio. **In January, we will begin offering Zumba classes** — tentatively planned for early-afternoons on Monday and some evening classes. Watch for more information in our December newsletter.

The studio will be closed on Wednesday, November 23rd and Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving. Winter Break will begin Tuesday, December 20th. **Please note that we will have classes on Monday, December 19th.** Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

On behalf of the staff at Steppin' Out, we wish you and your family a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Beth Berry
Studio Director

Winter Closing Guidelines

In case of severe winter weather, please call the studio anytime after 3 p.m. to learn if the studio is closed. Our phone message will note if the studio is closed. If you "friend" us on Facebook, we will also send you a message indicating the studio is closed. Notification is also provided to local TV stations. Steppin' Out **DOES NOT** follow Northwest Allen County Schools for weather-related closings.

