

RE: July Dance Newsletter

I have GREAT news! After many phone calls, texts, and emails trying to set up a venue for our recitals...I have located a beautiful location. It's official! We are having our recitals at the Best Western Regency on Sunday August 16. They have amazing accommodations for us including a beautiful dance floor/ stage, giant dressing rooms, and a spacious ballroom that everyone can "social distance" from one another, but still enjoy the show. This facility is beautiful, but very costly. Ticket price will be \$8 in advance and may be purchased as early as July 20 when classes resume. Ticket price at the door on Sunday August 16 will be \$10. Your ticket allows you to attend BOTH recitals if desired. Tickets are GENERAL ADMISSION, no reserved seating. I am so incredibly happy with the response that I received from all of the dance families. Out of the entire studio, I received only 12 declines from families. There are still a few of you that are undecided, or have not yet responded. The rest of you have committed to allow your children to participate in the summer dance session beginning July 20, and finish out our season with a recital on Sunday August 16. I am so grateful that you are trusting me to offer a healthy and safe return to dance class. I am also very excited for our unique summer session and summer recital. I realize that a lot of you have busy schedules including vacation plans. I want you to know that I totally understand if your child must miss a class because of a prior commitment. Please do not be worried about their attendance, as we will make the best of it and still pull off a great show! Here are the details:

1. Classes resume on Mon July 20. Attend your NORMAL class time. Wed 7:00 class will start at 6:15pm to allow extra time for competition class. Thurs 8:45 class will meet instead on Thursdays 5-5:45pm to allow the Thurs 7:45 class to have extra time for competition class. Thurs 7:45 class will stay until 9:30pm. No folklore classes, no daddy & daughter, no mother & daughter, and no co-ed dance. Students are welcome to wear masks, but not required. Parents are asked to stay outside to drop off their child, and stay outside to also pick them up. We will come outside to get the students, and bring them out to you. I am trying to keep the entryway to the studio and the studio clear of overcrowding. We will also need a short time to disinfect the studio. All students need to bring a water to dance as the drinking fountain will be closed.

2. On recital week, the following classes will rehearse on Mon Aug 10 at the studio:

4:15-5pm Mon 4:15 & Wed 4:00 classes
5-5:45pm Mon 5:00, Mon 5:45, Tues 4:15, and Tues 5:00 classes
6-6:45pm Mon 6:30, Wed 4:45, and Wed 5:30 classes
7-9:30pm ALL high school classes

On recital week, the following classes will rehearse on Tues Aug 11 at the studio:

4:15-5pm Thurs 4:15 BOYS class
5-7:30pm Tues 5:45, Tues 6:30, Thurs 5:45, Thurs 6:30, and Thurs 7:15
7:30-8pm Thurs 7:45 class
8-9:30pm Tues 7:15, Tues 8:00, Tues 8:45, and Thurs 5:00 (normally Thurs 8:45)

3. The following classes will have a dress rehearsal in costumes at Best Western Regency on Wed Aug 12 at 5:00pm: Mon 4:15, Mon 5:00, Mon 5:45, Mon 6:30, Tues 4:15, Tues 5:00, Wed 4:00, Wed 4:45, Wed 5:30, and high school classes. All of these classes will be labeled as the EARLY recital group.

The following classes will have a dress rehearsal in costumes at **Best Western Regency on Thurs Aug 13 at 5:00pm:** Tues 5:45, Tues 6:30, Tues 7:15, Tues 8:00, Tues 8:45, Thurs 4:15 BOYS, Thurs 5:00 (formally Thurs 8:45), Thurs 5:45, Thurs 6:30, Thurs 7:15, Thurs 7:45, and high school classes.

One parent from each family will be allowed to attend dress rehearsal. Please do NOT bring any additional family members. Students will sit with their parent until it is time for them to dance. Each parent will change their own child's costumes in the provided dressing rooms. No backstage helpers will be backstage to do this. Students that are able

to change their own costumes, do not need a parent backstage. When they are finished dancing, they are dismissed from rehearsal. **Dress rehearsal is NOT open to the public.**

4. On the evening of **Fri Aug 14**, the following classes will have PICTURE DAY with Stalzer Photography at Best Western Regency: Mon 4:15, Mon 5:00, Mon 5:45, Mon 6:30, Tues 4:15, Tues 5:00, Wed 4:00, Wed 4:45, Wed 5:30, and Thurs 4:15 BOYS

On the afternoon of Sat Aug 15, the following classes will have PICTURE DAY with Stalzer Photography at Best Western Regency: Tues 5:45, Tues 6:30, Tues 7:15, Tues 8:00, Tues 8:45, Thurs 5:00 (formally Thurs 8:45), Thurs 5:45, Thurs 6:30, Thurs 7:15, Thurs 7:45, ALL large group competition, and ALL high school groups

One parent from each family is allowed to attend picture day, but must remain in dressing rooms or hallway. No parents allowed in the ballroom where photos are being taken. Please do not bring extra family members to picture day. A schedule and picture packets will be passed out in late July.

5. **EARLY recital on Sun Aug 16 at 12noon** will run approx. 2 hours, and will showcase the following classes: Mon 4:15, Mon 5:00, Mon 5:45, Mon 6:30, Tues 4:15, Tues 5:00, Wed 4:00, Wed 4:45, Wed 5:30, high school classes, and GREASE finale. Please arrive by 11:30am to get your child checked in. Students will sit with their families during the recital. One parent is allowed backstage to help their child change costuming if needed.

LATE recital on Sun Aug 16 at 4pm will run approx. 2 hours, and will showcase the following classes: Tues 5:45, Tues 6:30, Tues 7:15, Tues 8:00, Tues 8:45, Thurs 4:15 BOYS, Thurs 5:00 (formally Thurs 8:45), Thurs 5:45, Thurs 6:30, Thurs 7:15, Thurs 7:45, ALL competition large groups, ALL high school classes, and GREASE finale. Please arrive by 3:30pm to get your child checked in. Students will sit with their families during the recital. One parent is allowed backstage to help their child change costuming if needed.

Students do not need a recital ticket.

Recitals are open to all family and friends, and to the public.

Everyone is welcome to wear a mask, but not required to. Everyone is welcome to social distance their families as they choose their own seating.

Recital tickets at the door will cost \$10

A videographer will be taping both shows and selling DVDs. A form will be sent home in late July with recital packet.

The Bella Sera Italian restaurant located in the Best Western Regency will be open, and welcomes your family for lunch and/ or supper.

The Best Western Regency swimming pool will be open to the public for \$3 admission. All children 16 and younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Miss Tanya will give each student a complimentary swim pass to use one time during the week of recital (Mon Aug 10-Sun Aug 16). Everyone **MUST** go to the front desk to pay for their swimming, or show their complimentary swim pass. **DO NOT** enter the swimming area without first checking in with the front desk. Swim passes will be passed out in recital packet at the end of July.

Please respect the property of the Best Western Regency, and understand that there many guests staying at the hotel. Do not allow children in hallways and restrooms without supervision. Do not allow children to run or be loud in hallways. Throw away all trash. Try not to overcrowd in front lobby or hallways. Thank you and see you all soon!

