

To: Y-Dancers and Parents
From: Deedra Newby
Date: December 2011
Re: Winter 2012 Session

The following is helpful information in addition to the attached Y-Dance schedule:

CLASS INFORMATION

- Y-Dance enrollment will begin Monday December 5 for Y-Dance families dancing with us this current session, and will be open to the public for enrollment beginning December 19.
- Measuring for recital costumes will be January 9-12. (See below.)
- Dance classes will begin January 16 and continue through May 3, 2012.
- There will be *no classes* the week of TSC's Spring break; March 26-29, 2012.

FIRST WEEK/COSTUMES MEASURING

- January 9-12 will be no formal dance class, nor are you charged for this week.
- Please come during your normally scheduled class time. *Technique classes need not come.*
- During this time we will:
 - play your recital routine music for you to hear
 - view a picture of your costume
 - take measurements for your costume
- *Parents are needed to be in attendance that day to help select desired size and to make payment for the costume. Please bring your checkbooks (make checks payable to Deedra Newby). No credit cards can be used.*
- Costumes will be ordered January 13. Payment needs to be made no later than that Friday. Late orders cost extra and cannot be guaranteed shipment in time for the recital.
- Much research is done to find age-appropriate costumes and keep the cost under \$60.00.
- Costume prices are wholesale cost plus shipping.
- Also, this will be the only time that rehearsal dancewear will be available to try on and order.
- You may want to bring something to work on should you have to wait for your turn for a short period of time.

DRESS POLICY

Y-Dance implements a dress policy to better aide our dancers in proper posture, center, turn out, technique, leg and foot placement, etc. The following have been selected based on the styles of dance taught, the best prices, and a good fabric that does not bag. *For your convenience we carry fusion and tap dancewear except for tap shoes.* If you would like to order dancewear, orders are placed and payment is needed at the first class. Costs are wholesale plus shipping. Make checks payable to Deedra Newby.

- **Pre-K**
 - A leotard/skirt combination that comes attached (can be found at Target or Wal-Mart)
 - Tights (pink, white, or skin colored)
 - Ballet shoes (color of choice and can be purchased at Payless Shoes)
- **Fusion and Tap**
 - Form-fitting cami top for girls (no athletic T's). Tank top for boys
 - Dance shorts for girls, longer shorts for boys
 - Tights (if desired) to match skin tone
 - Jazz pants (adult class only)
 - Jazz or canvas Twyla shoes TBD by class
 - Tap shoes

-Discount Dance Supply (www.discountdance.com)

-Enchanted Point (742-6658/call for hours or an appointment)

- **Hip Hop**
 - T-shirt or tank top
 - Shorts or pants/sweatpants
 - Any type of gym shoe
- **Hair:** pulled back out of the face with barrettes or ponytail elastics.
- **No gum**

Please carry dance shoes into the YWCA and change outside of dance studio. Benches are provided for your convenience.

RECITAL INFORMATION

- Recital will be held Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Long Center.
- Because of the popularity of our “shows” we are also considering adding a matinée.
- Dress rehearsal will be held Friday afternoon-night on May 4, at the Long Center (Younger students will be earlier and older students later).
- Recital packets/information will be given the week of April 2-5 for further information.
- Most recital songs have been edited to give dancers maximum amount of performance time with realistic memorization goals. We will email you the music after Y-Dance begins for home rehearsal.
- We *highly recommend* videotaping the recital routine *from the back of the room* (the angle the dancers learn) on observation days. Again, this will help in home rehearsal.

OBSERVATION

- *Only adults and other Y-Dancers are allowed in the studio for observation.*
- Observation dates are: January 16-19; February 6-9; March 5-8; April 2-5; April 30-May 3.
- Please refrain from constant conversation while observing class.
- Please do not correct dancers during class. You may visit with your child’s teacher afterwards if you have any questions.
- Video cameras are welcome and encouraged on observation days. Videotaping the recital routine *from the back*, will aide your dancer in home rehearsal.
- Nothing other than water on the dance floor please.

Y-DANCE PHILOSOPHY

- To provide an atmosphere of discipline and structure
- To make each dancer feel loved and valued
- To be a fun, enjoyable, and learning experience
- To enhance dancers’ coordination, dance, creativity, and memory skills

Y-DANCE STRUCTURE

- Fusion classes are divided by divisions, which allows for peer maturity; and by levels, allowing for ability. They have a ballet/jazz base to enhance technical skills.
- All tap classes are divided by levels (ability of dancer).
- Hip Hop classes are divided by divisions (grade of dancer) with one level difference this session.

CLASS RECOMMENDATION

- For returning Y-Dancers, enroll in the same division/level as per your last class/recommendation unless Mrs. Newby or another lead teacher has discussed otherwise with you.
- For those who may have taken a session or more “sabbatical” from Y-Dance, you need to visit with Mrs. Newby to determine what class your dancer should enroll.
- For those new to Y-Dance, a beginning level is recommended to ensure the basics of our program are understood.

MESSAGES

- You are welcome to direct all Y-Dance related messages to Deedra Newby at the YWCA @ 742-0075.