



January Newsletter

Dear Parents and Dancers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy start to 2026!! The teachers and I thank you all for our sweet and thoughtful Christmas gifts!! A special thanks goes to our class moms for coordinating the Christmas parties and coming up with creative and fun games for us to play during pajama week. We start back with all classes on Monday, January 5th and can't wait to see our dancers back in the studio.

Attendance: Please make class attendance a priority as we start with our spring classes! Every class is important as we build on technique from class to class and week to week. Most classes are starting on recital choreography this week.

Costumes: The complete costume balances were due November 14th. Recital costumes were ordered in December for all dancers with accounts paid in full. If you did not pay your costume fees, your costumes have not been ordered. Most costumes have arrived and will start going home with dancers in the following weeks. Please make sure to check your dancer's costume sizes and let us know asap if there is a size issue.

Ballet Class Attire: Reminder ~ Ballet buns, black leotards & pink tights are required for ALL ballet classes. T-shirts and baggy shorts are NOT allowed in any class.

Tricks and Leaps Class- As we get into choreography, the tricks and leaps class is a great way for your dancer to get extra time on specific tricks & leaps that may be in their dance. This class is a non-recital class intended to enhance a dancer's tricks, leaps & jumps. The instructor rotates weekly and gives dancers the opportunity to learn from multiple instructors during the year. It is on Mondays from 7:00-7:45 in Studio B. You can drop in or sign up for the month.

Recital Date & Times: The 2026 CDC recitals will be held on **May 15 & 16**. The recitals and rehearsals are held at the Columbia Theater in Hammond. We will have staging rehearsals on the afternoons of May 12 & 13. We will have a dress rehearsal for the Saturday shows on May 14.

- We will have **1 show on Friday, May 15**. (6:30 p.m.)
 - *The following classes are in the Friday night show: Primary I, Primary II, Beginner I, Competition Team routines, Musical Theater showcase, Company, Hip Hop 6 and Advanced Ballet and Pointe classes.*
- We will have **2 shows on Saturday, May 16**. (12:00 & 6:30 p.m.)
 - *The following classes are in both Saturday shows: Beginner II, Beginner III, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Intermediate III, all jazz classes, all hip hop classes, ballet, pointe and tap intensive classes, Sr. Solos, Company and Advanced Ballet and Pointe classes.*

Picture Day Info: Tee Wheeler will come to the studio February 28 to take individual pictures. We will NOT take class group photos and you are NOT required to purchase an individual photo packet. This is only for your enjoyment if you want individual pictures of your dancer. I'll send the picture day schedule later. Hair may be styled anyway you like for your pictures. Please make sure to wear pink tights for ballet and pointe and tan for tap, jazz and lyrical.

Studio Spring Closures: We start back with classes on Monday, January 5. We ***WILL*** have all classes on Martin L. King Holiday, which is on January 19 this year. The next time the studio will close is for Mardi Gras (February 16-20) and the Easter/Spring Break Holiday (April 6-10.)

Mark Your Calendars: Please make sure you are aware of the following important dates.

- **January 5-** January Tuition Due; Classes Resume
- **January 5, 12, 19 & 26-** Tricks & Leaps class (7:00-7:45)
- **January 25-** Company Choreography Sunday (1:00-4:00)
- **January 31 Mark of Excellence Competition** (Baton Rouge)
- **February 2-** February Tuition Due & Recital Fee Due (*\$150 per family*)
- **February 2, 9 & 23-** Tricks, Leaps and Jumps class (7:00-7:45)
- **February 14- NYLA Competition** (Petal, MS)
- **February 16-20-** Mardi Gras Holidays
- **February 23-** Recital Program Ad Forms Due (*Forms will go out next week*)
- **February 28-** Individual Picture Day
- **March 2-** March Tuition Due
- **March 7- Elite Competition** (Baton Rouge)
- **April 1-** April and May Tuition Due
- **April 6-10-** Studio Easter/Spring Break Holiday
- **May 12 & 13-** Staging Rehearsals (*Columbia Theatre*)
- **May 14-** Dress Rehearsal (*Columbia Theatre*)
- **May 15-** 2026 Showcase Show #1 (*Columbia Theatre*)
- **May 16-** 2026 CDC Recitals #2 & #3 (*Columbia Theatre*)

Thanks for your continued support!

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