

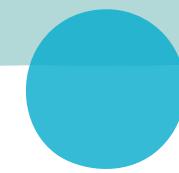
January Newsletter



A NOTE FROM MS. KATIE

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas/Winter break with your family and friends. The New Year brings back such excitement at the dance studio now that our focus really starts building towards our recital! This year's theme, "5678" has been such a fun theme to plan! It is a great mix of all things Broadway, movies themed around plays, and some of our favorite choreographers! We can't wait to entertain your family and friends at this year's shows! You will notice our beautiful costume board that Ms. Karly finished over break! It has all the styles displayed for you to see (please remind little hands to look and not touch). The staff did an amazing job choosing costumes that are beautiful and age appropriate for our dancers! We are so excited for the year ahead! Please carefully read through this newsletter and let us know if we can answer any questions!

Big hugs, Ms. Katie



PARENT PORTAL

Please make sure your information is up to date in your parent portal. If we encounter any snow days, we want to ensure your phone number is able to receive our texts. Remember the first snow day, you are able to do makeups in another class or one similar that Ms. Karly can help you with. After that, if your class has another snow day, a makeup will be scheduled for your class.



RECITAL COSTUMES FOR 2026

Many of our costumes have been ordered and we are so excited to see them in person. Preparing costumes to come home is a big process. Each company we work with has different policies, timelines, and systems. We watch and monitor their arrival very closely and with our younger students we try to make sure all costumes have arrived before trying them on in class. Once they have tried them on for our staff to oversee, they then get sorted for Ms. Karly to label and put in their garment bag. The teachers will send them home with the dancers once all their costumes arrive and are bagged together. This means some dancers may bring their costumes home before others. Don't worry, we have a tried and true system and it helps to wait to have them all in one place. Once they come home you'll want to keep them in a safe spot until they are first worn for pictures. You'll be given a black folder with all the instructions, information and helpful care tips as it gets closer to picture week!

RECITAL NEWS!!!



Recitals and Rehearsals will take place at Gull Lake High School the week of June 9th-13th.

We are currently working on our show placements and will announce them as soon as they are posted. This will let you know which specific show your class is in, and which rehearsal correlates with that class.

A Quick Guide on the Road to Recital





OUR NEXT BALLERINAS & BOOKS IS
JANUARY 10TH FROM 11:15-11:45

Winter Themed

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

FEBRUARY-MARCH *mini-mesters!*



[SIGN UP HERE!](#)
SIGN UPS BEGIN JAN 16TH

Excel Dance Centre

Calendar 2025 - 2026

Calendar Breakdown

September

- 2 - First Day of Classes!
- 7 - Paw Paw Parade (Company)
- 13 - First Steps Program Begins!
- 20 - Ballerinas & Books
- 20 - Mini-Mesters Begin!

October

- 6 - First costume payment due
- 11 - Pop Up Classes!
- 11 - Ballerinas & Books
- 13-18 - First Peek Week!
- 18 - Company Bonding
- 24-30 - Make Believe Week
- 31 - Happy Halloween - closed

November

- 3 - Costume measuring week
- 8 - WMU Dance Team Pop Up Class
- 8 - Ballerinas & Books
- 10 - Second costume payment due
- 10-15 - Christmas Camp info sent home
- 10-15 - Bring a Friend Week
- 23 - Nursing Home (Company)
- 26-29 - Thanksgiving Break - closed

December

- 6 - Company Holiday Party
- 6 - Ballerinas & Books
- 8 - Third costume payment due
- 15-20 - Holiday Party Week!
- 22-31 - Winter Break - closed
- 22 - Holiday Mini Camp
- 22 - FREE Dance Day

January

- 1-4 - Winter Break - closed
- 10 - Ballerinas & Books
- 12 - Fourth costume payment due

February

- 7 - Mini-Mesters Begin!
- 9-14 - Show the Love Week
- 9-14 - Production/Opening Number notes sent home
- 14 - Ballerinas & Books
- 16-21 - Company/Nutcracker notes sent home
- 23 - Production/Opening Number Sign Ups

March

- 2-7 - Beach Week / Summer Info notes go home
- 7 - Pre-Professional Company Showcase
- 14 - Ballerinas & Books
- 16 - Summer Sign Ups / Company Audition Sign Ups/Nutcracker Sign Ups
- 30-5 - Spring Break - closed

April

- 1-5 - Spring Break - closed
- 11 - Ballerinas & Books
- 13-18 - Black Folders go home!
- 25 - Recital Ticket Sales!
- 25 - Showcase of Talent (fundraiser event for local child with cancer)

May

- 4-9 - Picture Week
- 16 - Company Auditions
- 17 - Nutcracker Auditions
- 23 - Ballerinas & Books
- 25 - Memorial Day - closed

June

- 1-6 - Spirit Week!
- 9-13 - Rehearsal / Recital Week!