

Kim Hohman's DanceWorks JANUARY COMPETITION NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Parents and Dancers,

I am so excited to begin our competition season! The dances are looking awesome and the kids are working hard and getting ready to take the stage!! I am so proud of each and every one of them!!!

The following is important information as our competition season is about to begin!!

ALL COMPETITION FEES AND COSTUME BALANCES DUE

All costume fees need to be paid by Feb. 1st at the latest. The first two competition deposits should be paid. We will be posting the 3rd competition deposit, due by March 1. Please make sure your first two deposits have been paid. If fees are not paid your child cannot compete. Solos/duos/trios, your fees will be posted as well. I have to pay our fees in full 45 days in advance, and the studio cannot front the bill for those.

COMPETITION TEAM FEE

The \$25 competition team fee has been posted and is due by Feb 14. This fee is for props, trailer rental to and from competition, etc....

DRESS REHEARSAL

Attached is a schedule for our dress rehearsal on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st AT THE PAC. The cost for the dress rehearsal is \$25 per dancer and will be posted on your portal. This will help us pay for the rental of the PAC and must be paid by Monday, February 19^{th,} or your child will not be permitted to participate. This rehearsal is so we can rehearse in our costumes, use the stage and wings for spacing, and familiarize team moms with the classes. Please make sure to have ALL items labeled! We will record dress rehearsal to critique in class.

50/50 RAFFLE

As we all know, costs are going up everywhere. The price to rent the PAC has been raised again this year. The \$25 per dancer fee does not cover the cost for the rental. In an effort to keep our costs down while still providing this valuable on-stage time for our dancers, we will be running a 50/50 raffle to help offset the price increase. Tickets will be available at the front desk. More information will be available soon!

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Being a part of our competition teams is a privilege and each routine is choreographed to include all members. Attendance is VERY important and if someone is always missing or tardy, this holds the whole class back. In these weeks leading up to our first competition, attendance is crucial. If you are injured, you are still expected to attend class! Excessive unexcused absences will result in removal from the team. As a reminder, you must call the studio if you or your dancer are going to be absent. If you are unsure if your absence is excused, please ask and our staff can let you know.

<u>Examples of EXCUSED absences would be:</u> Illness, mandatory school functions, active participant in a sporting event *you are expected to attend any portion of your class you can make it to around your sporting event*

Examples of UNEXCUSED absences would be: Relatives visiting, spectator at a sporting event, parties...etc.

HOLLYWOOD DANCE JAMZ

FEBRUARY 23-25 CINCINNATI/LAWRENCEBURG We would love for our dancers to attend convention. Dancers ages 5 and up can attend! I am able to offer our dancers a discounted rate to attend convention!! What an amazing opportunity! Registration is due for Lawrenceburg no later than January 17th. Please let the front desk know if you are planning to attend. The host hotel is sold out, but you can stay at any hotel nearby. The cost for the weekend is:

MINI'S AGES 5-7 is \$82.50 AGES 8 AND UP is \$147.50

<u>COMPETITION FEES FOR HDJ</u> SOLO FEE \$175, DUO/TRIO FEE \$85/dancer GROUP FEE \$60/dancer If you would like to compete your solo, duo/trio let me know asap, I will be approving them before entering them. The competition is almost sold out so I need to enter them asap. DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DANCE WITH THE BEST!

HOLLYWOOD DANCE JAMZ DJ COMPANY

Congratulations Kaden, Annie, Jocelyn, Payton, and Sydney for making the DJ Company! These dancers will assist the faculty during the convention! So proud of all of you!

COMPETITION DATES

Our 1st competition is March 1-3 in Cincinnati.

Our 2nd competition is March 30 in Marysville. IF THIS ONE FALLS THROUGH, WE WILL COMPETE APRIL 13-14 in Lima.

Our 3rd competition is May 11-12 in Dayton, OH. The 3rd competition deposit will be due March 1st.

Nationals (most groups will attend) June 13-16 @ the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH.

TIGHTS

Tight order forms will be in the Feb. newsletter. The costume book also has information on the backside of the picture. Please order your tights ASAP, so they will be in for our dress rehearsal and competition. All dancers will need a body tight. All dancers (with the exception of Rising Stars) are required to wear a nude colored clear strap bra and a nude leotard. We have these available if you need a leotard or have outgrown yours. The cost for the bra is \$25 and the leo is \$26. Both can be purchased in the dance shoppe. We are requiring this so all of our dancers are completely covered backstage and in the dressing rooms. I RECOMMEND GETTING TIGHTS/NUDE LEO/JEWELRY, ETC..ASAP, SO THEY ARE IN FOR DRESS REHEARSAL!!!

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

I must have a copy of all birth certificates on file for proof of age. If this is your first year of competition, please turn it in to the front desk before the March competition. If I do not have a copy, your child will not be able to compete, as we would be disqualified if there were a dispute about the age division we were entered in.

<u>COMPETITION ATTIRE</u> (optional) Coming soon!!!

COMPETITION MAKE UP KITS

Makeup kits are available in the Dance Shoppe. All dancers need a kit! The kit includes Eye Shadow, Eye Liner, Mascara, Blush, Lipstick and Lip Liner for \$45. I can order red Lipsense and glosses for \$55 for the set. Please order in the dance shoppe.

All dancers will wear false lashes on stage. Eyelashes can be purchased in the shoppe for \$6. If you need eyeshadow only, follow this QR code





Amazon

HOW TO APPLY COMPETITION MAKE UP Will be posted on our Facebook page soon.

CVS

EARRINGS, NECKLACE, AND PONYTAIL HAIRPIECE

Earrings \$15, Necklace \$15, and Hairpiece \$15 can be purchased in Rhythm-n-Shoes

<u>HAIR</u>

All classes are going to wear their hair in a slicked back medium ponytail with a middle part. Please, slick and hairspray or gel ALL THE FLY AWAYS, and make sure ponytail is secure. You can use bobby pins if needed. For dancers that do not have long enough hair or want their ponytail longer, you can wear a hairpiece or extensions.

***Rising Stars will be wearing a middle part with 2 space buns.



TEAM MOMS

Sign up at the front desk if you are interested in being a Team Mom. If you have a POSITIVE attitude and do not stress out easily, we want you! All parents are responsible for making sure their child is ready, but Team Mom means you will be staying backstage with your designated class; making sure they are all accountable, in costume, hair slicked back, no hair ties on wrist, colored nail polish OFF, correct make up, eyelashes on, no underwear (that's why we have the leotard) and helping in any way! We truly appreciate our Team Moms!

VOLUNTEER HOURS

There have been emails sent out regarding volunteer hours. If you've done your four hours....thank you and HUGE thank you to the moms who have put in MANY more!!! There are many of you that have not put your time in yet..... The competition team fee of \$100 has been applied to your portals and will be credited back once your hours have been completed. We have any evening Monday-Thursday 4-8 that you can come out to volunteer, please let us know when you are coming. We have a lot of costumes and props to work on! We will also need help at dress rehearsal and recital, those that work these events will receive an account credit once recital is over.

I am looking forward to a great competition season! If you have any questions, please email or contact me at the studio.

Thank you, Kim

DATE REMINDERS:

JAN. 15-18	PAJAMA WEEK
FEB. 12-15	SHARE THE LOVE WEEK
FEB. 21	COMP. DRESS REHEARSAL AT THE PAC
FEB. 23-25	HDJ LAWRENCEBERG
MARCH 1-3	COMPETITON 1 CINCINNATI OH
MARCH 11-14	SPRING BREAK
MARCH 30	COMPETITON 2 MARYSVILLE, OH
APRIL 13-14	COMPETITION 2 BACK UP LIMA, OH
APRIL 8-11	PICTURE WEEK
APRIL 15-18	BRING A FRIEND WEEK
MAY 6-9	THROWBACK WEEK
MAY 11-12	COMPETITION 3 DAYTON, OH
MAY 17	RECITAL DRESS REHEARSAL
MAY 18	RECITAL DAY!
JUNE 13-16	NATIONALS AT GREAT WOLF LODGE
JUNE 22-28	HDJ NATIONALS IN ORLANDO (for those that want to attend)

COMPETITION DRESS REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT THE PAC

We will be wearing full costume to be sure everything is fitting correctly and is secured. You do not need make up, but hair should be done correctly.

Please be on time! We are on a tight schedule and MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS LABELED!!! We will be using the dressing rooms behind the stage. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN UP YOUR STUFF!!!

This rehearsal will give mom's and team mom's a good idea of the backstage chaos =) THIS IS THE SCHEDULE:

- 3:45 AY CARAMBA
- 4:00 BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE
- 4:15 MILLION DREAMS
- 4:30 YOU CAN'T STOP THE GIRL
- 4:45 GAME TIME Rising Stars Pom
- 5:00 WHEN I GROW UP/TOY
- 5:15 MIRROR MIRROR Rising Stars Hip Hop
- **5:30 MY HAIR LOOKS FIERCE**
- 5:45 SHAKE THE ROOM Rising Stars Jazz/ SWEET TOOTH Jr. Pom
- 6:00 REMEMBER THE TIME
- 6:15 LITTLE SHOP
- 6:30 GASOLINA
- 6:45 BURNIN UP
- 7:00 REFS All Star Hip Hop
- 7:15 THE GREATEST SHOW
- 7:30 CHRISTMAS TOWN
- 7:45 WANTED
- 8:00 POM POMS
- 8:15 SEVEN NATION ARMY
- 8:30 CLUE
- 8:45 THE CHAIN
- 9:00 ALL SHOOK UP
- 9:15 RIVER DEEP

9:30 DRIPPIN IN GOLD 9:45 THE LAST HOUR

If you are not sure of the name of your dances, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ASK or look in the Costume Book at the front desk!!! MAKE SURE YOU ARE IN ATTENDANCE. PARENTS THIS WILL BE A GOOD REHEARSAL FOR ALL OF US TO SEE WHAT WE NEED TO FIX BEFORE THE COMPETITION SEASON BEGINS!!!