# NOVEMBER 2021

# **EP NEWS**

Welcome to our November Newsletter. Classes run all year long and are broken up into semesters. We are excited to share our EP NEWS with YOU!! Each month a newsletter will be sent out to all parents filled with information and important dates! As we move forward, our goal is to keep parents as informed as possible! We hope everyone finds these newsletters helpful!





November 21st 11AM-1230PM EN POINTE DANCE ACADEMY



# **Upcoming Events**

## November 1

Show tickets go on sale

## November 2

Last day to order show apparel

## November 21

EP Ballet Company Auditions

11AM-1230PM

Must be level Ballet 2 and up

## November 24-28

Thanksgiving Break-NO CLASSES

EP Ballet Company travels to Philadelphia to perform in the Dunkin Thanksgiving Parade

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## WHY IS DRESS CODE IMPORTANT FOR A DANCER?

- 1. <u>HELP US HELP YOU...</u>When dancers wear proper dress code, it helps the instructor better see how their bodies move and can execute instructions to better their training. Improper clothing can impact technique and precision. Even the slightest arm and shoulder adjustment can turn a single pirouette into a double. We want to help your dancer be the BEST they can be!
- 2. **DISIPLINE...** Getting in the habit of putting on dance clothes, ditching the jewelry, and securing a neat ballet bun teaches dancers to come to class ready to work hard. It is more than just an outfit. Dress code enforcement creates improved work ethic, focus, and overall attitude... which is why we love it so much!
- 3. <u>SAFETY...</u> Shoelaces, jewelry, and baggy clothes might not seem like a big deal to a kid but when you are dancing one dangly necklace can create a huge safety hazard. Safety is always our top priority at EP and that starts with DRESS CODE.
- 4. **PREPPING FOR THE BIG STAGE...** It is no surprise that wearing dance clothes can be quite an adjustment. We are ALWAYS working towards the BIG STAGE! Come recital time, we want our dancers to feel comfortable, confident, and prepared. Coming to class each week feeling and looking like a dancer makes us feel more prepared and ready to wear our costumes.

## **December 5**

Williamsburg Christmas Parade

## **December 8**

Christmas Spectacular Dress Rehearsal at Kimball Theater

## December 9

Christmas Spectacular Show at Kimball Theater

## December 11/12

Christmas Spectacular Picture Day

## December 20- January 2nd

Winter Dance Break

# WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE

TIME UPDATE: 5PM PARADE START TIME... PARTICPATES ARRIVE AT FLOAT BY 4PM

All participants must wear... 2021 EP spectacular sweatshirt, black pants, white hat/gloves, ALL white shoes

Deadline to participate has ENDED.

## CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!!

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR PARENT SHOW HANDBOOK!

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#### Dancer Drop Off and Pick Up Information

- All dancers must be checked in with our parent volunteer ... please have one parent to check in to keep organization
- A volunteer will guide your dancer to their dressing room to get ready for the show
- Please arrive before your ٠ assigned call time to check in
- Pre- Academy call time is 1 hour before your assigned show time
- Academy call time is 2 hours before for warm up
- Dancers must vacate dressing rooms immediately after show ending to provide time to switch to the next show
- Please have one parent pick up dancer
- Please vacate the house to . provide time for switching of shows

### Christmas Spectacular 2021 Important Dates

#### October 15 Show permission forms/fees are due

November 3 @8:00AM- Show tickets go on sale

Tickets are first come first serve

Pick your seat when you purchase

There are no longer limits per family

December 8 Dress Rehearsal @Kimball Theatre-Times to follow

> December 9 Christmas Spectacular 530PM & 730PM **Kimball Theatre**

December 11 Show 1 Picture Day @EP

December 12 Show 2 Picture Day @EP

# En Pointe Dance Academy







#### Costumes

- ALL dancers will be measured during class
- Costumes will be ordered for each dancer by the director •
- An extra fee will be charged if show forms re late. This will cover the cost of extra shipping to ship your costume separate.
- Once costumes arrive your dancer will have a fitting in class. If you dancer needs alterations of any kind you may be asked to take your costume early to have that done.
- ALL COSTUMES WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL COSTUMES WILL BE GIVEN TO PARENTS THE WEEK OF THE SHOW. A PARENT MUST SIGN FOR THE COSTUME
- Dancers/parents are responsible for bringing costumes to and from rehearsal/show
- Once the show is done, please be sure to keep your costume organized for picture day

#### **Picture Day**

We know how important it is to have dance pictures to look back on! We are happy to provide pic days with our amazing dance photographer LaDawn Hodges Photography.

All parents will be sent by email a gallery to view which pictures you would like to order

ALL dancers must attend! WHY?? We provide class pictures and if we are missing dancers this would be very sad!! Please be sure your dancer is there!

Saturday, December 11th ... Show 1 dancers

Sunday, December 12th... Show 2 dancers Times to follow!

## **Ticket Information**

TICKETS GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 3RD

COST ...

STANDARD TICKET \$15

CHILD TICKET \$12

Lap Child 2 and under... Free

PREMIUM TICKET... \$20 PREMIUM CHILD TICKET ... \$17

WANT TO SEE BOTH SHOWS? GET YOUR

SECOND SHOW HALF PRICE Visit our website for ticket link on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> and share it with your friends and family! Seats are available until they are gone!

#### Dress Rehearsal

- MANDATORY... this rehearsal is mandatory for your dancer to perform. This is for safety reasons.
- Location... Kimball Theatre... DOG St.
- Can I watch? Unfortunately, no. This is a closed rehearsal to allow dancers and instructors to keep focus and run a smooth rehearsal. Drop off and take a stroll down town or grab a bite to eat.
- TIMES TO FOLLOW
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL DUE TO W&M POLICY ... skin tone color mask for dancers
- Girls hair must be in proper ballet bun (unless otherwise advised by your instructor), NO nail polish, NO jewelry... ALL DANCERS MUST BE SHOW READY!

#### Show Day

IT'S SHOW DAY!!!

Date: December 9, 2021

Location: Kimball Theatre (DOG ST.)

Show Times: 530PM Show 1 / 730PM Show 2

PER W&M POLICY ... ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE MASKED.

DANCERS MUST WEAR SKIN TONE MASK FOR SHOW

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# Dancer of the Month

## Vanessa Scarborough

Vanessa has been dancing under Ms. Bekah's instruction since she was 4. Vanessa is an involved dancer who trains in our Academy, on our Ballet Company, as a senior member, and volunteers her time around the studio! You can catch Vanessa's smiling face some days in our studio's office.



# Volunteers Needed!

WANT TO BECOME A PARENT VOLUNTEER? Our studio is always in need of volunteers for events, shows and more. Volunteers are important to keep our studio running successfully! Please contact us to become a dance parent volunteer TODAY!

# Birthday Parties... ARE BACK!!!! RESERVE YOUR PARTY TODAY!

Did you know that we offer Birthday Parties? We are now entering the colder months of the year which is a great time to plan your indoor dance birthday party. OUR PARTIES ARE EN POINTE!

For more questions, please email our office!

Check out our beautiful portrait done by Monica Sigmon with SigmonTaylor Photography of our 2021 EP Ballet Company. This portrait will be hung in our studio office. Monica Sigmon is a Sony Artisan of Imagery, Master Photographic Craftsman, and honored as Professional Photographers of America. She has worked with our dancers in many different Sony projects such as "Art of Motion"



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