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Parent Meeting September 27th

- 1. This meeting is to discuss the following classes who will be eligible to do competition. (see document attached, with classes highlighted in yellow)
- 2. What is competition? Competition is when we take a group of students to perform to be either be judged be an adjudicator or a group of adjudicators in various formats. When we discuss competition & festival, we are talking about the same thing. The only difference is a festival every student will receive something & a competition they will not. Every company has a different set of rules & there is no standardization of rules & regulations.
- 3. We are transitioning into only using Studio Director & the Portal for our main form of contact. We will be using the portal to post all important documents this year. This will be under the Class Documents section of your portal.
- 4. The pre-requisite for competition/festival is: ALL dancers must be taking a ballet class and must keep up with the regular classes they are registered in. Proper attendance is required once dances start choreography and videoing.
- 5. Groups are first priority then students can be advised to do solos / duos / etc.
- 6. Competition/Festival groups are done in the regular class times for the exception for out of class groups as listed below:
 - Greatest Showman Production
 - Jr/Sr Acro Group
 - Inter/Senior Pointe Group
- 7. Costume Deposits of \$100 for ALL privates ordering a costume from the costume books are due into the front desk by OCTOBER 15th!
- 8. We are looking at the Showtime Dance Competition in Sherwood Park over Easter Break APRIL 15TH-19TH

& Dance for Dreams Competition in Lethbridge APRIL 23RD-25TH.

Estimated Prices (finalized prices will be confirmed by the end of next week)

Showtime: Groups/Trio \$40, Solo \$75, Duo \$50

Dance for Dreams: Groups \$42, Solo \$70, Duo \$56

- 9. 2020 Year-End Show Dates are May 25th to May 31st. With the Shows on May 30th/31st.
- 10. Ballet Exams will be the beginning of June 2020. We will hopefully have Primary's, Grade 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's, Intermediates & Advanced 1 & 2.
- 11. TPDS Dance Jacket is still MANDATORY item for a competition dancer. Cost is between \$125.00-\$135.00
- 12. Thanks to everyone who has been embracing our new software it's been 1 year since we began using it. As with any change, we've now had some time to reflect on what's worked, what hasn't worked and look at more ways we can utilize it to everyone advantage.
 Unfortunately, we've had to close down enrollments and online purchases for those who like to pay in the office with debit/ cash or cheque. We ran into too many scenarios where parents would checkout online and forget to come in and pay in the office. So anyone that pays with credit card we would appreciate it if you could continue to use the portal and those who prefer to pay by debit/cash or cheque if you could come in during
- 13. We are needing Parent Reps for ALL classes. Your duties would include phoning students when classes are cancelled, assisting at picture day, & be the go to person at competition & year-end show. Please let Miss Fenton or Miss Meagan know if you would like to volunteer.

office hours to complete your transactions, we would appreciate that.

- 14. We would like all dancers & parents to know that school is the 1_{st} priority. We have done our part to schedule privates or regular classes to not conflict with school. Please communicate to your dancer that they do not have to leave school early to be at dance. We really want to foster a positive, healthy relationship with all the schools.
- 15. The tentative dates for the An Evening with the Stars Gala is rehearsals on Friday, April 3rd with the shows on Saturday, April 4th.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email Miss Fenton at tpdscnp5@gmail.com