

*Hi Everyone! We would like to start this month's newsletter by wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy the holiday and get a chance to spend the day celebrating with family and friends. You all will be thought of as I am giving thanks for all the wonderful blessings in my life.....Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Recital Dates:** Recital dates have been confirmed for the weekend of June 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time we are trying to determine how many shows we will perform. If we continue with 3 shows, the schedule will be Friday evening and matinee and evening on Sat. (same as last year). If we have to perform 4 shows, the extra show will be Sunday afternoon. We will let you know as soon as this decision is made. Dress rehearsal will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember, all Workshop I and II classes will only perform in 1 show.

**Costume Deposits:** Costume deposits were due in October. **Costumes will not be ordered without a deposit.** If you do not hand in a costume deposit, you will have to pay a separate shipping and handling fee along with a 15% fee to order a single costume. Your costume will not be guaranteed by picture day. **Costume Deposits are non-refundable after November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you quit a class after December 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be responsible for paying the entire balance on that costume!**

**AOD Dancewear:** Our holiday dancewear will be here soon! Order forms will be located on the main bulletin board by next week and we will have sample clothing hanging in the lobby to order the proper sizes. Merchandise is custom ordered and is non-returnable so please be sure of the size before ordering. Also, if you place your order by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, it will be guaranteed to arrive before the holidays. If your order is a surprise gift, please put that on your order form and we will call you when it comes in. We will also be selling bodysuits, skirts, and other dance apparel and accessories as well.

**NO DANCE CLASS:** The studio will be closed from Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Dress Code:** This is a reminder that every student's hair must be pulled back into a tight ponytail or bun! No one is to attend class with their hair down. All ballet students must come to class in a bodysuit and tights. **NO T-SHIRTS, SHORTS OR STREET CLOTHING!** For all other classes, please refer to our dress code listed on our website or on the back of the purple class schedule. It is very important that students attend class in the proper clothing. If you are not sure, please ask your teacher.

**Project Hope:** The box for collecting toys for project hope is located in the main lobby. We are in desperate need of small toys and items that will fit in shoe boxes for children ages 2 to 14. We also need shoe boxes (standard size with removable lid), wrapping paper, and scotch tape. We have been receiving tons of shoe boxes but unless we get some donations, we will not be able to meet our goal. The date for wrapping is still being determined. We will let you know ASAP.

**Inclement Weather:** I can't believe there is snow in October! If the studio needs to close due to weather, we will post a message on the home page of our website [www.artofdance.us](http://www.artofdance.us), our studio answering machine and Facebook. Normally, we do not make this decision before 2:00pm. For morning classes, we will make the decision one hour prior so please check before you come to class! Also, due to new carpets and flooring, please wipe your feet as you come into the building and all street shoes must be removed prior to entering the classrooms.

**Lobbies:** Please make sure that siblings are attended at all times. Children are not allowed to play in empty studios. We have heavy metal bars, water coolers and other things inside the studios that they can injure themselves on. Now that the weather is getting colder, we will be turning on the baseboard heaters in the lobby. Please make sure that young children are not playing near the heaters or temperature dials. Students should not leave any coats or dance bags on the benches. Please bring everything into class with you. Thank you!

**THE PULSE Dance Convention:** Art of Dance will be attending The Pulse, a highly acclaimed dance convention in Atlantic City NJ on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This convention is open to any student ages 13+ or in an Advanced Level I classes or higher. All information regarding this convention is attached. We hope you can join us for this exciting experience!

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