

Starz Dancer

Denver Dance Starz Competition Team Newsletter
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Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled holiday and break. Now that we are back, we are looking forward to preparing for our upcoming performance/competition season and the annual Summer Recital. It will all be here before we know it!

Competition Info

We are just about 6 weeks away from our first competition: Talent on Parade on February 18-20 in Colorado Springs. This competition is for: ALL PRIVATES. **ALL fees for this competition should be PAID.**

March 9-10 is the Rainbow Competition at Pinnacle Charter School. This competition is for: ALL PRIVATES, STAR LIGHTS, RISING STARZ, BRIGHT STARZ, DAZZLING STARZ, STAR DADS and DANCE COMPANY. Everyone should have received their Rainbow Fee Statement. These fees must be paid by JANUARY 14. I will NOT register dancers for this competition unless fees are paid by the deadline.

New Competition Team Parents

If your dancer is new to a competition group this year, **don't forget there will be a MANDATORY meeting at the studio on Saturday, January 28. The meeting will be at 10:00.** It will be held at the ANNEX. Please plan to attend this meeting, as you will be getting lots of IMPORTANT information regarding upcoming performances and competitions. This meeting is also open to any returning parents that want a refresher on competition, team make-up, organization and competition ins and outs.

Recital Costumes

Saturday, January 21 from 9:00-12:00 p.m. is Recital Costume Preview Day. We will be sizing all Level 1 and 2 dancers for recital costumes. This INCLUDES the BALLET and POINTE classes.

If you do NOT feel your dancer needs to be re-measured, you will still need to stop by the studio during the week of January 23-28 and sign off on the size to be ordered. We will NOT order costumes unless the size is signed off by a PARENT.

If you feel your dancer has grown and needs to be re-measured, please plan to bring them to the studio on January 21 to be sized. ALL sizing MUST be completed by January 28. ALL competition team dancers MUST perform in their ballet routine for the recital. You do NOT need to pay for your recital costumes at this time. This fee was included in your yearly payment plan.

Costumes

ALL costumes and Warm-Ups have. **Please write your dancer's name on the tags of all pieces.** This will assist us when we need to collect them for stoning, etc. Ernie will be here January 7-8 to finish up with costumes. I have attached a REVISED costume workshop schedule. Please review it carefully, as there have been MANY changes.

We will be working on costumes - stoning, accessories, hats, etc. at the ANNEX on Saturday, January 28 and Saturday, February 4 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We need lots of volunteers (Adults only, please) to help get everything finished in time for our first competition. Pizza will be provided around 5:00. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day. Don't forget per the Competition Team Agreement: **All parents MUST volunteer a minimum of 2 hours to work on costumes.**

Shoes

We still have MANY dancers that have not sized for shoes, or notified me that they do not need shoes. The ABSOLUTE LAST day to take care of this will be Saturday, January 7. I will place the order first thing Monday, January 9. If we have your dancer's shoe size in stock, they will be placed out at the Annex for pick-up. If we do not have your dancer's shoe size, they will be ordered. Once you pick up your dancer's shoes, **have them try shoes on to verify fit**. If they fit correctly, WRITE YOUR DANCER'S NAME in ALL SHOES. **Do NOT write names in shoes until you have verified the fit**. If there are any problems with sizing, please notify the studio immediately.

Winter Weather

Now that Winter weather has finally arrived, we wanted to inform you of our winter weather procedures. We certainly never want to cancel dance classes, however, sometimes it is necessary due to poor weather and road conditions.

In the event that classes are cancelled, we will post a message on our studio voicemail and send out an e-mail blast.

DDS on Facebook

DDS is now on Facebook. Visit our page and "Like" us or make a comment. At the end of each month, we will have a drawing for a studio gift certificate. All of our "likes" and comments will be entered in the drawing! Be sure and visit the site each month and post a comment, picture or like something to keep your name in the drawing!

OOPS! We forgot to draw for the month of November, so we will include them in this month's drawing!

Congratulations to the November winners: PARKER SCHUCK and ADALYN VITGENOS, and the December winners: JULIA/JAMIE TORRES and KAILIN FALLIK.

Please stop by the MAIN studio front desk to claim your gift certificate. This certificate may be used for any studio expense, including tuition.

Performances

Our 2012 Performance Schedule is being set. It will be coming out within the next few weeks. We will be cutting back on our performance schedule this year, due to a busy competition season.

Performances are a very important part of being on the DDS Competition Team. They are NOT an option to attend. Although we do understand that sometimes there are personal conflicts with scheduled performances, please remember that PER THE COMPETITION AGREEMENT, dancers are expected to attend all performances. **When dancers are missing from a performance it affects the group and it affects the overall performance.**

There are several reasons why we do performances:

- *to allow dancers an opportunity to perform in front of an audience BEFORE getting on stage at competition

- *to allow us to check for any potential choreography problems

- *to allow us to check costumes for any issues that may arise when dancing in them BEFORE you wear them on stage

- *to provide our dancers with the opportunity to give back to our community

When you receive the schedule, please review it carefully and plan to attend the performances listed. Performances should not last any more than 1 hour.

Important Dates

January 7		LAST DAY to order shoes
January 7	9:00-6:00	COSTUME WORKSHOPS
January 8	12:00-4:00	COSTUME WORKSHOPS
January 21	9:00-1:00	Recital Costume Sizing
January 29	10:00	MANDATORY New Comp Team
Parents Class	2:00-8:00	Costume Stoning
February 4	2:00-8:00	Costume Stoning
February 11-12		MANDATORY Rehearsals for ALL PRIVATES
February 17-19	TBA	Talent on Parade