

# **Metro Dance Center**

## ***October 2014 Advanced Competition Update***

Listed below you will find information regarding the upcoming competition year. You will receive a competition update each month with your bill. It is very important to carefully read through all the information listed. Please give us a call at 651-482-1737 or e-mail us at [metrodancecenter@gmail.com](mailto:metrodancecenter@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **Monthly Competition Charge & Billings**

On your bill you will find the first of nine equal monthly competition charges. An explanation of what the monthly charge is comprised of will be emailed to you. Keep in mind that a couple of the things are estimated at this point since we don't have the exact costs yet. At the end of the year you will get a comparison statement showing the actual charges and an additional charge or credit for the difference.

Dancers on the Starz, Sonics and Moonbeams have been charged for the shoes that we anticipate they will need for their dances along with the charges for all of the regional competitions we will attend. If your child doesn't need a pair of shoes or can't attend a competition, an adjustment will be made at the end of the year.

### **Attendance**

As you know, attendance to your child's classes is extremely important. If they are not in class or are consistently showing up late, they are missing a lot of valuable technique and choreography. Please try to get your dancers to class on time. If they are unable to attend, you must call the front desk to let them know why your dancer is not at class that day. If your dancer is unable to attend a technique class (jazz or ballet) he/she is expected to make the class up. For a list of makeup options, please email us at [metrodancecenter@gmail.com](mailto:metrodancecenter@gmail.com) or check with the front desk.

### **Shoes**

Students will be fit for their competition shoes in their classes during the next couple of weeks. Students should keep all of their shoes from previous years in their dance bags to get checked if they still fit.

In addition to the shoes they need for their dances, all students must have a pair of ballet shoes to wear for ballet technique class and a pair of shoes (pirouettes, turners, jazz shoes, etc) to wear for jazz and lyrical classes. Dancers who need ballet or other practice shoes should buy them at the front desk.

### **Metro Dance Center Warm Ups**

We are going to be placing an order for purple Metro Dance Center warm ups. The warm ups this year are the same as last year. Students who are interested have the option to order warm ups, however they are not required. (Warm ups must be ordered, we do not order extras to have in stock.) Information about the cost and how to order them will be emailed out the first week in October. Samples to view and try on are available at the front desk. Warm up orders are due October 25<sup>th</sup> (we have to order them early so we can get them in time for Christmas).

### **Ensembles**

Students who signed up to do an ensemble will be contacted and given more information by the end of October.

## **End of Night Reminders**

If you are picking your dancer up at the end of the night and are not coming in to get them, we request that you pick them up at the back entrance (behind the mall) as opposed to at the front of the mall. For the students' safety, we prefer that they wait in the studio itself as opposed to walking to the front of the mall. The staff cannot easily see dancers at the front entrance and we do not want them waiting out there alone. The safety of our students is very important to us.

In addition, we request that payments made at the end of the night are made 15 minutes prior to the end of the last class. For the safety of our staff, we do not want them to have to sit at the studio alone late at night processing payments. In addition, the staff often has their dancer with them and wants to be able to leave the studio as quickly as possible once class is over. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated!

## **Halloween**

Students can wear their Halloween costumes to class during the week of October 24-30 to celebrate Halloween. (Starz should wear their costumes on Thursday, October 30 only. Sonics should wear their costumes on Tuesday, October 28 only. Moonbeams should wear their costumes on Wednesday, October 29 only.) Please be sure dancers can dance full out in their costumes. We are closed for Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Competition Dates**

Below is a list of which competitions each group will attend. These are the competitions we are planning to attend; however, on occasion things do change. If we have to make a change, we will notify you as soon as we know about it. Students are expected to attend all competitions with their group. If you cannot attend a competition, you **MUST** notify Danielle and all of your child's instructors in writing at least 12 weeks prior to the competition date. If you do not notify us that far in advance, you will not receive a refund for the competition fees.

*Starz, Sonics, Moonbeams:*

Legacy Dance	April 10-12, 2015	Chanhasen High School
Midwest Starz	April 23-26, 2015	Monticello High School
Eclipse	May 14-17, 2015	Blaine Sports Center

## **Holiday Dates**

The following is a list of dates we are closed for various holidays. Please note that the monthly tuition charge does not change based on the number of classes during the month. To simplify the billing process, we determine the monthly tuition fee based on a set number of weeks for the year. Therefore, whether you have 2 classes or 5 classes in a month, the rate will be the same.

Halloween: Friday, October 31, 2014

Thanksgiving: Tuesday, November 25-Saturday, November 29, 2014

Christmas: Monday, December 22, 2014-Thursday, January 1, 2015

Spring Break: Monday, March 9-Saturday, March 14, 2015

Easter: Tuesday, March 31-Saturday, April 4, 2015

Memorial Day: Friday, May 22-Monday, May 25, 2015

Last Day of Class: Thursday, June 11, 2015

## **Other Important Dates**

Picture Date: Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3, 2015

Spring Performance Dates: Friday, June 12-Sunday, June 14, 2015 (Students will perform in 2-3 shows. A list of which shows each group will perform in will be available in April.)