

# **Metro Dance Center**

## ***October 2018 Senior 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.

### **Opening Number**

Opening number rehearsals will be held starting Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. A group of our teachers are excited to work with the opening number this year! For the first rehearsal on October 13, we will rehearse from 12:30-2:30 in order to get a jumpstart on the choreography. After October 13<sup>th</sup>, the regularly scheduled class time is Saturdays from 12:30-1:30 pm.

\*New this year! We have decided not to compete opening number at the first two competitions. In addition to giving us more time to get the dance "stage-ready," it also saves each dancer approximately \$100. We will still compete opening number at the final two regional competition and at nationals in addition to at all of the shows.

### **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 or email us at [metrodancecenter@gmail.com](mailto:metrodancecenter@gmail.com) to let us 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 your convenience, makeup options are listed on the competition schedule.

### **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 to see 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.

### **Classes with Guest Instructors**

Students on the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks and Twinkling Stars\* have been charged for guest instructors as a part of the monthly competition fees. We will be bringing in guest instructors this year to work with our students and this charge will cover those fees. In addition to their weekly classes, it is extremely beneficial for students to take class periodically from a variety of instructors to help broaden their skills and develop their style in a fun, encouraging environment. For example, the dancers worked with Katie Groven and Alyssa Ness in early September and we are excited to bring in Nikki Snelson and Patrick Pulkrabek in November!

\*Twinkling Stars who are in opening number

## **Halloween**

Students can wear their Halloween costumes to class during the week of Halloween to celebrate. (Dreams, Crystals, and Diamonds should wear their costumes on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> only. Twilights, Sparks & Twinkling Stars should wear their costumes on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> only.) Please be sure dancers can dance full out in their costumes. We will be closed for Halloween on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Metro Dance Center Warm-Ups/Team Apparel**

This year, we are planning on ordering a different type of warm up jacket for those who are interested. We are still gathering information regarding that and will send out ordering information when it is available.

We are also using a new company for dancers to purchase other Metro Dance Center apparel. The link to purchase items, along with a coupon will be emailed separately.

## **Workshops/Conventions**

Included is a separate document with information regarding the workshop/convention opportunities we are offering this year. Workshops are a great way to take class from a variety of instructors and with a variety of students from the area. Please make sure you pay careful attention to the due dates for registration.

## **Gopher Men's Basketball Halftime Performance**

This year we are excited to have a new opportunity for our dancers to perform! Dancers in the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks and Twinkling Stars will be performing at the halftime of the Gopher Men's Basketball game. We will be performing at the game versus Rutgers on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. More information regarding rehearsals, transportation and ticket options will be sent out next month.

## **Holidays/Important Dates**

A list of dates the studio will be closed for holidays along with a list of other important dates for competition students is included in the email. Please make sure to look over these dates carefully and let us know if you have a conflict.