

Metro Dance Center

February 2019 Senior Competition Update

Listed below you will find the pertinent information for the upcoming month. Please give us a call or e-mail us if you have any questions.

Guest Instructor

We are excited to have Annamarie Klucevsek coming in to teach a tap workshop during the dancers' jazz technique class this Saturday, January 26th. Annie is a professional dancer and currently resides in Los Angeles where she was an original member of professional tap dance company Co.MMIT, under the direction of Jason Janas. She has also performed with the national touring tap dance and music production "Rhythmic Circus". Beyond tap dance, you can also see Annie performing at Six Flags Magic Mountain in LA. Annie strongly believes in keeping the excitement of tap dance alive and has taught and performed at many studios and universities across the country.

Choreography Run Through

We are planning to hold a choreography rehearsal for the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks and Twinkling Stars during a portion of their technique classes on Saturday, February 2. These rehearsals give the dancers the opportunity to dance in the larger space. Dancers should wear all black and should bring all competition shoes with them (competition pirouettes will not be handed out at this time, they will be handed out at dress rehearsal). This rehearsal is for the students and instructors only. Parents are not able to watch.

Opening Number Rehearsals

We will be extending the opening number rehearsals for a couple of weeks. It is important for dancers to attend these rehearsals if at all possible. Below is the schedule for the upcoming rehearsals.

Saturday, January 26- 12:30-1:30 pm-All Dancers (normal class)

Saturday, February 2- 12:30-1:30 pm-Twilights, Sparks & Twinkling Stars (normal class)

12:30-3:00 pm-Diamonds, Crystals & Dreams

Saturday, February 9- 12:30-3:00 pm-All Dancers

Dress Rehearsals

The dress rehearsal for the Sweet Dreams, Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks and Twinkling Stars will take place on Friday, February 22nd. More information and the schedule is listed below for these rehearsals.

- *Sweet Dreams/Dreams/Crystals/Diamonds*: 4:15-6:30 pm
- *Twilights/Sparks/Twinkling Stars*: 6:30-8:30 pm

Costumes

Dancers will have received most, if not all, of their costumes by the dress rehearsal. Dancers must wear all costumes, tights, shoes, and accessories for each dance. (Note: Dancers don't have to wear new tights, but you must wear tights of the correct style and color, and must show us the new tights if your tights aren't in good condition.) We will address any issues about how to wear the costumes and any special instructions the day of the rehearsal. After the rehearsal, we will e-mail out an informational sheet for each group outlining the specific jewelry, accessories, tights and any special instructions for each costume.

Please remember, if costumes or costume pieces are stained, ripped, lost or damaged in any way they will be replaced/fixed (only if reasonably possible) at your cost.

Hair/Makeup

Dancers in the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks and Twinkling Stars will wear their hair in a middle part, low bun. As always, hair must be WELL SLICKED back with NO WISPIES for competitions!!! On the day of the dress rehearsal, dancers do not need to wear makeup or slick their hair, but dancers should wear their hair in a middle part low bun. We will have a short hair/makeup meeting for dancers/parents who want to learn how to do it on Friday, February 22nd at 8:30 pm.

Tights

If you pre-ordered tights they will be available to be picked up at the front desk in mid-February. If you did not pre-order tights but still need them, we do have some additional ones for sale. Ask the front desk staff for help finding the correct tights.

Jewelry

Jewelry will be available to be picked up at the studio during the dress rehearsal. If you are unsure about whether or not you have the jewelry you need, please bring everything you have and we will help you figure it out that day. Jewelry often remains the same from year to year so make sure you keep track of it and keep it in good shape. Since many dancers do not need new jewelry each year, the cost of the jewelry is not included in the monthly billing and will be billed to your account at the end of the year.

Eyelashes

In addition to the make-up, dancers wear fake eyelashes as well. Below is a list of which eyelashes each group should wear. For your convenience, eyelashes are available for purchase at the studio for \$4.00 per pair. We also have eyelash glue for \$4.00 per tube.
Sweet Dreams, Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds-Ardell 111 or equivalent
Twilights, Sparks, Twinkling Stars-Ardell 105 or equivalent

Competition Kickoff Party

We will be hosting a competition kickoff party for all Metro Dance Center competition students on Saturday, February 23rd from 4:00-7:00 pm. All competition dancers are invited and highly encouraged to attend. More details regarding the party will be available as the date gets closer.

Ensemble Showing

We are going to hold an ensemble showing at Metro Dance Center on Sunday, February 24th at 4:00 pm. This provides an opportunity for students to practice and perform their ensembles in front of an audience before the first competition. All ensemble students are welcome to attend and to perform their dances. You are encouraged to rehearse in costume if you have it. Parents are also welcome to attend. Please e-mail us at metrodancecenter@gmail.com if your dancer would like to perform and also let your instructor know.

Ensemble Competition Entry Fee Charges

The ensemble charges for Legacy and Bravo competitions are included on this month's bill. All students participating in an ensemble should see a charge on their account. (If you do not, please contact Danielle ASAP because otherwise you will not be entered in the competition.) If your dancer is not planning on performing his/her ensemble at either competition, you must let Danielle know by February 1st. ***If we do not hear otherwise, your dancer will be entered in the competition and you will not receive a refund of the fees if you decide not to have your dancer perform.***

Show Dates

The spring performances will be held at Spring Lake Park High School, May 31-June 2. A list with the exact show dates and times for competition students is included with this month's bill.

Summer Dates

We have been getting a lot of questions already regarding the summer schedule as I know a lot of families start planning vacations at this time. The summer schedule will not be out for several more weeks, but we do have the following dates set.

Tryouts: August 5-7, 2019

Dance Camp: (expected for dancers in the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights & Sparks, optional for the Twinkling Stars) August 12-15, 2019 (it will be a 3 day period during this timeframe)

Reminders:

- **Make-up Information:** If you did not order yet but need to, we are still accepting orders. Orders received by February 2nd will receive a 10% discount.
- **Extra Rehearsals:**
 - Twilights- Sunday, January 27th 12:30-3:45 pm
 - Diamonds- Sunday, January 27th 11:00 am-2:15 pm
 - Crystals- Sunday, January 27th 12:30-4:30 pm
 - Dreams- Sunday, January 27th 12:30-3:30 pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

- *February 28-March 3: Legacy (Roy Wilkins Auditorium)-Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks, Twinkling Stars- No classes at the studio on Saturday
- * **Please note that Legacy has added Thursday, February 28th as a competition date. It will likely be teen & senior solos, duets and trios.**
- *March 13-19:* Closed for Spring Break
- *March 29-31:* Bravo Competition (Burnsville Ames Center)-Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks, Twinkling Stars, Moonbeams, Dazzlers, Sonics