

# January Team Newsletter



## **Competition Team Calendar 2018-19**

**Please note: We are not closed for MLK Day, President's Weekend, or the weekend of Easter**

Specialty Group rehearsal fees charged (directly by your choreographer)

January-UM Competition fees and Recital Costumes

January 19 and 26-Rehearsal at the Rankin Elementary Gym

January 19-Informational meeting for those interested in Nationals

February-Remaining Competition Fees will be charged, along with Coaches' fees

2/2 Gold Hip Hop with Tyler Bivens 8:30-11:30/No Senior Tap

February 9 (TBD) and 23-Rehearsal at the Rankin Elementary Gym

2/16 Gold Contemporary with Valerie Stead-Potsos

2/24 Matilda Jane Fashion Show and Fundraiser

March 2 and 9-Rehearsal at the Rankin Elementary Gym

**March 10th U of M Competition, Ann Arbor**

3/16 Tremaine Nationals Deadline and Parent Meeting

March 25-30 Closed for Spring Break-Recital Fee will be billed after Spring Break

April 13 and 19-Rehearsal at Rankin Elementary Gym

**April 26-28 Competition date**

April 28 - The SOLOIST Dance Competition - 12-9 P.M. - Frankenmuth - OPTIONAL\*

**May 3-5 Competition date**

May 27 Closed for Memorial Day

June 13 Dress Rehearsal

June 14 Recital

June 17-28 Rehearsal for dancers going to Nationals

July 5-11 Tremaine Nationals in Orlando- OPTIONAL\*

# Competition Season 2019 is about to begin!

## **\*\*Order Forms\*\***

- Team Warm ups
- T-shirts
- Jewelry
- Bags
- Make-up

Now is the time to check your bag, and make sure that you have all of the extras that you will need to get ready for performances. Let your coach know if you have any questions. As costumes come in, they will be sent home right away. Rehearsal attendance becomes even more important than ever as competition dates get closer.

Dances need to be cleaned, down to the littlest detail, also the kids do so much better if they feel confident when it is time to perform. Please look at the schedules carefully, and let your coach know ahead of time if there are conflicts.

**Hair**-Often dances use a **high bun or high ponytail (no part)**.

The “bun donuts” can be found at Sally’s and even the grocery store. Please make sure your donuts, hair pins, rubber bands, and hair nets match the dancer’s hair. We really recommend utilizing a hair net to secure.

If we use a **low ponytail, or low bun**, the part goes over the left eye. For ponytails, *straighten hair*. Use a lot of product for all hairstyles and tame the wisps. Hair must be neat.



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## **Makeup**



We look most uniform, and put together if we use the same makeup. We have a Mary Kay rep, if you still need to purchase something. We have picked out some specific colors. Use brown shadow for eyes, with black liner and mascara. Gold Team uses false eyelashes. It is really important that we have matching lipstick. Last season, We actually had judges’ comments regarding our make-up (specifically lipstick not matching and

it needing to be touched up). There are many shades of red!! Please contact our rep to buy the correct shade, or look at someone who purchased it, to find a matching shade locally.

### **Shoes/Tights/Undergarments**

Generally speaking, we use caramel colored tights, stirrups for lyrical, light pink for ballet.

Most dances use caramel jazz shoe. If your dance is using something different, the choreographer will be sure that you know. Locally, we recommend Toe to Toe Dancewear on Hill Rd., across from Home Depot. Discount Dancewear is a good online website; you just need to order with plenty of time to arrive.

Nude undergarments make life easier. It is most important that you try costumes on well in advance, make sure they fit properly, and find out what, (if any) undergarments are needed. Use the clear plastic straps and make sure undergarments do not show. Have costumes sewn, hung, and steam out wrinkles well in advance, please.

### **Jackets/Bags/Jewelry**



Everyone must have jackets, and they should be worn at awards ceremonies and to cover costumes at performances.

Bags are optional. Please see the 31 order form. Team members use black/white bags with red embroidery.

Most dances use the crystal button earrings and the three row stretch chokers. Aimee is collecting order forms. Discount Dance also carries these. Earrings have been found locally at Sally's.



### **Competition Fees**

Fees will be added to your bill in January and February. There is a charge for each dance your child is competing. While we know what weekends we compete, we may not know specific days/times until a week before. As soon as coaches find out the schedule for the competitions, we pass the information on to you. Please block off the entire weekend, until you find out the schedule. Fees are not refundable. If you know of an issue before registration, let Aimee know in writing, and she will do her best to avoid conflicts. Please keep in mind that changing dances creates extra stress for the dancers, and avoid this, if at all possible.

We are looking forward to the competitions. In the handbook that was passed out at tryouts, there is more information about what you can expect at the competitions. If you do not have a copy, let Aimee know. Your coach will try to keep you informed of any details as competition

time approaches, but we are hopeful this gives you a good idea of the general guidelines. Please use Facebook to get the most current information.

**Fundraisers - *The Candy Bar sale begins Monday January 14th and runs thru Feb 23rd.***

Each box has assorted candy bars. This is a great way to earn money for costumes and recital fees. First place winner gets a FREE RECITAL FEE. Second place winner earns a FREE COSTUME. All students selling 3 cases will receive a Free Recital T-Shirt.

*Please save the date for the last weekend in February where our dancers will be participating in our first annual **Matilda Jane Clothing Fashion Show Fundraiser!!** Our dancers will be modeling outfits from the brand and will be able to invite friends and family to see them on the runway. All ticket proceeds and a portion of the clothing sales will go toward dancers' competition fees. We will have more details out to you very soon. This will be a really fun event for our studio!*

If you are not on your teams Facebook Page, please let someone know right away, so that we can invite you. It is honestly the most efficient way to share information.

**If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to your coach. The Facebook pages are also a great resource to get answers quickly.**

Sincerely,

Aimee, Monica, Emily, and Jaydan

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Jewelry will be purchased/billed to accounts for all new team members in jazz/production. If you need a replacement, give this Jewelry Order Form, with payment to Aimee Martin by January 19th

Payment should be in cash, or indicate that the money should be taken through Tuition Express.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rhinestone necklace \$15

Button earring \$10

Clip on earrings \$12