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## Christian Dance Company's March Newsletter

### Spring is on its way! (We all hope and pray!)



As we launch into spring and get even closer to our picture days and recital, I want to remind everyone of a few very important things! There are extremely important dates (including makeup classes) listed in this newsletter, so please read through carefully and mark dates on your calendar. While I try to send reminders via email, it is so important that these dates are a part of your schedule so you can plan in advance and your dancer won't miss anything important. ©

We wanted to let everyone in our theme for this year's recital. It was decided back in early fall and we realize that it wasn't really shared with everyone, though most of the dancers know by now. Based off our song choices listed in January, did anyone see a common thread?.......Well, here goes! Our title and theme is "Identity." Most of our songs specifically talk about our identity in Christ and how the Lord sees us. We are a new creation, a child of God, free... with no chains, never alone, a promise, forgiven, held, loved, etc. We are so excited to make these songs come to life through the art and worship of Dance; we hope they touch your heart.

Reminder: Please remember to bring both sets of shoes to practice as we start learning our new dance, session 2. We will continue to use our first pair of shoes and may use both pairs in one class since we will review our first dance on occasion. Your second pair of shoes will be in very soon!

Everyone should have all of their shoes necessary for class at this point. All shoes need to be purchased through us so everyone matches for pictures and the recital. If you forgot to have your child sized for a pair, please talk to Tina. There will be a \$9 shipping fee since our last orders should have been in on Wednesday February 27. A Note From Mrs. Tina: Please mark the tag on the inside of your dancer's shoes with their first and last names. If they get mixed up, we will easily know whose is whose! Thank you! ©

All makeup classes, whether scheduled in advance and listed in the handbook, or scheduled for weather cancellations are of equal importance and everyone needs to attend. They are treated as regular classes. Thank you!

Costume prices will be handed out in March.

### Important Dates

#### Thursday March 7: All Monday Classes~ Scheduled Makeup Class

Normal Class Times (Was also listed in Handbook) This is the start of our second semester for First (Mon), Third, and Fourth Groups; they will be starting their second dance. Please continue to bring all shoes to class as we continue to review our first dance. Thank you.

#### Thursday March 14: Pep Elite Tap Workshop, 5:00-6:30 PM

#### Friday March 15: All Tuesday Classes~ Weather Makeup Class Normal Class Times

**Tuesday March 19:** This is the start of our second semester for First Group (Tuesday), Second, and Fifth Groups; they will be starting their second dance. Please continue to bring all shoes to class as we continue to review our first dance. Thank you!

## Friday March 22: First Workshop Rescheduled~ Please sign up in hallway by March 12, unless you already did <sup>(2)</sup>

Fourth and Fifth Group Tap~ 4:00-5:30 PM Sixth Group and Pep Elite Jazz~ 6:00-8:00 PM Third Group Jazz~ 4:30-5:30 PM

#### Monday March 25 and Tuesday March 26: Parent Observations

#### Thursday March 28: Third Workshop~ Please sign up in hallway by March 19

First Group (Mon) Jazz~ 4:30-5:30 PMSecond Group Jazz~ 4:30-5:30 PMFifth Group Hip Hop~ 6:00-7:30 PMSixth Group Tap~ 6:00-7:30 PM

#### Thursday April 4: All Tuesday Classes~ Scheduled Makeup Class

Normal Class Times (Was also listed in Handbook)

No Classes Monday April 15 and Tuesday April 16 (Was also listed in Handbook)

#### Picture Days are Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28 at the studio (Was also listed in Handbook) Saturday April 27

First Group Monday Class~ 10:00 AM Second Group~ 11:00 AM Fourth Group~12:15

Sunday April 28
Instructors~ 12:30 PM
Pep Elite~2:15 PM

First Group Tuesday Class~ 10:30 AM Third Group~ 11:45 AM Fifth Group~ 12:45 PM

Sixth Group~ 1:30 PM Seniors~ 3:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE ARRIVE 5-10 MINUTES EARLY. THANK YOU. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ORDERING PICTURES, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD SO THEY CAN BE A PART OF THE GROUP PHOTO, WHICH IS USED FOR THE RECITAL PROGRAM AND POSTERS. ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL.

# Senior Profiles



The Christian Dance Company is blessed with two senior dancers this year. Hannah Weidner will be graduating from Coleman High School, and Haylee Whiting will be graduating from Oconto Falls High School. They have been a wonderful part of our studio and we would like to introduce them with a little Q&A.

#### #1. How long have you been dancing?

I have been dancing for 15 years; 8 of those years were with the Christian Dance Company.

#### #2. Favorite style:

Contemporary

#### #3. Advice to Future Dancers:

Never forget the reason why you love to dance; it will drive you to become the best dancer you can be.

#### #4. I hope I am remembered for:

I hope to be remembered for my hard work, dedication and kindness.



**#5. What I plan to do after high school:** Although I'm not entirely sure what I want to do after high school at the moment, I know for a fact that I will keep on dancing even if it's just for fun.



#### #1. How long have you been dancing?

I have been dancing for 13 years; 8 of those years were with the Christian Dance Company and the last 4 years I have also been a member of the Oconto Falls High School dance team.

#### #2. Favorile style: Tap

**#3.** Advice to Future Dancers: Don't let anybody tell you that you aren't good enough.

**#4. I hope I am remembered for:** I hope I am remembered for my positive attitude not only as a dancer but also as an instructor. I want to be remembered as

someone who never gives up and works hard.

**#5.** What I plan to do after high school: I am attending the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh this coming fall and getting a Bachelors Degree in Nursing, hoping to become a pediatric nurse in the future.

These two have been a huge part of the Christian Dance Company over the past 8 years! I asked them what their favorite dance memory was and they both said when we (Pep Elite) won First Place at Celebration Talent Competition in May of 2017 with our Hip Hop routine, "Don't Let This Feeling Fade." We not only won First Place in our category, but were also the overall high score for the Rising Star Division, receiving the highest score out of 70+ routines! I have to agree that was such an incredible day, and we are so happy that Hannah and Haylee were a part of it. These two are incredible students, dancers, and performers. They are both extremely hard workers who put in the time and effort to be exceptional. They come back to class with choreography memorized and consistently practice their technical skills. We have also loved having Miss Haylee as an instructor for two years and are grateful for Miss Hannah assisting with classes this year. We will miss you both very much! We love you and pray God's blessings over all your future decisions and endeavors! ~ Mrs. Tina