# February Newsletter

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A couple friendly reminders ©

- All second tuition payments were due on or before Saturday February 5. Please place your payment in the white lock box in the upper room on the first table.
   There are envelopes for your use. Please clarify what and for whom the payment is for. It is easier for our secretary when she is processing payments.
- First-Fifth Groups: Begin second semester and dance on February 14&15
- Please mark the inside of your child's shoes with their initials. This makes it easier if a pair gets forgotten at class or mixed up with another dancer's.

## Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Oconto Falls Dance Team Soloists!

The Oconto Falls High School dance team has done it again! For the fifth consecutive year we have had solos representing Oconto Falls at WACPC State. This year, 3 of the team's soloists placed at regionals in Division 3 to compete at state! They competed at the LaCrosse Center on Saturday February

5<sup>th</sup> and did a fantastic job!



Mckenzie Jackson, Gabrielle Konop, and Alexandra Brown

A huge shout out to Gabrielle

Konop and Alexandra Brown, who take classes and teach at the studio along with being members of the high school dance team. Also a shout out to Mrs. Laura, who coached the team! They all work so hard and we are so proud of them!





## **Important Dates**

Thursday February 10: Bond Center Rehearsal in Oconto for Sixth Group and Pep Elite

Sixth Group Contemporary: 4:30-6:15 PM

Pep Elite Contemporary: 6:15-8:00 PM

<u>February 14&15</u>: Wear your favorite set of PJ's to class!

Second Semester Starts (groups begin learning second dance)

Thursday February 17: Bond Center Rehearsal in Oconto for Sixth Group and Pep Elite

Sixth Group Contemporary: 4:30-6:15 PM

Pep Elite Contemporary: 6:15-8:00 PM

Thursday February 24: Monday classes have an extra class at normal times

<u>Tuesday March 1:</u> Competition fees due (competition fees estimated around \$110 per dancer- senior solos are a separate fee. Exact amounts will be emailed once confirmed.)

Thursday March 3, 4:00-5:30 PM: Senior Solo Rehearsal

March 7&8: Parent Observations

Friday March 11: Bond Center Rehearsal in Oconto for Sixth Group and Pep Elite

Sixth Group Hip Hop: 4:30-6:00 PM

Pep Elite Hip Hop: 6:00-7:30 PM

Thursday March 24: Tuesday classes have an extra class at normal times

Saturday March 26, 9:00-2:00 PM (bring a lunch): Sixth Group and Pep Elite Competition Dress Rehearsal

April 1-3: Triple S Dance Competition (Sixth Group and Pep Elite) Location: Kaukauna – Times TBA

April 8&9: Studio Picture Dates- Times TBA, Location: Studio/Oconto Falls Senior Center

April 8~ First through Fifth Groups

April 9~ Instructors, Sixth Group and Pep Elite

May 19-22: Tentative rehearsals and recital; more information coming soon. Thank you for your patience!

ALL DATES AND INFO SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

### **Teacher Features**

#### Mrs. Tina Kostreva

- Owner and Director, Instructor for Fifth Group Jazz/Funk, Assistant for Fifth Group Ballet, and Assistant for Sixth Group Contemporary (and anywhere else I'm needed at the moment!)
- 28 years of dance experience including studio classes and high school and college dance team
- 20 years of instructing dance
- Bachelor's Degree in Arts Administration and Dance
- WACPC Judge
- Favorite Christian artists: Lauren Daigle and Zach Williams
- Favorite Style(s) of Dance: Tap
- ❖ Favorite Bible Verse: Micah 6:8~ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Why I Love Teaching Dance: I love teaching dance because it brings joy to my dancers. My goal is to make my students, even the quiet, more reserved ones, smile and laugh as often as possible. I love dance history and teaching elements of choreography and dance, such as time, space, and energy. I'm the nerdy teacher who gets excited when I recognize a

student understanding these elements for the first time or exploring something outside of their comfort zone. I absolutely love sharing the history of dance, especially Tap dance and want our students to know where and how these genres of dance began and how they developed over time. God has blessed me greatly with hundreds of students that I've been able to love over the 20 years I have been teaching, and I am blessed to have many of them be a part of my life even after they graduate.





### Ms. Lindsey Schuster

- Assistant Instructor for First Group A and First Group B
- 9 years of dance experience including studio and high school dance team
- Served in leadership for the Oconto Falls dance team
  - Lake Lundgren Bible Camp counselor
- ❖ Favorite Christian artist: KB and Bethel Music
- ❖ Favorite Style(s) of Dance: Hip Hop and Lyrical
- ❖ Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11~ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Why I Love Teaching Dance: I love teaching dance for a few reasons. I love working with kids and I love dance! I love that dance allows me to use my body to honor God and express love for an audience, and sharing that with kids is so awesome!! I had the best dance teacher and I hope to be the best teacher I can be!