

**TINY & MINI COMPETITION DANCE TEAMS**

Welcome dancers & parents to what we know will be a wonderful experience and an awesome year.

Congrats to the following officers;

**Tiny's**-Captain- Alaina Titley Co-Captains Logan Druck & Taryn Smith, Officers- Claire Leingang, Lauren Sass, Maritza Scott

**Mini's**-Captain-Avery Gunderson Co-Captain- Sally Slaton & Grace Swarts Officers- Kayli Paugh, Emma Ney, Anna Sciarretti, Julia Staub

Everyone should have received all of their items except for the warm-up & black family shirt which should both come in next week! Thank you to Ashley Gunderson for being the team coordinator this summer. We will order fake hair in another month or two once the summer highlights fade out☺ Make-up will be ordered as well in another month. As I make final decisions this next week on costumes for the team it will be decided if they need a nude camisole. Every dancer will receive an itemized ledger in January with a balance or a credit due in February. You should have paid \$200.00 to date into your account in which all of these items will be subtracted from. Officers should be putting another \$100.00 into your account (officers pay an instructional fee, costume fee and you split the cost of your entry fees/ State included). Again, if you have a credit or balance due, that will be known in January. Those that will have a balance are mostly new team members (ordering more items) and those that order extra t-shirts etc. PLEASE be aware of this so you are not shocked in January☺

The annual team **FLOWER BULB** sale is underway! Thank you to Memory Moore for organizing that. Some of the girls raised around \$200.00 last year and this fundraiser is for the dance teams only and not the whole studio so, go for it! This money will show directly on the November fee statement as a credit toward classes and costumes. The whole studio will be doing the Yankee Candle fundraiser this month as well. Yankee is 40% profit to each dancer!

**DRESS CODE**- Both teams need to wear the required dress for the competition teams. As mentioned in the brochure AND the open house note the requirement is a solid colored black leotard and **black capri or footless tights** for **every** class with the exception of the first Tuesday of every month. Parents please re-read your 1<sup>st</sup> couple handouts for this info. The **FIRST** Tuesday of the month is team t-shirt day with black capri/footless tights/booty shorts (no baggy jazz pants; capri leggings or form fitting capri pants are fine too). Hair must be UP and out of face with **headband** or barrettes. You'd be surprised at how much fidgeting they do over their hair when it's in their face (seriously, it's quite a show), please girls....get it out of your face☺ **ATTENDANCE**- for the teams is mandatory! It is very important for everyone to be there to learn the routine/s as well as formations etc. If someone is missing it affects everyone including the teachers that are trying to set 30 girls into a new formation. If you find you are too sick to come to class? Please send someone to videotape. Videotaping by all parents is **encouraged** the last 10 minutes of class (every couple of weeks) starting in Nov. ☺ Most teams practice 3 times a week for 2 hours. We practice one day a week for a very short time. It takes 100% commitment by everyone to make the year a success! Private lessons are a great idea too!!! They do wonders for the girl's confidence!

**T-shirt schedule**(first Tuesday of the month)~Oct 4-pink, Nov. 1-purple, NOV 29 black (parent watch week)-, Jan. 3- pink Feb. 7-purple Mar 6-black April 3 -pink, May 1 purple PLEASE PUT THIS ON CALENDAR. This is for perfecting routines and getting a clean picture of formations etc. Sometimes we will take pictures in class etc. Please post this on fridge as a reminder. Officers will call with reminders but this is a courtesy, do not depend on it. When we have extra rehearsals at a rented gym & send home the schedule it will be noted of which color shirt they wear! This hand-out will always be on the website!

\*\*\*\*\*Other **CALENDAR** dates- we will be attending the following competitions~

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** –soloists will be performing at the Butler solo contest at the BHS Auditorium. Please come support these dancers. **Saturday-December 10th**-Vantasia solo/officer line contest (officer's/soloists only)-team members we ask that you come support your officers on this day at Northridge H.S. Watching is a great tool for learning to perform!!

REMINDER~We will go an additional week this year in December so the week of 12<sup>th</sup> we will be in classes.

**Saturday, March 3rd** 2011- Centerville High School

**Saturday-March 17<sup>th</sup>** 2011-Kickline Invitational BHS (Dayton Regional)

**Saturday-March 24<sup>th</sup>** ROAD TRIP Oak Hills (Cincinnati Regional) \*1<sup>st</sup> time traveling\* heads up last year there was a field trip that Tuesday. Please let me know if you see this ahead of time so I can plan. **Officers STATE TBA**

**RECITAL IS MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND (Fri-dress rehearsal Sat. May 12<sup>th</sup> RECITAL)**

**Picture date and gym rehearsals (at least 4) will be announced next month!!**

~~~Please keep all of the notes I send home, in a competition team folder, you may need to refer to them for information in the course of the year! Please consult the website (competition section-Notes from Miss Lori) if you need to reference a date or shirt color☺