



Seek, Dream, Pursue ...DANCE!

Company Class

The Company class on Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. has been asked to perform at the "Community Winter Carnival" that is being hosted by the Kootenay Christian Academy Preschool. It will be held at the Alliance Church gymnasium. The Company class will be performing the lyrical dance "The Prayer" along with the following dances: We Like to Party, It Takes Two (Kiera/Cole), Sing With a Swing, and Only Hope (Kasey/Erin). There may be a few more solos that will be asked to perform as well. We will be meeting at 2:45 p.m. sharp at the Alliance Church entrance. The performance starts at 3:00. I am hoping that some of our costumes will be in by this date so I will keep you posted regarding what to wear. Full make-up and hair in a messy bun, left part (no bangs). As it is a fundraiser, the cost is \$5/adult if you want to go inside. Performing dancers are free of charge. Parents who do not wish to go into the Carnival can drop off their dancers at 2:45 p.m. and pick them up at 3:30 p.m.

Extra Competition Rehearsals

Just a heads up that we will be doing extra rehearsals for all competitive classes on February 26th, March 3rd and 4th and April 7th. Please keep these days open. Rehearsals will start at 1:00 p.m. (I realize that April 7th is over the Easter weekend but it is our last weekend before we leave for competition in Calgary). These extra rehearsals are extremely important and are for the benefit of the dancers. We want them to feel confident on stage. Please try your hardest to attend them.

Receipts

As Aspire Dance is still fairly new to the Cranbrook area we are adjusting to our clients requests in this location. In the Invermere location we had for the past seven years, we never had anyone request receipts for cheques (only cash) handed in for payments. This year, we are finding that people are requesting a receipt for every payment made. One recommendation to our clients is to have a your cheques returned to you by the bank or have a carbon copy cheque book. Please also remember that the registration form you filled out at the start of the year had a carbon copy and can be used as a receipt. For our 2012-2013 season, people requiring receipts will need to pay in full for the year in September.

Payments

Please make sure to include a breakdown of your payment made in the memo section on your cheque. If you have done this, there is no need to fill out a payment envelope. If you are paying with cash, please fill out a payment envelope and put the cash in it. We have payment envelopes and a payment box in the warm-up studio by the "Lost and Found" box.

Anastasia Tickets are In!

If you ordered Anastasia tickets please remember to pick them up from Miss Michelle. Once you have picked them up, remember you are responsible for them. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the lobby of the Key City Theatre at 7:10 p.m.

Competition Fees Over Due

Just a reminder that competition fees were due on January 31st. If you are in a competitive class, make sure to hand in your payments as soon as possible.

Hotel Booking

I am in the process of arranging a group rate at the "Village Park Inn" across from the University of Calgary for the Calgary competition. Keep posted for more details.

Competition Schedules

A draft competition schedule for both Cranbrook and Calgary competitions will be available in March.

Props/Seamstress

We need a prop made for one of our intermediate ballet numbers and tap dance. Please let me know if you are able to help us out.

We also need someone who would be willing to help out with the odd little adjustments for costume alterations. Please contact Miss Michelle at aspiredance@shaw.ca. (Please note you will be paid for your services.)

February 2012

Important Dates:

Anastasia	Feb 16
Competition Rehearsals	Feb 26 Mar 3+4 Apr 7
Spring Break	Mar 11-25
Competitions/ Festivals	Apr 12-15 Apr 26-28
Pictures	May 31- June 1
Dress Rehearsal/ Pictures	June 1
Yearend Show	June 2

Missing Classes

Please be reminded that we are starting choreography in all our classes for the yearend show. It can get quite challenging if students miss classes as the choreography always has to be re-taught to the dancers who were away. Try to attend classes regularly so we can keep up with choreography. Dancers who are in our higher levels (ages 8 and up) are asked to write their steps down when they get home so they can practice. Parents are encouraged to come at the end of class and video-tape the choreography. Remember, practice makes perfect!)