



# Competitive Team Information

October 2009

## Follow Up

Thank you to all our competitive parents who were able to make it out to our parents meeting in September. Some items contained on this letter are follow ups to those discussed at the meeting. There is as well new information provided.

## Competitive Contracts, Etc...

We still have not received everyones signed contracts. Please ask at the reception desk if you have misplaced your copy. Copies of birth certificates are also required. We may have it from the past. If not we can copy it at the reception desk. These must be on hand if requested by any of the competitions we enter. Also please ensure that the receptionist has been given your locker number and lock combination. Please keep your lockers clean and do not leave any food or food containers in them.



## Dress Code

It is imperative that our competitive students follow the TDI dress code for classes. They represent our school and need to set an example. For all ballet classes dancers must wear their hair in a proper ballet bun. Please note: Grades 1, 2 & 4 Ballet Exam students need to purchase character shoes by mid November. There are some used shoes for sale at TDI.



## Parent Questions

I realize that a lot of questions arise regarding classes, competitions, policies, etc. and I will be more than happy to address them. Please leave a message with the receptionist or email me with any concerns. Please refrain from speaking with the teachers between classes. They need to get ready for their next class. Thank you.

## Attendance

Attendance for the competitive team has been poor so far this year. Everyone has had good reasons to miss classes however, in order to meet the expectations of competitions, class time at the studio is extremely valuable. All the classes recommended to competitive students are not only important to their personal training but assist in developing team skills. The reception desk will be creating a list of students who expect to be away. Please leave this info with them (even if you already told me) so the teachers can try to work around these days. Otherwise, please try not to let your group down and make sure you arrive at all your classes on time.

## TDI Warm Up Suits

At the meeting we decided all competitive students need a hoodie and t-shirt which display the new TDI (Total Dance Innovations) logo to represent the school at competition. If you ordered a hoodie last year, you do not need a new one. The t-shirts and hoodies will be available to order in November and delivery is expected for Christmas.

## Make Up

As discussed at the parent meeting the make up requirements for Junior Advanced, Intermediate Advanced and Senior competitive students will be Mac cosmetics this year. Mini, Junior and Teen competitive will remain the same. A complete list of requirements will be provided to parents before the Christmas break.

## Competitions

I am in the process of making a final decision of competitions we will be attending this season. If you have not already done so, please advise the receptionist of any date restrictions, such as family weddings, first communions etc. by October 21st. I expect to have final dates by November 10th.

## Change Rooms

Please keep change rooms tidy by throwing out garbage and picking up clothing, even if it isn't yours. Senior students can take turns every evening in the final "tidy-up" at the end of the night. Parents of younger students please help us keep the waiting rooms tidy.

## Workshops

There will be a summer intensive camp offered in August, 2010 that will be mandatory for competitive students for the 2010/11 dance season. The dates will be chosen soon. If you are unable to attend, students will be expected to take the "Keep In Shape" classes offered throughout the summer.

TDI will be attending The Dance Project Workshop on November 8th in Woodbridge. Also, we are attending the Tremaine Dance Convention in New York in July. These events are optional, but highly recommended. Details will be given out next week.

## Competitive List

If you wish to have your cell phone number added to the competitive team list please provide it to the receptionist. A complete team list of dancers, parent names, email and contact numbers will be given out shortly.

## Help

There is a lot of things to do during the competitive season. Many people have graciously asked me if I need help with anything. Yes, I would greatly appreciate it. Usually it is with costumes (extra sewing or errands to pick up costumes) as well as props (building and/or bringing them via truck to & from the competitions). Ray Hurrell will help organize the props. As well he has offered to help book hotel rooms.

We need one volunteer from each group (Mini/Junior/Junior Advanced/Teen/Intermediate Advanced and Senior) to collect all the scores, marks and special awards for their routines; this includes solos, duets and trios. The results need to be handed in to Janice so we can post them in the studio and on our website.

If you can help with any of these tasks, please leave your name on a list at the reception.



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