

# LTRC Tap/Jazz Dance Program

November 2009 Newsletter

**LTRC Tap/Jazz web page:** [www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz/index.html](http://www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz/index.html) ~ Just a reminder, no more paper newsletters. If you misplaced your October newsletter, all newsletters are posted on our web page above. Please check our page often for updated information.

**Have you signed up for rainedout.com?** Many parents or Adult dancers have still ***not*** signed up for rainedout.com. We are no longer sending out paper newsletters. Additionally, if class is cancelled, you will not be notified unless you have registered with rainedout.com.

Please go to [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com). Search for “LTRC” and click on “sign up for mobile alerts” to register for text OR email messages. If you have trouble signing up, please let me know.

**Missing class:** We have had nearly 30% of dancers absent in most classes due to illness. If your dancer will miss class regardless of the reason, please either email me at [Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov](mailto:Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov) or call me at 410-733-2188 so I can notify your dancer’s instructor as soon as possible so she can plan accordingly. I sincerely appreciate those of you who have notified me to date. Thank you all again for your consideration and cooperation in keeping dancers home while sick to help all of us stay healthy!

**NEW ~ Dance attire requirements for FEMALE students:** I have always been very lenient in dress attire requirements for dance class. Recently, most dancers 5th grade and up are not even wearing dance attire, so my teaching staff and I have tightened up the dance attire requirements for our female dance students **effective immediately.**

#### LYRICAL CLASS:

- Camisole or tank leotard / unitard, skin-tight tank top / camisole
- Tight-fitting Capri pants / leggings / crop pants / gaucho pants ... NO SHORTS!
- Leotards / unitards with tights, dance skirts and leg warmers are acceptable  
*Dance pants must be 4” or less above the top of the knee or 6” or more above the top of the ankle.*

#### JAZZ/HIP-HOP and TAP CLASS:

- Leotard, unitard or “form-fitting” top ... NO T-SHIRTS!
- Tight-fitting Capri pants / leggings / crop pants / gaucho pants ... NO SHORTS!
- Leotards / unitards with tights, dance skirts and leg warmers are acceptable  
*Dance pants must be 4” or less above the top of the knee or 6” or more above the top of the ankle.*

My staff and I are concerned about safety and cannot make corrections if we cannot see the lines of the body. We will use the month of November as a grace period and ask that all dancers wear the new dance attire requirements every week beginning December 1 at the latest. Dancers who do not have proper dance attire after December 1<sup>st</sup> will be sent home with a note.

**Supplemental waivers/Registration Forms:** Many of you still owe me the physician’s name, physician’s phone number, last tetanus shot date or the name of medical facility who provided the tetanus shot. Please email me that information as soon as possible.

**Inclement Weather:** If the Baltimore County Public School (BCPS) system makes a decision to close early in “anticipation of inclement weather” and cancels “after school activities”, this does not necessarily mean that dance is cancelled. Baltimore County Dept of Rec and Parks will make their own decision in this instance whether to cancel or not. However, if BCPS close early or are closed “due to inclement weather”, we are closed. If you are unsure whether we have class or not, you can always check our LTRC web page or call me.

**Grand Finale Production Rehearsal #1:** Just a reminder that ALL dancers in classes from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through Adults should plan to attend a mandatory rehearsal on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Lutherville Elementary in the gym.

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:15 pm** ~

ALL dancers in the Tues 4:00 Tap, Tues 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Wed 4:00 Tap, Wed 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Wed 7:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 6:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 7:00 Lyrical and Fri 4:45 Lyrical

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:45 pm** ~

ALL dancers in the Mon 8:00 Tap, Wed 8:00 Lyrical, Wed 9:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 7:45 Lyrical, Thurs 8:00 Lyrical, Thurs 9:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, all Company dancers and all Adult dancers

**NOTE: From 7:00 – 7:05 pm and again at 8:30 – 8:35 pm, I will have the instructors walk through the choreography with counts for any parents/dancers who wish to videotape. Please arrive 5 minutes early.**

If you are sick or unable to attend, please email me at [Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov](mailto:Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov) or call 410-733-2188.

**Costumes:** Costume deposits (\$40 per class) are due no later than Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. **Since costume companies have increased their processing times, we can *no longer* give any grace period in order to have costumes by our recitals. We *must* have the costume deposit(s) by December 4<sup>th</sup> or cannot order your dancer a costume(s).** The remaining costume balances will be due by February 26, 2010. If you need help or are not sure of your balance, please contact our Treasurers, Mr. Joe and Miss Lisa at 410-665-0357. Please make all checks payable to LTRC and mail to Mr. Joe and Mrs. Lisa, at:

Joe and Lisa Colburn  
LTRC Tap/Jazz  
3936 Forest Valley Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21234

\*\*\* An additional cost of \$20 will be required for all dancers in the PreK-K Tap/Jazz combo classes, 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Tap and Jazz classes and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade Tap and Jazz classes for the KIDS Production costume. The total cost is \$20 no matter how many classes your dancer takes. The additional fee will not be due until February 26, 2010.

A word about costumes ~ Jazz, Tap, Jazz/Hip-Hop, Lyrical and Hip-Hop costumes are more complex and cost more than a simple Ballet leotard with a tutu. We will do everything in our power to keep the costs down and keep the costumes in the range of \$65 to \$75 per class. You will be notified by the beginning of February of the balance due for costumes.

For a \$20.00 late fee per dancer, you can take an additional 2 weeks to pay your outstanding balance but ALL money must be given to your dancer's instructor or hand delivered to the Treasurers no later than Friday, March 12, 2010. If you are taking advantage of the extension, you should NOT mail your payments. All outstanding balances must be paid for your dancer to participate in the recitals no later than Friday, March 12, 2010.

**NOTE: Any outstanding money not postmarked or received by February 26, 2010 will be subject to the \$20 late fee. We would rather not charge any late fees but are trying to be fair to those who paid on time. As with any business/program, we also have expenses that must be paid on time.**

**Recital Weekend for 2010** ~ As per the rainedout.com message sent on September 30<sup>th</sup>, our dress and tech rehearsals and recitals will be at Dulaney High School the weekend of May 21 to 23, 2010. Please save ALL three dates!! Your dancer's **mandatory dress/tech rehearsals** could be on **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and/or Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Specific dates and times will be distributed no later than March 2010. The list of which classes will be in the 12:00 recital and which will be in the 4:30 Recital will be distributed no later than January, 2010.

Since attending tech and dress rehearsals is mandatory for all dancers, I will do my best to work the dress and tech rehearsal schedule around dancers who have notified me by email no later than November 30, 2009 of major conflicts, like the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Ridgely Middle School dance, proms, weddings, communions, etc. Again, please email me any conflicts. Do not inform your dancer's instructor ~ they will only refer you to me.

To date I have only received two recital weekend conflicts. I know the Ridgely 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School dance is Friday, May 21, 2010. If your dancer will be affected by this conflict, please be sure to email me by November 30, 2009 so your dancer will not have to choose between attending mandatory dress rehearsal and attending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance.

## **2009-2010 Company Dancers:**

Our LTRC Tap/Jazz Program currently has several Companies & Levels of Companies (Dance Technique Company (DTC), Company Level I, Company Level II, Company Level III, Hip-Hop Company, Tap Production Company, Advanced Tap Production Company and Dance Company Elite (DCE). Congratulations to the following dancers who were selected for one or more of our 2009-2010 Companies:

Emily Anderson  
Sarah Baker  
Morgan Colburn  
Rachel Cyr  
Tina Delcher  
Danielle Deros  
Ivana Djukic  
Sarah Dooley  
Nicole Drinkwater  
Katrine Garcia

Ashley Jones  
Nia Jones  
Kelly Kleintank  
Claire Klender  
Alyssa Kornick  
Sasha Maraj  
Kali Mason  
Allison McClelland  
Lisa Michael  
Pamela Palmer

Lizzy Peper  
Chloe Poffenberger  
Claire Rainville  
Veronica Rider  
Jessica (Missi) Salter  
Jordan Seibert  
Naomi Sinn  
Brianna Van Pelt  
Val Wagner-Hippen

## **2009-2010 LTRC Tap/Jazz Dance Calendar for November/December:**

*Unless indicated below, dance classes will be held as normal.*

- Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> ~ No dance classes at Pinewood or Timonium, Lutherville classes still held 4 – 6 pm  
~ Grand Finale Production rehearsal for ALL 5<sup>th</sup> graders through Adults at Lutherville in the Gym ~ see schedule above
- **NEW DATE not in October newsletter** ~ Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> ~ BCPS closed but we still have dance
- **NEW DATE not in October newsletter** ~ Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> ~ First day for those selected for Friday Company classes ~ classes will be held each week in the LUTHERVILLE Activity Room from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> ~ No classes at Pinewood ~ classes normally held at Pinewood will be held at Lutherville in the Activity Room from 6 – 10 pm.
- **NEW DATE not in October newsletter** ~ Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> ~ First day of classes for those selected for Hip-Hop Company ~ classes will be held each week in the TIMONIUM Cafeteria from 6:30 – 7:45 pm
- Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> ~ No classes at Timonium ~ classes normally held at Timonium will be held at Lutherville in the Activity Room from 6:30 – 8:45 pm.

### **Additional NEW DATES:**

- Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> ~ No dance classes except for Company rehearsals ~ Happy Thanksgiving!
- Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Company Production Rehearsal (Part 1) in Timonium Cafeteria:

**Group 1** (6:15-7:30 pm) ~ Emily Anderson, Sarah Baker, Danielle Deros, Nicole Drinkwater, Katrine Garcia, Nia Jones, Alyssa Kornick, Sasha Maraj, Allison McClelland, Claire Rainville, Jordan Seibert and Naomi Sinn.

**Group 2** (7:30-8:45 pm) ~ Morgan Colburn, Rachel Cyr, Ivana Djukic, Sarah Dooley, Ashley Jones, Kelly Kleintank, Kali Mason, Pamela Palmer, Lizzy Peper, Chloe Poffenberger, Veronica Rider and Missi Salter.

Company dancers who miss rehearsal on November 24<sup>th</sup> will not be in Part 1 of Company Production ~ no exceptions!!!

- Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Dance classes resume
- Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ No classes at Lutherville, Timonium classes still held
- Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ No classes at Timonium, Lutherville and Pinewood classes still held
- Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~ No dance classes ~ Winter Break ~ Happy Holidays!
- Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Dance classes resume

## **Recital information:**

- Friday, May 21, 2010 and Saturday, May 22, 2010 ~ Mandatory Tech and Dress Rehearsals for all dancers

- Sunday, May 23, 2010 ~ Recitals
- NEW DATE ~ Thursday, May 27, 2010 ~ Awards Ceremony & 2010-2011 Pre-registration

*Additional calendar dates will be provided in future newsletters.*

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