

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

A Step Above Dance Studio  
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Mon-Thurs 3:30-9pm \*\* Friday 3:30-7:15pm \*\* Saturdays 9:15-11:45am \*\* Sundays Closed  
[www.astepaboveds.com](http://www.astepaboveds.com) \*\*\* [www.facebook.com/astepabovedancestudio](http://www.facebook.com/astepabovedancestudio)

Give us your email address and we will send you updates and the monthly newsletter

Miss Andi is our Business Manager and we encourage you to direct all inquiries and questions to her. If you have questions about tuition, classes, dance wear etc she is the person to ask. Please call her at the studio at 419 222-7223 or see her when you come to dance class.

## CALENDAR – dates may change so please check often

### February

1 - Tuition Due  
3- Entire Comp Team Work Day at Wapak 1pm  
12-17- Spirit Week- see below for details  
17- Comp Team Mandatory Spirit Palooza 2-5pm!  
23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>- Entire Comp Team to Celebration in Indy  
28- Entire Comp Team Bravo! Comp Fees Due

### March

1 - Tuition Due  
25 - April 1 - Easter Break  
26-28- Recreational Pictures at ASA details will be released at a later date

### April

1 - Tuition Due  
7-8 Shining Stars to Encore in Elyria  
18- Celebration National Fees Due  
20-22 Entire Comp Team to Bravo! In Walled Lake, MI

### May

1 - Tuition Due  
15 & 16 - Rehearsals  
19 - Recital  
May 20 - June 3 - No Classes for Recreational Classes; Comp Team Classes continue

### June 2018

1 - Tuition Due  
24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> - Comp Team to Nationals  
30<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup> - No Classes for the Competition Team, Recreational Classes continue

### July

1 - Tuition Due  
4 - No classes  
16 - Comp Team begins their new season

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## TUITION REMINDER

Please remember that tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. If it is paid after the 10<sup>th</sup> a \$10.00 late fee will be applied to your account and your child will only be allowed to observe class until the balance is paid in full. A detailed list of our tuition policy is at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## PARKING REMINDER

Please do not park along the building or in front of Rent-A-Center. The spots along the building are reserved for teacher parking and Rent-A-Center costumers. We do have 1 handicapped spot available right in front of our door. We ask that you park past the arrow sign, as semis do need room to make deliveries to Save-A-lot and Dollar General. Please help us in this matter and park correctly.

## **SPIRIT WEEK**

Our annual spirit week is just a few short weeks away; February 12th-17th. Each day will be a different theme and we encourage our dancers to join in the fun. Parents feel free to join in the fun also.

Monday 2/12-Mix Match Day

Tuesday 2/13- Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday 2/14- Crazy Hair Day

Thursday 2/15- Princess/Prince Day

Friday 2/16- Favorite Color Day

Saturday 2/17 Crazy Hat Day

Please make sure whatever your dancer chooses to wear that they are able to still dance.

## **ATTENDANCE IS KEY**

Recital is just right around the corner and routines are falling into place. With that being said, it is imperative that your dancer is in class each week. These last few months we work very hard to make sure all our dancers shine on stage like the stars they are. If your dancer is unable to make it to class, please make sure you call the studio at 419-222-7223.

## **RECITAL PICTURES FOR RECREATIONAL CLASSES**

Recital pictures are scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> which is during our Spring Break. Pictures will be here at ASA. Exact day and time along with order forms will be handed out the first week of March.

## **REHEARSAL AND RECITAL**

Recital Rehearsal will be on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> with Recital being on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, both of these events are at Wapakoneta High School in the Performing Arts Center. A packet with additional information and recital ticket information will be handed out soon. Rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In case of inclement weather please check:

Website - [www.astepaboveds.com](http://www.astepaboveds.com) Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/astepabovedancestudio](http://www.facebook.com/astepabovedancestudio)

Tune into WLIO and WLIO.com.

We do not place cancellations on the studio phone. All cancellations will be posted by 2pm, if we are not cancelled; classes are on a regular schedule. The cancellation may be as late as 2pm due to the fact that the weather changes very quickly and could be clear enough for classes to take place. Also, if schools are cancelled please do not think that we automatically cancel too, please check before coming to your class.

## **SNACKS and BOTTLED WATER FOR SALE**

We are selling candy bars, chips, granola bars, fruit snacks and bottled water located at the desk. Candy bars are \$1.00, granola bars are \$.50 each, fruit snacks are \$.25/bag and all proceeds will go towards our Shining Stars Nationals trip to Orlando in June 2018. Chips are available for purchase \$.50 per bag and the proceeds go to our Star Parent fund which helps produce events/scholarships for our students.

We also have bottled water for \$1.00

Cash only for chips, candy and water.

## **FACEBOOK**

Have you "liked" us on Facebook? If not please do so, we post updates, contests, and fun pictures all the time. This is a great way to stay connected and up to date! [www.facebook.com/astepabovedancestudio](http://www.facebook.com/astepabovedancestudio)  
It is very important that once you like our page, you click and mark "See first" this will make it so you see all of our posts. Congratulations to our September Facebook Contest Winners: Sariah Robison, Lisa Webb & Lisa Foster. Be sure to "Check in" every time you come to the studio and share our posts. You never know when we will have our next contest.

## **SUPA STARS OF THE MONTH**

Each month we will choose students and classes to be our Supa Stars of the Month. The Teaching Team will be looking for positive attitudes, practicing outside of class, great leadership skills and solid effort. The Supa Star will be featured on our website at [www.astepaboveds.com](http://www.astepaboveds.com) under the Students tab.

## **PARKING**

**Please park out PAST the arrow sign. For your safety and yes, even in the winter when it is cold, we ask that you park out in front of the building PAST the arrow sign!!**

We do not allow students to sit outside to wait for pick up. For the safety of all students, please park and come inside to retrieve your student!

- Please park out in front of the building.
- Please do not park in any space near the building, as these spaces are for our instructors only and Rent A Center customers.
- Please do not park or wait for your student in the handicap parking space as we have patrons who need to use it.

## **S.T.A.R Parents**

We have the MOST incredible group of parents who operate our STAR Parent group! They run fundraisers and help create student events. All of the fundraisers/events are for ANY dancer of ASA. Always keep up to date on their bulletin board in the lobby and on our website. They will also pass out information! 2017-2018 Fundraisers is posted on the information board

**Lisa Foster 419 236-6218 and Lisa Webb 419 303-9629 are the two awesome moms who help run our STAR Parent group.** They are at the studio numerous times during the week and any staff member can help you as well!

## **TUITION POLICY**

To insure proper training and that the studio properly operates, it is imperative for our studio that tuition is paid on time, as we have a strict tuition policy.

All tuition is to be paid on or by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Please mail your tuition payment to the studio if an absence occurs, postmarked by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Tuition is pro-rated over a 9-month period. Tuition remains the same whether the month has 5 weeks or 3 weeks and regardless of absences (illness, vacations etc). There are no deductions for shorter months or when you are absent from class. Place payment in the tuition drop box located by the desk or to our business manager. We accept cash, credit card, and automatic withdrawal (EFT) Effective January 1, 2018 we will no longer be accepting checks as any form of payment.

- A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged if tuition is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If your tuition payment is late twice, you will be required to fill out a monthly EFT for lessons to continue, No Exceptions.
- Your May tuition **MUST** be paid in full **BY REHEARSAL** for your student to participate in our annual rehearsal/recital.
- If paying by cash please have correct amount, as change is not given out, a credit is applied to your account for future use.
- When paying other fees such as shoes, costumes, etc., if tuition has not been paid, any available credit will go towards tuition first then towards your purchase. Therefore, if your tuition is due the payment will go towards tuition and your order will not be placed.
- There is also **NO TRANSFERRING** of credit to another account of any kind unless making a donation to another student account and as long as the first student is not dropping class(es).
- **NO REFUNDS or EXCHANGES** on any payments made to the studio including full year payments! This includes any CREDIT left in your account. It must be used or it is forfeited unless you have a Doctor's excuse from the time you left class. Doctor's excuse must be properly dated from the date of illness or injury and throughout healing process to receive entry back into class.
- Once a payment for anything has been made to the studio, it is non-refundable and it will not be credited for any reason no matter when the order is due or is placed. This includes but is not limited to tuition, shoes, costumes, logo wear, accessories, competition fees for competition team, Master class fees, workshops, etc.