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HDC Company Monthly Newsletter

Important Dates

Fees in December

Dec 1: Tuition

Dec 15: 24/Seven Entry Fees

Events in December

Dec 3: Fierce Friday- *Technique on Fleek & Friday Night Tights*

Dec 4: SPECIAL master class with Allen Cooper & Jonathan Davis

Dec 5: HDC Nutcracker Sweet's Christmas Performance

Dec 10: Junior Team Night to Nutcracker at Charlotte Ballet

Dec 12: Choreography with Elissa Edwards (senior small contemporary)

Dec 16: Competition Company ALL TEAM Christmas Party – 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Dec 20-Jan 2: CLOSED | Christmas Break

Upcoming Events in January

Jan 8: Susan Hancock Master Class

Jan 17: CLOSED | Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 21: Fierce Friday – *Technique on Fleek & Friday Night Tights*

Hello Students + Families!

Havilah would like to wish each of you a *Merry Christmas* and *Happy Holidays* as we celebrate this most blessed season and look forward to all that the new year holds!

Company Christmas Party

We are excited to invite you all to our annual Company Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 16th**

from 5:00-6:45pm! You can arrive dressed in PJs, and we will have treats & goodies provided by HDC & the Spirit

Committee + Team Moms!! **Please bring a \$10-15 Secret Santa Gift for someone on your team.**

**Minis, remember that you have both boys and girls on your team. Please try to choose a gift that you think anyone in your group would like!*



HDC's Nutcracker Sweets

Our company students and staff are eager to share the JOY of dance with you this holiday season! Your presence at this event supports our hardworking Company dancers and your ticket purchase supports the Havilah Foundation. **Join us at 5pm on Sunday, December 5th at the charming Dowd Center Theatre in downtown Monroe** for an evening of varied dance styles as we celebrate the wonder of this beautiful season. Purchase Tickets through EventBrite on havilahdancecompany.com.

Upcoming Fees in January

Jan 1: Tuition

Jan 15: ASH fees due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Dec 7: Leo Campbell

Dec 7: Maks Campbell

Dec 23: Caitlyn Endy

Dec 26: Maddie Callahan

Dec 27: Zoria Shivers

Dec 28: Zoe Reed

Dec 29: Addison Edwards

Dec 30: Natalie Vimislik

All proceeds benefit The Havilah Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Havilah Foundation exists to serve neighbors and nations through the gift of dance for the purpose of glorifying God. We are passionate about growing and training servant leaders, building global and local partnerships, and supporting financial needs of the Havilah community.

Junior Team Night

This year our Junior Company Team will have the opportunity to take a "field trip" for their **team night to Charlotte Ballet to see 'The Nutcracker'!** We are super excited to spend this special evening with them! The **date is December 10th**, and we will be meeting at Amelie's French Bakery in Pineville (7715 Pineville Matthews Rd., Unit 34B Charlotte, NC 28226) at **5:15pm** to enjoy some treats or a light dinner before the show. Unless you are a Team Mom, you can drop your child off with our group and leave. Please send money for a snack at Amelie's with your dancer. **The show will begin at 7:30pm, and students will ride with HDC staff or volunteer team moms from Amelie's to the Belk Theatre. After the show, students will be driven directly back to the studio for pick-**

up by parents. Details on pick-up time will come closer to the event.

**Please note that the event is NO LONGER requiring a negative COVID test or a proof of vaccination unless you are 12 years of age or older.*

HDC's Holiday Serving

We would like your help in spreading Christmas cheer this Holiday season! Our middle & high school company girls bible study and leadership team has helped put together some amazing ways that our studio will be able to give back to our local community this holiday season. Please check out the exciting opportunities below and jump in where you feel led. **Donations will be due in mid-December before the break.** We would be SO very honored if you would join us in giving back!

PROMISE PAJAMAS SPIRIT FAMILY COMPETITION!

Donate pajamas for a child in need, ages 2-14. Donation bins will be placed in the studio lobby. **Items due by December 15th.**

**Pajamas must be new or unworn. All sizes are needed from 2T to Adult Medium. Must have TOPS AND BOTTOMS. No scary images on character PJs please!*

BRIGHT BLESSINGS, BLESSING TREE

Take an ornament from the tree in the studio lobby and bring in the items listed! **Items due by December 17th.**

**Gifts need to be turned in UNWRAPPED so that they can be properly sorted once they are donated. Please only donate BRAND NEW or UNOPENED items.*

CARDS FOR SENIORS

Decorate or write a note of encouragement in a Christmas card for a senior living in a local retirement center or nursing home community! **Cards due by December 15th.**

**Please do not sign your last name*



Class Reminders

Minis

Make sure you are completing your '**mini dance challenge**' homework chart each month! So far you are all doing such a great job creating great work ethic habits at home! Your teachers are so proud of you! The students who turn their challenge homework in completed and signed for each month from Sept-May will get to participate in a pizza and ice cream party at the end of the season!

Dance Videos

Parents, please make sure your child is not relying solely on videos being uploaded to practice their routines at home. It is the responsibility of the child to remember their routines from week to week, and training their brain in this way is an important skill to have. Videos should just be a helpful tool, but not the main source of memory. Videos in google drive are a great way we can use technology to our advantage, which our staff wanted to offer so that we could go ABOVE and beyond. Teachers view these videos as a bonus and a supplement to give our team an edge (one which your teachers themselves did not have growing up as dancers learning in the classroom). With that said, we do not want dancers to rely so heavily on videos that they are unable to succeed in class without them. If that is happening then we will want to take a break from using the drive because we want students to learn the correct way, which is training their brains to retain the choreography and corrections from week to week. Videos are great for timing or other little details, and they are also great for when students have a very long choreography session where they are having to learn an entire dance in one session! However, at the end of the day, we want videos to be helpful but not a crutch.

Dressing Out in Ballet

Please make sure that your child is dressing out in ballet and is on time for class, this is so important!

Teen Tap

We still have some students who are supposed to be shadowing Teen Tap but who are consistently sitting out during class. Instructors have already spoken with students repeatedly about this, as well as parents. Please speak with your child to make sure they are participating in Tap class even if they are not in the routine. This is a required discipline for Company students. They are not allowed to sit out and do homework (go on their phones, talk, etc.) during class, but it is not the instructors job to ask more than once for them to participate. Students in the Teen class are at the age where they must make the right choices for themselves. Please speak with your child about this if they are a student who has been allowed to shadow for the season. Thank you so much!