

**April 2026**

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Apologies for this newsletter arriving late this month!

### **Scripture Memory Challenge:**

#### **March VERSE**

Galatians 1:10

A - "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people?"

B - If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

We are challenging our students to memorize scripture verses this year that go along with our recital theme of "Taking Every Thought Captive." Dancers will have the month to memorize this verse and tell it to me in class to receive a cross lollipop. Younger dancers Sapphire and under can work on memorizing just part A.

### **PICTURE DAY -**

REMINDER - Picture day is **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Schedule and details regarding costumes and hair can be found below. The fabulous Shelayna Snow will be taking over picture taking this year, and we are **very** excited for her amazing talents to be used to capture our dancers. Picture order forms and schedule came home with dancers already but if you need another copy it is on our website see link below. Even if you are not ordering pictures, we kindly request that ALL dancers still come for picture day and be in group photos!

<https://www.oswegocreationstudio.com/wordpress/classes/news/>

### **Future Days there are no dance classes:**

- May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rehearsal week (see recital) we WILL have Monday classes that week though to make up for Memorial Day.

### **Costumes-**

All costumes have arrived and gone except for: Opal Ballet (alterations finished - going home this week) and Pearl Tap - we are working on adding a clear fabric over the sequin under the arm so that it does not irritate the dancers' arms. Grace's Crew & Pointe costumes are at the studio. Please make sure that costumes are hung up and stored in a safe place. Most costumes will need to be steamed before picture day to get any wrinkles out, this takes time but is NEEDED! Never iron any costumes! There is a steamer currently at the dance studio that you can use while your child is in classes if you don't have your own see Miss Jessica for help.

**Recital Tights** came home, remember they should ONLY be worn on picture day and recital. Old tights are to be worn for dress rehearsal.

**Volunteers** - I will need parents/students from Grace's Crew to steam one more costume set please let me know if you're willing to help with this. We will also need a few older dancers and or parents who are experts in bun making to help on picture day for those who may need help. Let me know if you're interested!

## **Undergarments-**

Students in Sapphire level and older levels all received a nude leotard. The leotards have shelf bras for adult sizes and lining for child sizes. This will be enough support for many of our dancers, but for those that need additional support please test and plan ahead now to find a nude bra that will hide under the leotard and not show at picture/recital day! Please keep your dancer's nude leotards for next year as we can reuse them each year and just reorder as they outgrow them.

Reminder - Tights can be our underwear - reminder, tights are a dancer's underwear. Dance tights are designed with a gusset and should be washed between wears so that dancers can go with just tights and no underwear. It is much more modest to do this than to have colored underwear sticking out and showing under their dancewear. However, if underwear are needed for personal hygiene reasons, please make sure you help your dancer find ones that are nude, higher cut and don't show under their dance attire. This is especially important heading into picture dance and recital!

Reminder - Female Opal Tap dancers will need to wear their class black short sleeve/ tank leotards underneath their tap costume. So please make sure for pictures and recital their black leotard is with their Opal Tap costume and worn underneath!

## **Shoes -**

Double check with your dancer that they have the correct color shoes (and that they still fit well!!) for their classes. Ballet - pink split sole ballet shoes (boys black ballet shoes), tap - black tap shoes, Jazz classes - black jazz shoes (except Opal jazz will just use their pink ballet shoes for jazz as well).

## **Practice -**

Practice is SO SO important as is regular attendance this time of year. Ensure your dancer is practicing their dances weekly at home using our music online and any videos that I send. We can't give our best to God at recital if we don't practice!

**Music for practice is online here - [www.oswegocreastudio.com/wordpress/recital/](http://www.oswegocreastudio.com/wordpress/recital/)**

## **RECITAL Reminder:**

Waterman Theatre at SUNY Oswego

- Dress Rehearsal - Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm
  - Plan ahead to arrive by this time.
- Recital - Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
  - Dancers will arrive by 11:30am to prepare

## **Back stage parents:**

The magic of recital does not come together without help. Miss Jess will need backstage moms and a dad for our boys, for each group to keep the students together, make sure dancers are backstage ready when they should be, etc (dancers are NOT allowed to go in the audience to watch on recital day). If this is a ministry you would be interested in helping with, please email Miss Jess and let her know! These helpers will still get to go in the audience to watch their children's dances. In addition, moms who have experience with doing buns, it would be helpful to have a bun making station, with moms doing hair for anyone who struggles with it on rehearsal night and recital night.

**Recital Fees:**

FYI in May your account statement will have the following 2 recital fees added in addition to the last month's tuition for May:

1. Recital Recording fee - \$32 per dance family
2. Recital Shirt Fee - \$20ish per dancer (estimate - waiting on final cost from vendor)

Charging for recital recording in this way allows us to split the cost of the videographer between families equally keeping the cost of the recording super low and affordable. Each family will receive one high quality, professional, thumb drive, digital copy of the recital for your family as a keepsake. If you or a family member would like to purchase an additional thumb drive, please let me know by recital via email. Samples of Burton-Sage's work can be found here -

<https://vimeo.com/burtonsage/videos>.

**Tickets:**

Information regarding ticket sales will come out in May - however I wanted you to have cost so you could plan. Tickets will cost \$15 this year, but children 10 and under will be free. Any proceeds from our recital will go to bless OCCS.

Thanks for reading!  
Miss Jess

**Picture Day Schedule 2026 - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>
11am	Opal Ballet
11:20am	Opal Jazz
11:40am	Opal Tap
12pm	Pearl Ballet
12:20pm	Pearl/Sapphire Jazz
12:40pm	Pearl/Sapphire Tap
1pm	Sapphire Ballet
Ten min break	
1:30pm	Ruby Ballet
1:50pm	Topaz Tap
2pm	Topaz Jazz
2:20pm	Topaz Ballet
2:40pm	Grace's Crew

*\*Senior Solo pictures can be taken in between other dances.  
 \*\*Please note if you have a special photo i.e. sibling shot, etc that you want taken you need to communicate this in advance to Miss Jessica so we can plan according and make sure what you want is taken!*

**Costume & Hair information for 2026:**

Natural make up is welcome for picture day and recital but is not required.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Song</b>	<b>Costume:</b>	<b>Hairpiece</b>	<b>Hairdo</b>
Pearl Ballet	Trust in God	Blue/white/ floral ballet dress & Navy leggings	Blue hairbow with clip	bun with hairbow pinned under it
Sapphire/Pearl Jazz	It's Well	red and black dress or boy jumpsuit	polka dot hair bow	bun with hairbow pinned above it
Sapphire/Pearl Tap	Think about that	apricot biketard with fringe skirt, boy apricot shirt - black pants	apricot scrunchie	bun with scrunchie around it
Sapphire Ballet	I Believe It	maroon ballet dress, boy maroon shirt and white pants	jersey headband	bun head band on head
Pointe	Have Your Way	Black and tie die velvet dresses (Miss Jess has these and the cloth hair ties)	matching cloth tie	bun with cloth tie tied around it
Opal Tap	Unstoppable	yellow, black and jean cowgirl/cowboy outfit Girls MUST wear their own black leotard underneath this – don't forget it!	black hats (Miss Jess has)	hair down with hats on

Opal Jazz	Celebration	purple unitard with vest, boy purple sleeveless top black pants	sequin scrunchie	bun with scrunchie around it
Opal Ballet	Whatever is	Gold and red dress boys: red vests, tan pants, white turtle necks	matching hair clip	bun with hair clip to the right side
Ruby Ballet	Veggietales BIBLE and Down in My Heart	red and polka dot	bun hair bow	bun with bow above it, a little left
Topaz Tap	Dusty Bibles	orange leotard and crop hoodie sleeveless, green pants	none	bun, hood up for phone people
Topaz Jazz	PhotoShop	Pink unitard, diamond bracelet and choker, pink gloves (Miss Jess has hair ties)	none	high pony tail with sliver hair tie
Topaz Ballet	Overthinking	purple ballet dress with shorts under	jeweled hair clip	bun clip right side of bun
Grace's Crew	Evil Twin - Take every thought captive	white and black dresses Miss Jess has these		bun
Graces Crew	captive - Juliana-Lane	periwinkle dresses (Miss Jess has costume & hair ties)	Blue flower	bun - blue flower right side of bun

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### **Ballet Buns:**

These are required for most dances, if you need help accomplishing this arrive early and ask one of our helpers to help! Also watch these videos on our ballet page to help you:

<https://www.oswegocreationstudio.com/wordpress/classes/ballet/>





Picture Order Form:

Please return this form and payment (cash or check) on picture day, April 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Please make any checks payable to Shelayna Snow.

\*Note: Please use a separate section of this form for each costume that you want picture of. Example: If your child is in Sapphire and you want pictures of each dance: ballet, tap, and jazz; use 3 separate sections to place your order.

**\*\* I also request that all orders meet a minimum of \$12 required per dancer. \*\***

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Package 1:</b>        | <b>Package 2:</b>        | <b>Package 3:</b>         |
| 1 – 5x7 Class Photo      | 1 – 5x7 Class Photo      | 1 – 5x7 Class Photo       |
| 1 – 5x7 individual photo | 2 – 5x7 individual photo | 3 – 5x7 individual photo  |
| 2 – 3.5 individual photo | 2 – 3.5 individual photo | 2 – 3.5 individual photo  |
|                          | 4 – individual wallets   | 8 – individual wallets    |
|                          |                          | 1 – 8x10 individual photo |

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name (Ruby, Emerald, Opal, Sapphire, Pearl, or Topaz): \_\_\_\_\_

Which dance is this form for? (ex: ballet, tap, jazz): \_\_\_\_\_

Order Summary:

Product	Price	Quantity	Cost
Package 1	\$12		
Package 2	\$20		
Package 3	\$30		
Class 5x7 print	\$7		
2 – Individual 3.5x5 prints	\$7		
Individual 5x7 print	\$7		
Individual 8x10 print	\$10		
4 - Individual wallets	\$5		
Individual magnet 4x5	\$10		
Metal Christmas Ornament	\$16		
<b>NYS Tax (8%)</b>			
<b>** MINIMUM \$12 order required per dancer**</b>		<b>Total:</b>	