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We're so looking forward to observation week! Make sure you plan to have a parent attend classes with their child that week so each dancer can share what they are learning and their excitement for dance with their families!

Fuzzy Sock week - November 10th and 12th

Next week during ballet classes I would like to ask all students to wear fuzzy socks over their tights in place of ballet shoes. We will be working on emphasizing correct usage of the foot through the floor in our exercises and this is a fun way to do that! So please don't forget fuzzy socks next week - make sure they DON'T have any grippies on the bottom as this will defeat the purpose!

Observation week -

November 17th and 19th parents are welcome to come and observe our classes! We will have seats for you to sit and enjoy watching, any siblings in attendance will need to be polite, seated, quiet observers. There will be opportunities for you to interact with your dancers throughout classes and get to see all they are learning so far! We will also announce our recital dances that night! Plan on coming for classes that night with your child. We also ask that everyone remove their shoes before walking on the dance floor to join us.

Scripture Memory Challenge:

NOVEMBER VERSE

Colossians 3:2

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

We are challenging our students to memorize scripture verses this year that go along with our recital theme of "Taking Every Thought Captive." God has laid on my heart to study this concept this year with our students. Dancers will have the month to memorize this verse and tell it to me in class to receive a cross lollipop.

Future planning:

We WILL have Monday class the week of Thanksgiving (Nov 24th), this is a half day for OCCS students, so Pearl Ballet students will need to be driven to classes that day as well. This will also be the case on Monday, March 9th for Pearl Students. Opal students will need rides to class on Wednesday, March 18th which is a half day for OCCS students, be there by 3:15 so they are ready by 3:30 to start classes. Mark your calendars accordingly.

No CLASS:

- There will be NO CLASSES Wednesday Nov 26th
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Future Days there are no dance classes:

- December 22nd - January 2nd for Christmas Break
- January 19th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 16th-20th - Winter Break

- March 30-April 3rd – Easter/Spring Break
- May 25th – Memorial Day
- June 3rd – Rehearsal week (see recital) we WILL have Monday classes that week though to make up for Memorial Day.

Calendar -

- You may refer to our calendar on our website to remind you of dance dates, you can even subscribe to it and add it to your google calendar!
- <https://www.oswegocreastudio.com/wordpress/calendar/>

Recital -

Please mark your calendars recital will be Saturday, June 6th at 1pm. Dress rehearsal will be Friday, June 5th. Both will be held at Waterman Theatre at SUNY Oswego and are mandatory for dancers. I cannot change recital date so please plan accordingly.

Grace's Crew -

Dancers in our performance company will be performing on Sunday, December 7th at Oswego Alliance Church be there at 9am, and Thursday, December 18th at the OCCS Christmas program also at OAC time TBA. Practices at the church announcement coming soon!

General reminders to help your dancer get the most out of class:

1. Please make sure that your dancer has the correct attire for class – black leotard, tan tights.
2. Ensure your child's shoes fit and that they are packed and ready both the left and the right shoe! Pink split sole for ballet black for boys), black for tap and jazz.
3. Hair – girls should have proper ballet buns (littles just pull back the hair as best you can). If the dancer is an OCCS student please make sure they have ALL dance materials including hair supplies, brush, bun kit in their school bags and I will help them prepare for class and do their hair.
4. Water bottles are essential!
5. Snack – those coming straight from school should have an after school snack packed that they can eat quickly before classes start. Please avoid messy snacks such as potato chips.
6. Questions - try to email me, there is not a break between the classes that I teach so I am unable to take time to answer questions in between classes.
7. Be respectful – Dancers and families should wait in the waiting room, use the bathrooms behind the stage and not stand around in the entrance way. Please enter and exit the waiting room as quietly as possible and not stand and watch, it can be very distracting to the dancers and interrupts out focus on class together. We will have an observation day where you are welcome to come and observe! If you ever have any questions or want to see something, I am happy to set something up with you sooner.
8. Arrive early by 10-15 minutes so you have time to park, have dancers use the bathroom, change, etc. Arriving late disrupts class, and negatively impacts your dancer's mental state when they enter.
9. Ask your dancer what they are learning in class and let them show you their "steps."
10. Each month starting in October we will memorize a bible verse, help your child at home to practice this and talk about what it means to them.

Lastly, if there are any changes you wish to make to your dancer's schedule add/dropping and classes I need to be notified by email NO LATER THAN THIS WEDNESDAY November 5th. As I am starting the process of planning for recital costumes, choreography, etc. It's a big process. So please understand and communicate to your dancers that they are now committed to their "team" and will need to be fully present as we head forward so that they are learning choreography and practicing alongside their "teammates" so each class can give their best to God!

Miss Jessica