

Gotta Dance

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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students,

Please read the following information containing important dates for our upcoming events.

**The times listed may be tentative and could change based on State of MA Covid guidelines.*

****IMPORTANT NOTE: The Collins Center has given permission for us to have our annual performance following the State of MA guidelines for indoor performance venues. In order to accommodate all dancers and families safely, we have decided to have two performances (A & B), each without an intermission, both taking place Saturday, June 26th. We are working out the details for this to happen and will have more information for you later in the month before ticket day in May (*see the updated ticket day date – May 23rd).***

Ticket Day – Sunday, May 23rd (NEW DATE) from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the studio

Picture Day – Sunday, June 6th at the studio (scheduled times will be listed at a later date)

In House Rehearsal – Tuesday, June 22nd for Performance A, 5:00 – 7:30 pm at the studio (students may leave after routine)

In House Rehearsal – Wednesday, June 23rd for Performance B, 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the studio (students may leave after routine)

Dress Rehearsals at Collins Center, Andover, MA – Thursday, June 24th - Performance A, 5:00–7:00 pm; Performance B, 7:30–10:00pm. (call times will be 4:30 pm for Performance I and 7:00 pm for Performance II – certain classes may be asked to arrive earlier if needed and will be notified)

Recital Performances at Collins Center, Andover, MA - Saturday June 26th (*times are still being worked out and will be announced before ticket day). A list of numbers in each show will be released in May.

Ticket Day: Sunday, May 23rd (*NEW DATE) - Doors will open at 10:00 am and close at 2:00 pm. Please expect long lines for the first half of the day. Tickets are sold at the studio. Tickets are \$22.00 each or \$24.00 at the door. There is a **4-ticket maximum** per family. At this time, seats will be selected on a first come first serve basis. If you may need more than the maximum, your name will be placed on a waiting list in order of your arrival. Once everyone has received their tickets, you will be contacted of any remaining tickets. **ALL PURCHASED TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.** Tickets **MAY NOT** be purchased for any other dancer other than your own. It is not fair to those who stand in line for tickets to have one family purchase tickets for another as well as their own. If you cannot physically attend Ticket Day, you may either send someone to stand in line for you or you can leave a check before ticket day in the tuition box with the number of tickets you are purchasing written in the memo. Ticket orders must be for your dancer ONLY. Thank you for your understanding.

Gotta Dance accepts cash or check. Sorry, no credit cards for recital tickets. At this time, we will also be taking recital T-shirt orders for our annual performance (this includes each student's name printed on the back)(\$22-\$25), orders for program ads to send a message to your special dancer a message or to advertise a business (\$8-\$82), and Summer and Fall registrations. Please make all checks payable to *Karrie Mason*. **Tickets must be paid for with a separate check.** All other purchases can be combined. Please be sure that your account is up to date by this day.

Picture Day: Sunday, June 6th - Everyone is expected to participate in group photos to help us add to our display each year. Individual photos will also be taken during this time if you plan to purchase them. Students should arrive 5 minutes prior to their scheduled time in full costume and make up. All alterations, accessories, painted shoes (if applicable), etc., must be completed by this time. If students have more than one costume, please arrive in your first costume and bring the others on hangers if you do not have time to go home to change in between. There is limited changing space at the studio. Students/parents bringing additional costumes on hangers must remain in the changing area. Parents are asked to wait in the waiting room as there is not enough room for students and parents in the studio area and it is very distracting to the child and photographer. Scheduled times for these photo shoots, order forms, and costume instructions will be enclosed with the May newsletter. Please have order forms filled out in advance. If you cannot attend Picture Day, we ask that you please let your Instructor know.

In-House Rehearsals: In-house rehearsals will take place at ***Gotta Dance on June 22nd and 23rd***. A list of routines for each performance will be distributed sometime in May. Costumes **will not** be needed for in-house rehearsals. Please be on time as the Finale number will be rehearsed first. Once your child's dance is finished, you may leave.

Dress Rehearsals: *Dress rehearsals will take place at the Collins Center at Andover High School in Andover, MA on Thursday, June 24th – Performance A, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Performance B, 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Awards for perfect attendance and 3, 5, 7, 10 + year recognition will take place from 7:00-7:30 pm.* Dancers in Performance A should arrive by 4:30 pm. If a dancer is only in Performance B and is not receiving any awards, you may arrive at 7:00 pm. All students must wear entire costume and stage makeup. All alterations should be completed before dress rehearsal to prevent us from stopping the rehearsal. Students should appear on stage exactly how they will appear for the performance. ***Dressing room volunteers are always needed.*** We would like to have at least one parent from each class. Anyone volunteering must be available during dress rehearsals **and** the performances and will still be able to watch their child perform in the standing area at the side of the auditorium. If you are not a volunteer, once you drop your child off, they will remain backstage until "pick up" time at the end of the performances. Volunteers are also needed for hallway monitors, runners, ushers, hair and make-up, stage props, backstage, etc. Please let us know if you are interested.

Costumes: Costumes will continue to be distributed throughout the month of April. Some costume balances have not been received. Balances are currently past due. Please make sure all balances are paid in full. Students will not receive their costumes until balances are paid. Costumes should be taken home and hung in a safe place. These costumes are irreplaceable and **should not** be worn or played with until after the performance. Costumes run in small, medium, large sizes and are not made to an exact order. Sizes were ordered that best fit the measurements taken earlier in the season. Therefore, everyone should expect some slight alterations, tacking, stitching, hemming, etc. Please contact Karrie or Heather with any questions or concerns. A letter will be sent home with the May newsletter including important instructions regarding costumes, shoes, tights, hair, etc.

Registrations for Summer and Fall classes will be accepted once the schedule is released at the end of April/early May. Please visit our website at www.ksgottadance.com or pick up a schedule at the studio. The schedule is tentative, and some classes are subject to change. If this should happen after registering, you will be contacted immediately. For summer camps and classes, please fill out a registration form and enclose a \$25.00 deposit to secure your spot. The balance will be due the first day of class. A registration fee is not required for summer classes. For fall classes, please fill out a 2021/2022 registration form and be sure to enclose the \$20.00 registration fee (If you have more than one child enrolling, please fill out a separate form for each child and enclose a \$25.00 family registration fee). Anyone registering for an Acro class, please note that it is mandatory to enroll in at least one dance class. Due to the nature of the class and time spent learning Acro, teachers do not have time to teach basic dance steps. If the class is a combo class (an Acro/Jazz combo), it will not be mandatory to take an additional class. Registration forms will be available at the studio or online. Spots are limited, and certain classes tend to fill up quickly before our Summer Open Houses. **Returning students are always encouraged to register at ticket day.**

***Gotta Dance will be closed for ALL classes (including Zumba classes)
Monday, April 19th – Saturday, April 24th for April school vacation.***

Happy Spring! ~ Karrie & the GD staff ☺