

Gotta Dance

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APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students,

We are open Friday, April 3rd and Saturday, April 4th!

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

Ticket Day – *Sunday, May 3rd from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm* at the studio

Picture Day – *Sunday, June 7th* at the studio (*scheduled times for each class will be released in May*)

In-House Rehearsal – *Tuesday, June 16th for Act I: 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the studio* (students may leave after their numbers have rehearsed). The show order for each Act will be released in May.

In-House Rehearsal – *Wednesday, June 17th for Act II: 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the studio* (students may leave after their numbers have rehearsed). The show order for each Act will be released in May.

Dress Rehearsal at Collins Center, Andover, MA – *Thursday, June 18th – 4:30 – 10:00 pm* (students may leave after their numbers have rehearsed) **Attendance is MANDATORY in order to perform in the recital.*

Recital Performance at Collins Center, Andover, MA - *Saturday June 20th starting at 2:00 pm.*

TICKET DAY: *Sunday, May 3rd* - 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 \$25.00 each or \$30.00 at the door.* There is a **15 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 checks. *Sorry, no credit cards for recital tickets.* At this time, we will also be taking recital T-shirt orders for our annual performance which is included as part of your recital fee payment (each student's name is printed on the back), orders for program ads to send a message to your special dancer a message or to advertise a business, and Summer and Fall registrations (which will be released later this month). Please make all checks payable to *Katrina Rotondi*. **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. **Pre-ticket sales are final as of June 16th.*

PICTURE DAY: *Sunday, June 7th* - 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 16th and 17th.* A list of the show order for each Act will be distributed at the end of May. Costumes **will not** be needed for in-house rehearsals, just

come as you would to class with all your dance shoes for all your numbers. *Please be on time as the Finale for each Act will be rehearsed first.* Once your dancer rehearses all of their numbers, they may leave.

DRESS REHEARSAL: *Dress rehearsal will take place at the Collins Center at Andover High School in Andover, MA on Thursday, June 18th – Act I from 4:00 – 7:00 pm and Act II from 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Awards for 3, 5, 7, 10 + year recognition will take place from 7:00-7:30 pm.* Dancers in Act I should arrive by 4:30 pm. If a dancer is only in Act II and is not receiving any awards, you may arrive at 7:00 pm. All students must wear their 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 are being distributed as they arrive. 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 Katrina with any questions or concerns. A letter will be sent home with the May newsletter including important instructions regarding costumes, shoes, tights, hair, etc.

REGISTRATION for Summer and Fall classes will be accepted once the schedules are released in late April. 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 happens 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 or the workshop. *A registration fee is not required for summer classes.*
For fall classes, please fill out a 2025/2026 registration form and be sure to enclose the \$25.00 registration fee for an individual dancer and \$30.00 family fee for 2 or more dancers (if you have more than one child enrolling, please fill out a separate form for each child). 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 on ticket day.**

FUNDRAISER 🌟 Come on out and support the competition team! On Monday, April 27th from 5-9pm at Chipotle, 199 Boston Rd, Billerica, MA use code **P2MV6TR** (or show the flyer) and a portion of the proceeds will go back to the team! Flyers will be at the studio.

Gotta Dance will be OPEN Friday, April 3rd & Saturday, April 4th for Easter weekend.
Gotta Dance will be CLOSED for *ALL regular dance classes and Zumba for April school vacation week, Monday, April 20th – Saturday, April 25th.

***LOST AND FOUND** – Please take the time to look in the lost and found bin as well as on the coat hooks for any dance shoes or clothing items your dancers may have left after class. All items left at the end of the season will be donated to The Wish Project.

Happy Spring! ~ Miss Katrina & the Gotta Dance staff