

Spring Updates and Recital 2024 Information Packet

This year's Recital (and Rehearsal) will take place at Godwin Heights High School at 50 – 35th Street SW, Wyoming Michigan. It is on the corner of 36th St and Division Ave. We will be having 1 show divided into 2 sections on Saturday, June 8th, starting at 12:00pm. The rehearsal for the show will be on Thursday evening, June 6th, also at Godwin Heights High School starting at 5:30pm.

*****Costume:** Costumes are starting to come in. We will be holding onto your dancer's costume until picture week. After picture week, dancers can take the costumes/tights home. You can read more about picture week later in this email.

*****Hair:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and for the Rehearsal/Recital, hair may be to your choosing. If the costume comes with a hairpiece, we ask that you incorporate it, but not everyone needs to be the same. Competition team dancers: picture week is to your choosing, rehearsal and recital is competition team low bun middle part.

*****Makeup:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and rehearsal/recital, makeup can be to your choosing. Although children do not normally wear makeup it does help so that the dancers do not look washed out onstage. We recommend that dancers should wear silver/charcoal colored eye shadow, foundation, lipstick and LOTS of blush that match your child's skin tone. Mascara and eyeliner are optional but are a good idea. Glitter and sparkles are encouraged! Again, this is not required.

- Competition team members should wear their usual competition team makeup.

******Other:** For the dancer's safety, no other jewelry should be worn other than the dance team members approved jewelry. For the best appearance, it is recommended that dancers should not be wearing any nail polish (on fingers or toes) and skin should be free from pen markings, temporary tattoos, etc. If your child has a piercing that cannot be taken out for any reason, please make sure they have a stud in.

Recital Songs

2-4 Year Combo Tap, "Good Mood" Miss Laura's Tuesday 5:00pm-5:50pm
 2-4 Year Combo Ballet, "You're Welcome" Miss Laura's Tuesday 5:00pm-5:50pm
 4-6 Year Combo Tap, "When Will My Life Begin" Miss Jillian's Monday 5:00pm-5:50pm
 4-6 Year Combo Ballet, "I See The Light" Miss Jillian's Monday 5:00pm – 5:50pm
 6-8 Year Combo Tap, "Better Place" Miss Erin's Wednesday 6:30pm-7:20pm
 6-8 Year Combo Ballet, "Steal The Show" Miss Erin's Wednesday 6:30pm-7:20pm
 5-9 Year Hip Hop, "Jump Lil Josh" Miss Brenna's Thursday 5:00pm-5:50pm
 5-9 Year Jazz, "Pink" Miss Laura's Tuesday 6:00-6:50pm
 9-12 Year Jazz, "The Eras Tour" Miss Jen's Monday 7:00pm – 7:50pm
 9-12 Ballet/Lyrical, Miss Zoe's Tuesday 5:00pm-5:50pm
 9-12 Year Hip Hop, "Step Up" Miss Brenna's Thursday 6:00-6:50pm
 Intermediate Acro, "Choose Your Fighter" Miss Anna Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:20pm
 13-19 Hip Hop, "Telephone" 13-19 Hip Hop, Miss Brenna's Thursdays 7:00-7:50pm
 Pointe "Unifying Principle" (Miss Zoe Tuesdays 7:00-7:30pm)
 Adult Ballet "Graves Into Gardens" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays 7:30-8:20pm)
 Adult Tap "White Winter Hymnal" (Miss Anna Wednesdays 7:30-8:20pm)

Parents/Dancers: Please look over the recital order and if your dancer is in multiple dances, please make sure there are at least 3 dances in between. Notify us ASAP if there isn't!

	<u>SONG</u>	<u>ROUTINE</u>
1	POP UP MUSICAL	REGIONALS MUSICAL THEATRE
		MC TALKS
2	WHEN WILL MY LIFE BEGIN	4-6 YEAR COMBO TAP
3	YOU'RE WELCOME	2-4 YEAR COMBO TAP
4	BETTER PLACE	6-8 YEAR COMBO TAP
5	HAPPY	MINI TAP
6	I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY	JUNIOR REGIONALS JAZZ
7	JIM AND PAM	TEENIOR REGIONALS JAZZ
8	STEAL THE SHOW	6-8 YEAR COMBO BALLET
9	I SEE THE LIGHT	4-6 YEAR COMBO BALLET
10	GOOD MOOD	2-4 YEAR COMBO BALLET
11	UNIFYING PRINCIPLE	POINTE
12	RUN FOR THE HILLS	JUNIOR REGIONALS CONTEMPORARY
13	I LIKE TO MOVE IT	MINI JAZZ
14	THE CHAIN	TEENIOR REGIONALS CONTEMPORARY
15	OVER THE LOVE	ADULT REGIONALS LYRICAL
16	WALK THE RUNWAY	MINI/JR HIP HOP
17	GIRL IN THE MIRROR	BROOKLYN/EDEN DUO
		MC TALKS
18	LOYAL	REGIONALS TEENIOR HIP HOP

INTERMISSION

MC TALKS

19	CASCADA	REGIONALS ACRO
20	WHITE WINTER HYMNAL	ADULT TAP
21	WHERE THE WISPS SING	9-12 BALLET/LYRICAL
22	JUMP	YOUNG HIP HOP
23	BACK AGAINST THE WALL	REGIONALS TAP
24	THE DESCENDANTS	LIS/JOS DUO
25	STEP UP	INTERMEDIATE HIP HOP
26	TELEPHONE	ADVANCED HIP HOP
27	DON'T WORRY	NATIONALS CONTEMPORARY
28	GRAVES INTO GARDENS	ADULT BALLET
29	THE ERAS TOUR	INTERMEDIATE JAZZ
30	LITTLE GIRL	NATIONALS TAP
31	CHOOSE YOUR FIGHTER	INTERMEDIATE ACRO
32	PINK	5-9 JAZZ
33	PLAY MY MUSIC	ELI/MELODY DUO
		MC TALKS
34	MIAMI	NATIONALS JAZZ
35	FINALE	FINALE

Recital 2024 Show – June 8th, 2024 at Godwin Heights High School

Please be aware that all monies owed to Expressions Dance Academy must be paid in full by the first week of May. Those who are not paid in full will not be allowed to participate in the 2024 Recital. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dance Rehearsal:

Dance rehearsal will be held Thursday June 6th and begin at 5:30pm. Rehearsal will also be held at Godwin Heights High School at 50 – 35th Street SW, Wyoming Michigan. Dancers must arrive wearing their costume, dance shoes, with hair and makeup done. We want you to be able to see the children up on stage exactly how they are going to be for the Recital so we can get the lighting correctly. Please keep in mind that these times are estimated and may take longer. There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium, (but allowed in the lobby) please plan accordingly.

Parents/Guardians are allowed in the auditorium during the rehearsal. We ask that you please be respectful during the rehearsal. When dancers/parents get there, please take a seat in the auditorium and wait for your dancer's dance to be called. When they are called, they will come backstage and we will get them ready to take the stage for rehearsal. When they are done with that dance, they can get changed for their next dance, or they are free to leave with parents.

Our dance rehearsal has been divided up into different sections so that your dancer will have time to run through their dance on the stage a couple times if needed and this will allow parents time to take pictures and video. We will also practice the group finale dance more than once throughout the rehearsal. Please be patient as we may have to run some dances more than once. Make sure your dancer is there early and ready so that when it is their turn to go on, they can get on quickly, go over formations with the teacher if necessary, find out what curtain they need to enter and exit from, and everything else that will make their dance run smoothly. It can be overwhelming for new dancers so getting them there early will help them and the teachers.

§ **Dancers who are in dances #2-10 should arrive to the school ready by 5:15pm**

§ **Dancers who are in dances #11-16 should arrive to the school ready by 6:00pm**

§ **Dancers who are in dances #20-25 should arrive to the school ready by 6:45pm**

§ **Dancers who are in dances #28-32 should arrive to the school ready by 7:30pm**

*****Please note that certain competition team dances will NOT be required to attend rehearsal. However plan on being at rehearsal for any other dances you are in – or if assistant teach a class. The following competition team dances are NOT required to attend rehearsal: Regionals Teen/Senior Contemporary (The Chain), Regionals Junior Contemp (Run For The Hills), Regionals Teen/Senior Hip Hop (Loyal), Regionals Tap (Back Against The Wall), Regionals Acro (Cascada), Regionals Teen/Senior Jazz (Jim and Pam), Regionals Junior Jazz (I Wanna Dance With Somebody), Adult Jazz (All My Favorite Songs), Adult Lyrical (Over the Love), Regionals Musical Theatre (Pop Up Musical), Regionals Mini/Jr Hip Hop (Walk The Runway), Nationals Jazz (Miami), Nationals Tap (Little Girl) Nationals Contemporary (Perfection) We **would** still like Mini Tap and Mini Jazz to come practice if able.**

Once your dancer is done with all of their dances at rehearsal, they are free to leave; they do not need to stay until the end unless they wish to.

For the Recital: All dancers should arrive between 11:30am and 12pm. They should come to the kid's backstage room (there will be signs in the lobby). If your dancer isn't until the second half, they can watch the first half of the Recital (dancers do not need a ticket) and then come to the backstage room at intermission.

Your Dancer's Music is on Dropbox! You can download your dancer's song or listen to it via dropbox, courtesy of the studio. Please take advantage of this and have your dancer practice at home!

Even putting on the music and having them do just what they remember will help improve their dancing greatly. If it hasn't been uploaded yet, it will be soon. Go to www.expressionsdancegr.com/media - click on the link and it will take you to our dropbox account with the music on it.

*****Another great tool to help your dancer's do their best at Recital** – As the dancer's having started learning their dance, the teacher's will invite you in towards the end of classes to watch their dance (or in the middle if they are a combo class). During this time, you are encouraged to videotape your child doing their dance so they can practice at home! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Finale - Finale is the last dance of each section of the Recital where all the dancers in the Recital get a chance to come back out onstage and do one final very easy number together. Your dancer will be learning this finale dance during their class. It is just a very easy dance as it must be able to be performed by 2 year olds through adults. Dancers are not required to participate in the finale but it is a fun way to end all their hard work, and for them to be up on stage again. If the dancers are not already backstage, they should come back during towards the end of the section to get ready for finale. The teachers and teacher's assistants will help get them all onstage. At the end of the section, after finale, the dancers will stay on stage and wait for their parents to come up and get them. You can then take your dancer backstage if they have to gather their things. During Rehearsal we will be practicing Finale multiple times throughout the evening.

T-shirts for the 2024 Recital

If you would like to order a t-shirt for your dancer, you can pre-order those for \$25 each. These are a great souvenir for your dancer, but parents, friends, and family will get one too! The t-shirts will display Recital 2024 on the front and the names of all the dancers who participated in the Recital on the back. This year the t-shirt color will be a sage green color with black writing (picture to the left is not yet updated from last years). In order to get a t-shirt you must pre-order them during the month of April online at <https://expressions-dance-academy.square.site>. You can also find the link online at www.expressionsdancegr.com. T-shirts may be picked up at the front table the night of your dancer's rehearsal or Recital at Wyoming Junior High School. **If you do not order your t-shirt in advance, you will not be able to receive one as there are no extras ordered.**

Size: 10.5" wide x 6.5" tall
Color: Black



Picture Week

Picture week will be held in May. This will be May 6 – 10th. Dancers should arrive with their dance shoes and their hair and makeup to the parent's choosing. The costumes/tights will be given to the dancer/parent upon arrival and they can change into it. The dancers will be taking group pictures as well as individual pictures. Remember you can take pictures with other dancers (many siblings who dance in different classes like to get their picture taken together) and that is just fine as well! The teachers will help with poses but if your dancer has any they really want to do, please let us know! The pictures are not professional; they are taken by EDA staff. This is because we want a picture of all our dances as well as it gives the dancers a chance to practice being in their costume before the big day, without the feeling that you need to pay a lot of money for pictures. Parents are allowed to bring cameras and take their own pictures as well as long as it is not interfering with the regular pictures being taken. After pictures are taken, the recreational classes will do their dance in their costumes a couple of times and practice finale. The link for pictures is in the information section of the parent portal.

All Recreational Classes come at their regularly scheduled dance class time to get their pictures taken. After pictures, the teacher may want the dancers to practice their dance in their costume so they can get used to it. Make sure you are on time for pictures as groups cannot wait because there will be other groups waiting.

Because Recital is a week later than usual, please read below for the schedule during the last couple weeks of dance:

Regular class schedules run through the week of May 20th-24th

Monday May 27th: No dance due to Memorial Day

Tuesday May 28-Friday May 31st: Final week of class for Tuesday through Friday classes, classes held at regular time

Monday June 3rd: Final day of dance for Monday classes, classes held at regular time

Tuesday June 4: No Dance Classes / Studio Closed

Wednesday June 5: Competition Team Tryouts for the Following Season

Thursday June 6: Rehearsal at Godwin Heights High School

Friday June 7: No Dance / Studio Closed

Saturday June 8: Recital at Godwin Heights High School

Please ask all questions that you have during the last week of class since the studio will be closed the week of recital in order to prepare for the upcoming show. You can always reach us via email at expressions_dnc@yahoo.com.

Videos for the 2024 Recital

Parents can feel free to videotape or photograph their children's dance, as long as they are remaining courteous to those around them. We will probably do an informal video as well of the dances and upload to Dropbox. A link will be sent out via email afterwards.

Tickets for the 2024 Recital

We will be using an online ticketing system this year again. We are sorry to have to keep increasing the price of tickets. Many of the local schools are not doing any outside rentals which leaves us with very few choices, and Godwin is quite expensive (they have a great facility, it's just more expensive than schools we have been able to use in the past). Tickets will be \$15.00 each and you can purchase them here starting May 1, 2024. (You can also go to our homepage and click from there). Dancers in the show do not need a ticket. Infants who can sit on laps do not need a ticket. You can buy tickets up until the middle of the Recital. They MUST be purchased online. Tickets are general admission. Remember this link will not be active until May 1st.

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/72312045/eda-recital-2024>

2024 Open House

Our 2024-2025 season open house is tentatively scheduled for Thursday August 1st from 4pm – 7pm. You can come to the open house to register, or you will be able to register online at www.expressionsdancegr.com starting on August 1st as well.

Dance Team Tryouts for the 2024-2025 Dance Year

We will be having competition team tryouts on Wednesday, June 5th. Anyone who wishes to be a part of our competition team can tryout (this includes dancers already on the team from the year prior). Tryouts are free and for dancers who will be age 7 or older next fall. (Dancers Ages 3-6 do NOT need to try out to be on the Mini Team). For those who can't make these tryouts, we will offer another one on Tuesday August 6th.

5:00 – 5:45pm Hip Hop Tryouts

5:45 – 6:30pm Jazz Tryouts

6:30 – 7:15pm Lyrical/Contemporary Tryouts

7:15 – 8:00pm Tap Tryouts

8:00 – 8:45pm Musical Theatre Tryouts

8:45 – 9:30pm Acro Tryouts

Letter of acceptance will be emailed out middle of July and will give more information on the meeting held in August.

You can find out more about our Competition Team online at www.expressionsdancegr.com.

Reminder of Ages as of September 1 of the beginning of the current dance season:

Mini Dancers aged 3-6

Junior Dancers aged 7-10

Teen Dancers aged 11-14

Senior Dancers aged 15-19

Adult Dancers aged 20 & up

- **Mini Jazz/Mini Tap (2 routines)**
- **Junior Jazz/Junior ContLyrical (2 routines)**
- **Teen & Senior Jazz/Teen & Senior ContLyrical (2 routines)**
- **Mini & Junior Hip Hop (1 routine)**
- **Teen & Senior Hip Hop (1 routine)**
- **Adult Jazz/Adult ContLyrical (2 routines)**
- **Junior & Teen & Senior & Adult Tap (1 routine)**
- **Acro – All Ages (1 routine)**
- **Musical Theatre – All Ages (1 routine)**

Expressions Dance Academy Offering Summer Classes! - This summer, Expressions Dance Academy will be offering summer classes for your dancer to keep up with her/his dance technique! Or, if you have a child that is interested in dance but unsure if you want to sign them up for a whole year of dance, this would be the best time to try out the classes! Classes are \$10 each, or you can purchase an Unlimited Summer Class Pass for \$75. Classes are drop in style – come as often or little as you want! The classes run for 6 weeks total. Classes start the week of June 8th and the last week will be July 22nd. No pre-registration necessary, but you can register online for easy payment options. **There will be no class the entire week of July 1-5 for the Holiday.**

The **tentative** schedule is posted below:

TUESDAY

ROOM 1/NORTH SIDE

ROOM 2/ SOUTH SIDE

MISS BRENNNA

5:00PM - 5:50PM

5-9 YEAR OLD HIP HOP

6:00PM - 6:50PM

9-12 YEAR OLD HIP HOP

7:00PM - 7:50PM

13 YEARS AND UP HIP HOP

WEDNESDAY

ROOM 1/NORTH SIDE

ROOM 2/SOUTH SIDE

MISS ERIN

MISS BRENNNA

5:30-6:20 PM

5-9 YEAR OLD JAZZ

9-12 LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY

6:30-7:20 PM

9-12 YEAR OLD JAZZ

5-9 LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY

7:30-8:20PM

13 AND UP JAZZ

6-12 MUSICAL THEATRE

THURSDAY

ROOM 1/NORTH SIDE

ROOM 2/SOUTH SIDE

MISS ANNA

MISS JEN

5:30PM - 6:20PM

7-12 YEAR OLD ACRO

3-6 YEAR OLD TAP/BALLET
COMBO

6:30PM-7:20PM

3-6 YEAR OLD ACRO

6-8 YEAR OLD TAP/JAZZ COMBO


7:30PM-8:20PM

13 AND UP ACRO

9-12 YEAR OLD TAP/JAZZ COMBO

Competition Team News

Need a reminder of the competition schedules and what dances are going? Click for the sheet:

 [2023-2024 Competition Spreadsheet](#)

Picture week for competition team:

During picture week of May 6-10, It is imperative that we keep solos, duos, and trios running as scheduled because many of them have a competition that weekend. So please forgive the schedule if it looks a little messy.

Remember just as usual, hair and makeup are to the dancers choosing for pictures. We would love everyone to wear earrings and bring their necklace and rhinestone clip in case we decide to wear it for the group dance picture.

If I forgot someone, please let me know. It wasn't intentional.

Monday May 6th:

4:30-5:00pm: Eli/Melody Duo, Julie solo

6:00-7:00pm: Mini Tap & Jazz, Luna T Solo, Liz/Jos Duo, Aralynn Solo

7:00-8:00pm: Mini/Jr Hip Hop, Kevaya solo, Violet solos,

8:00-9:00pm: Regionals Tap, Ariella solos, Kennedy solos, Ariella/Kennedy duo, Taylor Solos

Tuesday May 7th:

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Junior Jazz, Junior Lyrical, Teen/Senior Jazz, Teen/Senior Contemporary, Brooklyn/Eden duo

7:00pm – 8:30pm: Nat Jazz, Nat Contemporary, Nat Tap, Pointe class, Jaycie Duffy, Jordyn Duffy, Duffy Duo,

*Please note as of right now we are still planning on holding Nat Jazz/Nat Cont/Nat Tap class from 8:30-9:30pm.

Wednesday May 8th:

7:30- – 8:30pm: (Adult Tap & Adult Ballet), Morgan K solo, Morgan L solos, Erin solos, Anna solo,, Melody Solo

9-9:30 adult lyrical and adult jazz comp team pics

Thursday, May 9th:

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Regionals Acro, Luna M Solo, Aaliyah Solo, Lydia solo, Lydia/Kylen duo, Kylen solo , Kayleigh/Ariella/Kennedy trio,

7:00pm – 8:00pm: Regionals Musical Theatre, Kayleigh, Stella, Angelica's solos, Kayleigh/Stella duo

8:00pm – 9:00pm: Regionals Hip Hop, Sera solo, Brielle Solo, Izzy Solo, Izzy/Kylen duo, Brielle/Stella duo, Small Group

A reminder that although Regionals Dances are dancing in the Recital, they do not attend rehearsal.

Tentative Summer Schedule for Nationals Dances

If you don't see your dance on the list, please let Miss Kelly know and she will get you scheduled in. If you foresee a problem with this schedule, please also let Miss Kelly know ASAP.

***We expect you to be there for all these practices. I know some of us like to leave early for Competitions, and this shouldn't interfere with that since it's only Monday – Tuesday. But if you are planning on leaving early, make sure it isn't until a Wednesday. Thank you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR NATIONALS BOUND DANCES

MONDAY June 10, 17, 24

4:00-4:30PM
4:30-5:00PM

5:00-5:30PM

5:30-6:00PM

6:00-6:30PM

6:30-7:00PM

7:00-7:30PM

7:30-8:00PM

8:00-8:30PM

8:30-9:00PM

9:00-9:30PM

ROOM 1

ARALYNN
JULIE

JAYCIE

STELLA/KAYLEIGH

KAYLEIGH

STELLA

AALIYAH

ARIELLA

LYDIA/KYLEN DUO

IZZY

IZZY/KYLEN DUO

ROOM 2

LYDIA

JORDYN

DUFFY DUO

STELLA/BRIELLE

BRIELLE

SERA

KENNEDY

TAYLOR

KYLEN

ARIELLA/KENNEDY DUO

TUESDAY June 11, 18, 25

4:30-5:00PM

5:00PM - 6:00PM

6:00PM - 7:00PM

7:00PM - 8:00 PM

8:00-8:30PM

8:30-9:00PM

9:00PM - 9:30 PM

ROOM 1

VIOLET

NATIONALS CONT

NATIONALS JAZZ

NATIONALS TAP

SMALL GROUP

ANGELICA SOLO

ARIELLA/KENNEDY/KAYLEIGH TRIO

ROOM 2

KEVAYA

ROOM IN USE

ROOM IN USE

ROOM IN USE

MELODY SOLO

ADULT LYRICAL/JAZZ

CAITLYN SOLO