

Competition Lines—Basic Information for 2014-2015

<u>Welcome Back!</u> Summer flew by with Nationals in Wisconsin Dells, Dance Olympus Convention, the Rivertown Days Parade, summer classes. Congratulations dancers for your performances at Midwest Starz Nationals 2014 in the Wisconsin Dells. Over 150 dancers earned 1st place and/or platinum awards at the biggest nationals event ever! Over 80 of you earned the title of "Grand National Champion" at the callback event. This includes Giant Clog, Silver Clog, and Emerald Clog. Congratulations to everyone-you performed your best under the National spotlight!

The Rivertown Days Parade had the best attendance ever-great family fun! Thank you volunteers! We all learned a lot at the Dance Olympus convention.

Congratulations to our staff member Kayla Winter, for her selection to the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleader squad for the second year.

Fall Classes resume Monday, September 8th.

FALL OPEN HOUSE & SHOE SWAP: Wed., August 13th at the Studio from 5pm-8pm. **Bring in your previously worn shoes to the shoe swap so you can try to sell them.** Do not just drop them off to sell as we have no one to supervise the sale of them. You can also register by mail. Registration forms and information is available online.

VACATION SCHEDULE:

Thanksgiving: No classes Thurs, Nov. 27 through Sat, Nov. 29. Classes resume Monday, Dec. 1st.

Christmas: No classes Mon., December 22 through Fri., January 2nd. Classes resume Monday, Jan 5, 2015.

Spring Break: No classes Mon., March 16 through Sat., March 21. Classes resume Monday, March 23.

No Competitions will be attended March 13-15 or March 20-22.

Last Week of Classes: Mon, May 18 through Sat, May 23.

TENTATIVE REVUE DATES: Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31.

TECHNIQUE CLASSES: All students on a Competition Line grades 5 and up must attend technique classes weekly. Comp line students grades 3 and 4 must attend 3 classes of technique per month. **THIS INCLUDES STUDENTS IN CLOGGING.** *** You may attend as many technique classes as you want for the same fee!

ATTENDANCE POLICY: All classes missed must be made up by attending an additional technique class to prevent suspension from a line. For example, if you miss a jazz, clogging and technique class on Monday, you must make up those classes by attending 3 additional technique classes. You can attend any technique class for the makeup. Many dancers used the Friday ballet/technique class for this purpose.

DANCE ATTIRE AND DRESS: <u>GIRLS</u>: All girls must wear a leotard. Jan will place an order for any leotards you want. See desk. If you want to layer a tight fitting tank top over it with shorts or capris, that is fine. Please no pants, we need to see the knees. As always, tights and kneepads are recommended for floor work (standard volleyball type is fine or even a thinner variety). All hair must be pulled back in a ponytail/bun and off the face. <u>BOYS</u>: Wear knit shorts and T-shirts or sweats. Kneepads are recommended for floor work (standard volleyball type is fine or even a thinner variety).

During the year: We are communicating all registration forms, newsletters, and handouts via email now. Please contact the studio if you are not receiving these. Studio: (651) 438-3690. Check out our website at www.jansschoolofdance.com and look for Jan's School of Dance, Inc. on Facebook. It is **your** responsibility to keep up on extra practices and information.

SHOES NEEDED:

Technique class: All competition line dancers MUST wear ballet shoes (any color, canvas/leather) OR Paul Wright 1/2 ballets

Jazz, Novelty and Lyrical classes: Paul Wright half ballet in tan.

Clogging Shoes by Line:

Pre-comp Girls: White 12 W Tap Shoes

Turquoise (Grade 3)

Blue, Gold, Emerald (Grades 4-7)

Super Clog, Silver Clog, Giant Clog

White "Growing Girl" (Graduated Taps)

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White "Close with Steven stompers

Black 720s with Steven stompers

Boys:

Pre-comp and 3rd Grade Boys: Black 12F tap Shoes

All other lines: Black 720s with Steven Stompers

Hip Hop: Clean tennis shoes

Pointe: See your teacher, I can order for you if you know the brand and style number.

2014-2015 Estimated Expenses:

Costume down payments will be \$75 per costume per dancer with the first payment due October 1st. If you are in more than one routine, you may pay the \$75 in installments, but all down payments must be received by December 1st. The cost per costume averages between \$100-\$190 for beginning lines and \$125-\$275 for intermediate and advanced lines. A second down payment of \$25 per costume is due March 1. Competition Line costumes are ordered October 1. No refunds will be given if you drop after Oct. 1st. (Reminder: Dropping classes requires written notice.)

Competition Entry Fees average \$38-\$48 per routine. These fees include 4 regional competitions as well as Nationals entry fees and rehearsal fees. We have broken the entry fees into 2 installments. The first payment of \$100 per routine per dancer is due with your November tuition. You may pay in installments, but all down payments must be received by Dec. 15th. The final installment is due with your Feb tuition. You will be entered in all competitions regardless of whether you attend. The amount of the second installment will be finalized later. Nationals are for everyone on a line. National dates are not yet available, but will be in either June or July.

2014-2015 Competition Line Payment Schedule

Payments are due to Jan in the Studio on the first week of each month. Your class tuition is broken into 9 equal payments. If you are paying by check, note the student name and line on the check. Also note what the check is for and attach the month's voucher from your payment book.

Month	Fees Due	
Sept	Tuition, Registration (\$15), Technique Fees – ½ year (\$65)	
Oct	Tuition, Costume down payment (\$75 / costume)	
Nov	Tuition, Competition entry fee down payment (\$100 / routine)	
Dec	Tuition (All costume & entry fee down payments are due)	
Jan	Tuition, Technique Fee – 2nd ½ year (\$65)	
Feb	Tuition, Competition entry fee final balance (Jan will notify you of amount)	
Mar	Tuition, Costume 2nd payment (\$25 / costume)	
Apr	Tuition, Costume Final balance (Jan will notify you of final balance due)	
May	Tuition	

REMINDER: If you intend to drop a class or quit, you must send <u>WRITTEN NOTIFICATION</u> to Jan. If you do not send a notice, you will be billed for classes until this notification is received. Calling, leaving a message or not attending class is not sufficient. Costumes are ordered Oct.1st. Costume fees will not be refunded for students dropping after Oct. 1st.

