



# Faith in Motion: FEBRUARY



## *What a Week!*

Good morning, Faith in Motion Family!

I apologize for the delay in getting this e-mail out to you. It has been quite a week! One thing about January is it definitely FEELS like it lasts 31 days (at least)! I hope you all have enjoyed the glimmer of sunshine that finally came out for us this week. It is such a lovely reminder that spring can't be too far away! It looks like warmer temperatures are on the way next week, too. There is always something to look forward to!

[Here are the updates for this week:](#)

- [If your dancer has proper dance shoes, they need to wear them each week to class.](#) Feel free to check out the "shoe swap" collection of gently used shoes that are up for grabs. You are welcome to look through what we have before or after class.

- Speaking of shoes, I need to address a very important concern regarding pointe shoes. I know the art of pointe ballet is beautiful and an enticing goal to so many of our dancers. However, please know that it is very hard on the body and requires proper training and preparation to avoid injuries. I am seeing and hearing about many dancers (who are not taking Ballet 3) but are purchasing and/or wearing pointe shoes. **This is a huge concern for your dancer's health and safety!** If Miss Erika has not assessed your ankles to ensure proper strength AND if you are not of age to take Ballet 3, **we do NOT recommend attempting to go up on pointe.** While we cannot control what dancers choose to do at home, **pointe shoes should NOT be worn at Faith in Motion without Miss Erika's approval.** The starting age for pointe is typically 12 years old, and some studios even require a full physical exam before clearing a dancer for pointe. Before the age of 12, a lot of the bones in the feet/ankles are not sufficiently developed enough to withstand the pressure of dancing on pointe... dancing on pointe before properly prepared can likely result in serious injuries! Thank you in advance for helping us keep our dancers safe!

- February's monthly payment is due this week in class!! Please plan to pay with cash (in an envelope labeled with your dancer's name), checks (made out to Saint Joseph UMC), or credit card. If you choose to pay via credit card, please remember to pay through the registration form:  
**<https://stjoemin.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2655118>**

I apologize for my delay in reaching out for people that still owe fees for January. I will reach out soon. There have been some obstacles in switching over to the new online payment system. Please let me know if you had questions that still require answers!

- I will have the link soon for Komets tickets for our performance on April 12th. Stay tuned! I will reach out to our ticket rep today.

- Just a reminder... **Attendance is SO important!!!** Some dancers have already missed multiple classes within the first month. This is unacceptable... it is not fair to instructors or peers in class to spend additional time reviewing/reteaching. Outside of injury, illness, or family emergency, we expect dancers to attend class. If you are constantly missing classes already, I encourage you to re-evaluate your schedules to ensure dance classes fit into your schedule.

- We will plan to reuse as many costumes from the fall as possible. I am really hoping to avoid additional costume fees. I should have this information to you in my e-mail February 13th. Costume fees will be due in mid-March.

***A HUGE shout-out to Amber and Logan's mother, Jackie, for putting so much time and effort into organizing our storage closet!! Now that we can clearly see a lot of the costumes we have, we should be able to use a lot of them!***

- Big things are happening all the time for Faith in Motion! We have two additional performance opportunities for you to consider, **please let me know if your dancers are interested in participating in either ASAP!**

1) Once again, we are planning to dance during services on Easter Sunday (April 20th). Practices will likely take place on Sundays at 1pm, beginning in late February or early March. We would love to have a presence at all 3 services (9am & 11am at the church and 10am at the Y). Let me know if your dancers would like to participate!

2) We have been asked to perform a shortened version of our spring recital at a Senior Adult Ministry event at Brookside Church on Monday, June 9th. This event will take place in the afternoon, so you would need to be sure your dancers are available AND they have transportation to and from Brookside. What a

great opportunity for us to spread our mission to a neighboring church, and they would like to make a donation to our ministry in return for the performance. While I know this is far away, they are looking for a commitment sooner rather than later... please let me know if your dancers can attend!

- Our fall recital is now LIVE on our YouTube channel!! This makes it easier to view and share to friends and families. If you still would like a DVD of the show, please let me know. I have a small supply available to share. Here is the link to the recital: [https://youtu.be/s\\_wZJgWNVa8?si=dMoqLMvyAuYNGqc6](https://youtu.be/s_wZJgWNVa8?si=dMoqLMvyAuYNGqc6)

See you all soon!!  
Holly Fox



## SAVE THESE DATES:

Monthly Payments Due: February 2/3, March 2/3, April 6/7

Group Practices: February 17, March 17, April 21

Komets Performance: Saturday, April 12

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, May 2, 6-8pm

Recital: Saturday, May 3

## STAY CONNECTED

Social Media:  
[www.facebook.com/faithinmotiondancestudio](http://www.facebook.com/faithinmotiondancestudio)

YouTube:  
[https://youtube.com/@hollyglen\\_tzer6378?si=hOiSVQbpMnBoQRsk](https://youtube.com/@hollyglen_tzer6378?si=hOiSVQbpMnBoQRsk)

Website: [stjoemin.com/dance](http://stjoemin.com/dance)

*"Teaching more than just dance!"*

# WEEKLY DANSPARATION



## *"Painting the Studio RED!"*

This week, I'd love to talk about our RUBY!!! We are SO happy to have Ruby back in dance classes this session after a few sessions off. She came to us as a toddler in 2019, alongside her sisters and cousin. From there, Ruby moved on to try hip-hop and tap... and she rocks at both! Over the years, we have watched Ruby move from the toddler class to level 1 classes, and now, level 2 classes! We all love to have Ruby in class. She greets her instructors with a hug before every class. One of my favorite things about Ruby is how she supports others in dance. Over the summer when Elly and I were working on our Christmas tap duet, Ruby would come along to watch from time to time. I will never forget when Ruby looked at Elly and I and said, "Wow, it kind of seems like you two were meant to dance together!" Just this past week, Ruby came to dance before her class and took it upon herself to record part of her younger sister's dance class so her sister could practice at home. Now that her younger brother is in the toddler class, Ruby loves to watch and support him, too! When I was walking around and popping in classes last Monday, seeing Ruby in the front row of the hip-hop routine made me smile. We are so glad to have this sweet and spunky redhead back!!



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