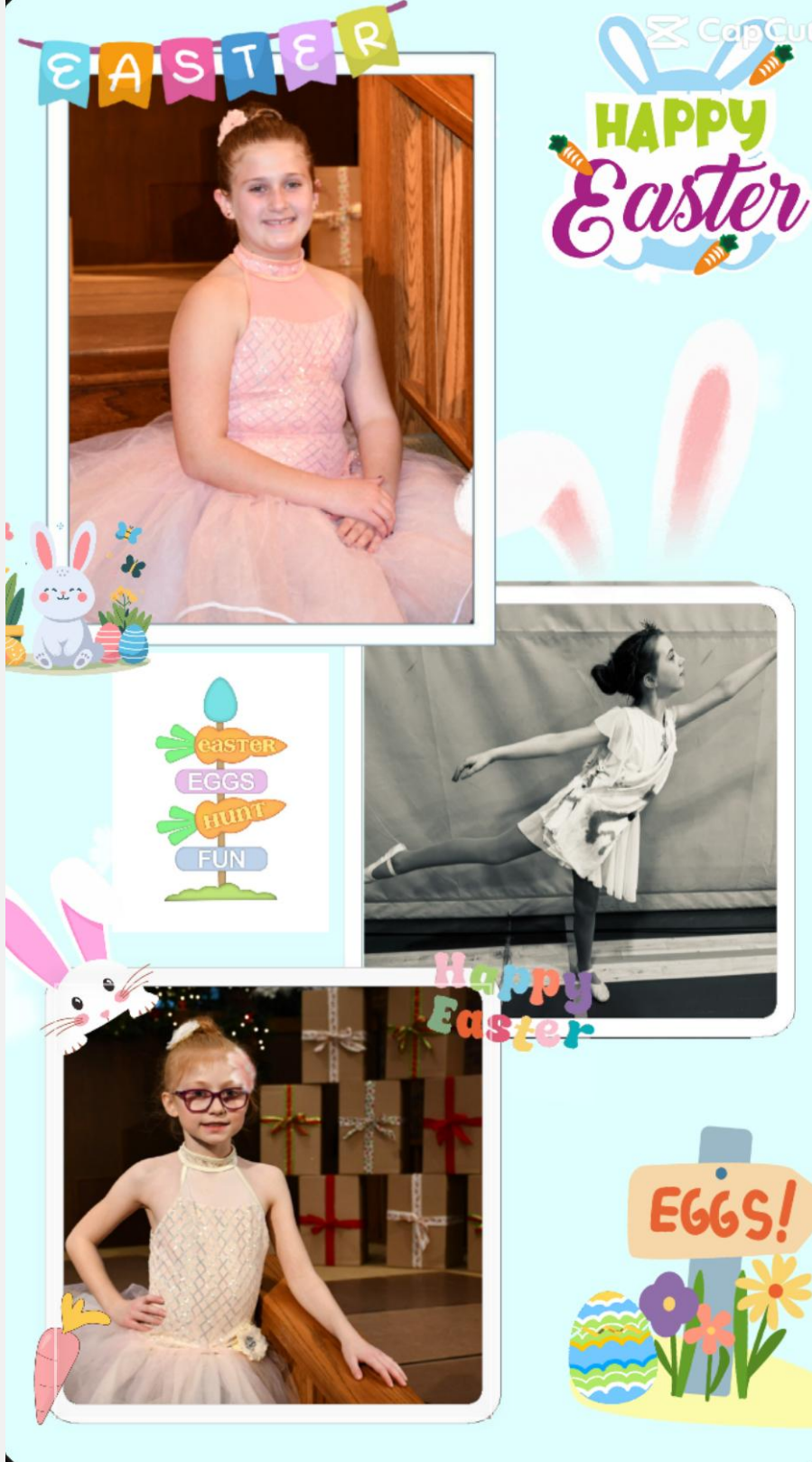




Faith in Motion: APRIL



It's SHOWTIME!

Good morning, Faith in Motion Family!

I hope you all have had a great week and a smooth transition back into your routines after Spring Break. Here we are, the last few weeks of the session and... PERFORMANCE TIME!!! I can hardly wait! The dancers are going to do great, I can feel it! We are just two days away from our Komets performance and 23 days away from recital! Just a reminder that attendance and communication will be very important during these last few weeks of the session. Make sure dancers are practicing and prepared for the upcoming performances. This is their moment to SHINE!

Here are the updates for this week:

- The LAST monthly payment of the session was due April 6/7! Please plan to pay in cash, checks, or through the online registration form.

- Costumes replacements have been ordered and shipped! I even had them shipped to my home address to ensure delivery! As of now, the order should be here in time for tonight's practice. Fingers crossed the tracking number's accuracy doesn't fail me now!!!!!!

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE COSTUMES ARE HUNG OUT AND NOT STUFFED IN BAGS!!!** Costumes should be free of wrinkles by the time of the performance. This may require the use of a steamer. I also recommend hanging costumes in the bathroom so the steam from showers will help pull out wrinkles. **If you need help, reach out. I am happy to help or let you borrow my steamer.**

- Performance hair: Girl dancers, hair must be worn in a half up ponytail at the crown of the head, with provided hairpieces worn as directed (specifics listed in the packing list below). If hair is too short to be worn in this style, please make sure hair is out of your dancer's face and hairpieces are worn as directed. Make-up is not required, but you may choose to apply a little "stage make-up."

- Please ensure you have appropriate undergarments to wear under your costumes. No straps should be visible. Undergarments should be nude/flesh colors. I highly recommend clear straps. Also, no additional accessories (watches, bracelets, dangling earrings, etc).

- Here is the link to purchase Komets tickets!! ALL dancers, instructors, and spectators must purchase tickets. Even if you are not staying for the game, tickets must be purchased for anyone who will enter the gameday festivities. This is also a HUGE fundraiser for us.... we earn \$6 per ticket! **Days are running out to purchase tickets!**

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/FaithInMotion>

A note about Komets seating... I will be sitting in section 218. If there are any dancers dancing on the ice in my section, I can tentatively plan to walk them to and from the locker room. Providing the pre-game performance wraps up in time, I am hoping to sit in my seat for the Komets intro before heading down backstage.... I'm not one to miss the whole "Welcome to the Jungle" bit! Let me know if I should tentatively plan to collect your dancers. I will make a list and contact you if I cannot escort them to the locker room.

- Before we review the overwhelming amount of Komets performance information, let me remind you all that April 12th is a "race day" for me. Feel free to reach out, however, be aware that my communication will be limited during the morning hours while I'm running. However, rest assured your need to communicate last minute info to me will serve as motivation for me to zip through those 13.1 miles!!!!!! :)

I will be at the Coliseum around 5:45pm, and instructors with classes performing in the pre-game performance should plan to arrive between 5:45-6pm.

Here... we... GO!

Please note that some Level 2 dancers will be performing during both the pre-game and on ice performances.

**Dancers performing the pre-game performance:
(Toddlers, Level 1, some Level 2 dancers)**

- Please arrive at the Coliseum at 6pm in costume.
- At this time, the doors will not be officially open yet, but they will allow

dancers, instructors, and a limited amount of parents in at this time.
Dancers 8 and younger may bring one parent in with them.

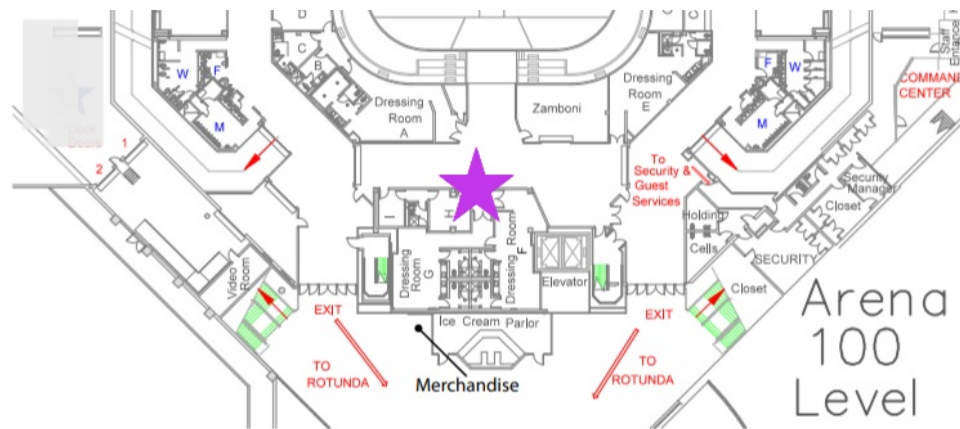
- All other dancers will be escorted to our performance area by instructors and parent volunteers.
- Doors will open at 6:15pm, and the pre-game performance will begin promptly at 6:25pm.
- These dancers will perform in the odd side concession area, **PLEASE DIRECT YOUR FAMILIES AND "FANS" TO THIS AREA.**
- Dancers must stay with Faith in Motion staff for the entirety of the performance. With the crowds present at the game, it is for the dancers' safety to keep them together without having to keep track of dancers who leave early.
- As soon as the performance ends, please plan to pick up your dancers. Faith in Motion staff will have a somewhat quick turnaround time to prepare for the performance on the ice.
- Here is the order for the pre-game performance:
 - Toddlers
 - Hip-Hop 1
 - Tap 2
 - Ballet 1
 - Musical Theater
 - Tap 1
 - Hip-Hop 2
 - Poms
 - Lyrical
- Restrooms will be available at the Coliseum for costume changes. There is a restroom directly across from our performance area. Please be polite. Do not leave items unattended, and be courteous, as Komets fans will also be utilizing the facilities, too.
- *If your dancer is in multiple classes, please be organized!! Please have items for the next costume change laid out, and please have a plan for meeting your dancer in the restroom or making sure they know they need to change independently. Instructors will likely only be available for minor assistance (such as zippers, hooks, adding a hairpiece, etc). WE MUST CHANGE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!!!! Thank you in advance for helping us keep the show moving!*

Dancers performing on the ice:
(Most Level 2 & All Level 3 dancers)

- Dancers should arrive in costume at some point between when the doors open at 6:15pm and when the game starts at 7:30pm. (I would appreciate a text or a physical check-in when these dancers arrive... or you can come cheer on the pre-game dancers!)
- Dancers may sit in their seats until we gather for the performance. However, do NOT eat in your costumes!!!
- Dancers performing on the ice should plan to meet in the locker room "back stage" by 7:45pm. Dancers can directly report here, but FIM staff will not be there until 7:30/7:40pm. This area can be found right around the corner from the lobby, near the ice cream and merchandise area (see map below; report to the "purple star" area). We will have access to the locker room for the whole night, so dancers are welcome to drop and leave dance bags and belongings there, as long as items are taken with dancers after the game. Dancers can also change in this space following the performance.
- Please plan to watch dancers perform from your seat and not from the backstage area, as you will be in the way of the Zamboni. So cheer loud for us!!
- The following dancers will perform parts of the following routines in this order:
 - Hip-Hop 3 (Lizzie, Lydia, Elaina)

- Ballet 2 (Abby, Elly, Amber)
- Ballet 3 (Karly & Brielle)
- Jazz 3 (Sadie & Marah)
- Jazz 2 (Ari, Maby, Ada, Joslyn)
- Group dance (everyone, led by Kailyn, Emerson, Julianna)
- We will be dancing between the first and second periods of the game, facing the even sections. It is hard to pinpoint the exact time of our performance, but I am told to plan on 7:55-8:15pm.
- After performing, you can pick your dancers up from the locker room backstage.
- Please plan to change out of costumes directly after the performance.

- There is an additional rehearsal for the classes performing on the ice at the Komets (Ballet 2, Ballet 3, Hip-Hop 3, Jazz 2, Jazz 3, Tap 3, and Julianna). This practice will take place on **TONIGHT: Thursday, April 10th from 6-7:45pm.**



- Easter is getting closer! I have confirmed we are dancing at only the 9am and 10am services. I will send out specific info to dance families participating in this performance next week.

Here are the remaining times for Easter practice:

- All dancers will attend practice on April 13.

- Looking ahead... I will be spending most of the day Friday, May 2nd at the church assembling and setting up recital props. If anyone is available and willing to help, it would be greatly appreciated! The day will mainly consist of assembling cardboard stand-ups, placing decorations, hanging signs, and (most importantly) talking me off of ledges... :)

- Hip-Hop 3 & Musical Theater: Our mini photo shoot WILL take place on Sunday, April 13th from 2:30-3:30pm. These 2 classes should plan to bring your costumes on this day.

- Lastly, SAVE THE DATE: Dance Camp is officially scheduled for July 30th-August 2nd!! Instructors, keep these dates in mind if you want to lead a group!

- My creative juices are flowing overtime with some ideas for additional summer programming.... stay tuned! ;)

Thank you for making it this far into my novel of an e-mail! Don't forget to check the packing list below!

See you all tonight and/or Saturday!
Holly Fox

Packing List

(check it **TWICE** -- *forgotten items will likely result in not performing!*)

- Dancer Essentials to throw in your dance bag:
 - Bobby pins
 - Safety pins
 - Hairspray
 - Small/portable mirror
 - Extra pair of tights or clear nail polish to stop runs
 - Change of clothes for after the performance
 - Any make-up you are wearing for touch-ups

IF YOU ARE MISSING AN ITEM LISTED BELOW, REACH OUT ASAP!

St. Joe Dance Dads (What a great time to break out your shirts!)

Hip-Hop 1 (Girls - Black and orange or purple jumpsuit, tights are optional but recommended, black sequin hip-hop sneakers, orange or purple scrunchie worn around half-up ponytail; Boys - orange hooded shirt, black pants, black sequin hip-hop sneakers)

Ballet 2 (Purple tutu dress, tights, pink ballet shoes, purple hair applique bobby-pinned to right side of head)

Tap 3 (Green sequin dress, tights, black or tan tap shoes, black sequin headband)

Tap 2 (Pink and black dress, tights, black or tan tap shoes, pink headband tied around head)

Ballet 1 (Green dress, tights, pink ballet shoes, green hair applique bobby-pinned to right side of head, **WE WILL BRING DOGS**)

Jazz 2 (Sequin dress, tights, black or tan jazz shoes, hair applique bobby-pinned across right side of head, **WE WILL BRING TOP HATS**)

Toddlers (Girls: Pink dress, tights, pink ballet shoes, pink bow pinned at center of half-up ponytail; Boys: black shirt, black pants, pink bow tie and cummerbund, black shoes)

Musical Theater (Blue and cream orphan dress, blue bandana hat, blue leotard*, tights, black jazz shoes, **WE WILL BRING MOPS**)

Jazz 3 (Green dress, black glitter half sleeve, tights, black jazz shoes, black sequin headband)

Tap 1 (Black and blue dress, tights, black or tan tap shoes, **NO HAIR ACCESSORY**)

Hip-Hop 2 (Black bodysuit, pink/green/purple/orange cropped hoodie, tights are not required but recommended, black sequin high-top sneakers, pink/green/purple/orange bow clipped at center of half-up ponytail)

Ballet 3 (Navy dress, tights, pointe or ballet shoes, gold hair applique bobby-pinned across right side of head)

Poms (Pink or red costume, tights, black jazz shoes, pink or red scrunchie worn around half-up ponytail, **WE WILL BRING POM POMS**)

Lyrical (Black and white costume, tights, lyrical paws; **NO HAIR ACCESSORY**)

Hip-Hop 3 (Various orphan outfits - please ask Holly if clarification is needed, yellow bandana, yellow socks, black sequin high-top sneakers, WE WILL BRING ALL PROPS)

Julianna on ice (Red dress, red shorts, black jazz shoes, white ruffled socks, white bow headband)

- PLEASE make sure you are have read all of the info in this e-mail and are organized... *Forgetting items (even hair accessories, tights, and shoes) will likely result in not performing.* We need to put our best foot forward and look as uniform and professional as possible.

***Leotards mentioned for Musical Theater and Julianna's solo will be ordered and distributed at later date. This item was added on after seeing the costume in person.**



SAVE THESE DATES:

Group Practice: April 21

Komets Rehearsal: Thursday, April 10, 6-7:45pm (select classes)

Komets Performance: Saturday, April 12 (Details in e-mail above)

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

Recital: Saturday, May 3, 3:30pm



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<https://www.youtube.com/@faithinmotion5678>

Website: stjoemin.com/dance

Komets Ticket Link: <https://fev-enterprise.com/event/FaithInMotion>

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WEEKLY DANSPARATION



"A 'Jill' of All Trades"

This week, I would love to talk about our dear sweet EMERSON! Emerson holds the record as the the youngest toddler to ever join Faith in Motion at just over 2 years old. She was following along with her older sister, Elaina's, class so well that we put her in the dance. That's not the only Faith in Motion "first" Emerson has impressed us with. Emerson is the first soloist to integrate two styles of dance, a shoe change, AND a costume change into her solo. The girl does it all... hip-hop, tap, jazz, poms... and excels at it all! Emerson always asks such smart, articulate questions about choreography in class. No matter how crazy a dance is or how many props are involved, she always has a calm approach to making it work. She has an amazing memory and remembers every step of choreography for all of her dances, week to week. Emerson is a great addition to every class and a joy to have in each group. Not only is Emerson a great team player, she is becoming a wonderful leader. One of my favorite things to watch is Emerson in poms. Over the years, she tends to be the oldest dancer in the class and gently leads her younger counterparts. The younger dancers definitely look up to her, too. We love watching her grow as a dancer and a leader. We couldn't be more proud of her! Reach for the stars, girly-pop! You are a superstar!!!!

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