



Faith in Motion: MAY



All Good Things Must Come to an End!

Hello, Faith in Motion Family!

Well, here we are, the last week of dance! Our last week of classes was successful and fun! I know in my heart we are ready for recital. Though I am excited to see the kids shine on stage, I am so sad the session is ending! Over the past four months, we have worked hard, learned new skills, and had fun together. I am looking forward to a little time off and the summer months ahead, but I will miss seeing all of your dancers every Sunday/Monday. Of course, I have lots of sentiments and stories to share, but I'll save that for the "Danspiration!"

Lots of end of session and recital info in this e-mail. While most of the costume information is repeated from the Komets performance, all other details are new! Make sure dancers are practicing for the performance. Most classes have uploaded videos to the YouTube channel.

Here are the updates for our final week:

- If you danced on Easter, don't forget to return your costumes. I need these back by the end of the session. I am still missing 3!

- If you signed up for the afternoon performance on June 9th at Brookside Church, we will plan to have practices on Monday, May 19 & Monday, June 2 from 6-7:30pm. This should give us enough time to run through all of our dances and ensure we don't forget them!

- Between performances... **PLEASE MAKE SURE COSTUMES ARE HUNG OUT AND NOT STUFFED IN DANCE BAGS!!!**

- If you are missing items following our first performance, please let me know **ASAP**. I have two pairs of unclaimed hip-hop sneakers. Hip-Hoppers - check your bags!

- Don't forget about Dress Rehearsal scheduled for Friday, May 2nd from 6-8pm! Please enter through the main doors at the church. All dancers are to arrive at 6pm and can leave after they have practiced their last dance. Level 2 & 3 dancers, plan to stay until 8pm to block the group dance properly. Parents are encouraged to stay so they can take dancers as soon as they are done, however, this is not required.

- Last call for gifts/cards/monetary contributions towards celebrating David and Raeanna. If you want anything to be added to their gifts, please make sure these contributions are given to me before recital. We will present all cards and gifts together at recital.

- Dance Camp registration is OPEN! It is scheduled for July 30th-August 2nd!! Sign up here: <https://stjoemin.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2910852>

If there are any 14+ year old dancers who would be interested in leading a group at dance camp, let me know! :)

- Stay tuned as summer dance programming takes shape. We are planning on offering a variety of Monday night drop in classes during June and July. I am hoping to get a schedule together soon!

HERE WE GO!

Recital is set to take place at the church on Saturday, May 3rd at 3:30pm. This is not a ticketed event and is free to all, so please invite your friends and family!!

Here is the basic recital day timeline:

3:00 PM - Dancers arrive at the church in their first costume. Instructors please arrive by 3pm as well!

3:15 PM - Doors open **(BUT WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL THIS TIME!! Thank you in advance for respecting our time to prepare down to the last minute!)**

3:30 PM - Show time!!! (I anticipate the show will last no more than 1.5 hours!)

Just a heads up, there will be 2 pews near the center of the sanctuary

marked "RESERVED." Please do not sit in these pews, as they will be utilized for the group dance finale. Trust me, you won't want to sit there! Please alert your friends and families of this. If you do sit here, you will be asked to move.

Heads up #2 -- PLEASE KEEP THE AISLES CLEAR FOR THE FINALE GROUP DANCE! Trust me - it's gonna get wild in the best way!

Here is the order for the show, let me know if you see issues:

Toddler/Level 1 group dance
Amazing Grace duet
Hip-hop 1
Ballet 2
Tap 3
Tap 2
Ballet 1
Jazz 2
Toddlers
Julianna's solo
Mabyl's solo
Holly's Message (10 minutes-ish)
Musical Theater
Jazz 3
Tap 1
Hip-Hop 2
Ballet 3
Poms
Lyrical
Hip-Hop 3
David and Holly's duet
Level 2& 3 group dance

- Dancers must stay with us for the entirety of the performance and will be supervised by Faith in Motion staff. Recital day is crazy, it is for the dancers' safety to keep them together without having to keep track of dancers who left early.

- Directly following the performance, you can pick up your dancers in the hallway beside the sanctuary. If you plan to go somewhere directly after the performance, you must bring a change of clothes. No part of the costume should be worn for leisurely activities or eating.

- PLEASE make sure you 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.**

- 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).

- 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."

- All girl dancers must wear nude tights!

For group dances, dancers will wear whatever dance costume they are in at the time of their group dance. If your dancer starts in tap shoes, please have them wear other dance shoes OR street shoes for the group dance.

Level 2/3 group dance accessories and costumes are noted in the Packing List!

It is important to remember that recital day is incredibly BUSY! With this being said, it is unlikely I will be able to check my phone often. Before reaching out to me via text/phone call, please reference this e-mail. Many questions can probably be answered within this info. Thank you in advance for your understanding!

See you all soon!!
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
- Water bottle
- 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 - Another great opportunity to wear your shirts! You'll be getting a shoutout! ;)

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; Raeanna: Dress, fur stole, shoes you can dance in; 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 for group dances (Red dress, red shorts, black jazz shoes, white ruffled socks, white bow headband)

Julianna's Solo (Pink and cream orphan dress, pink leotard, pink bandana hat, cream bloomers, tights, lyrical paws)

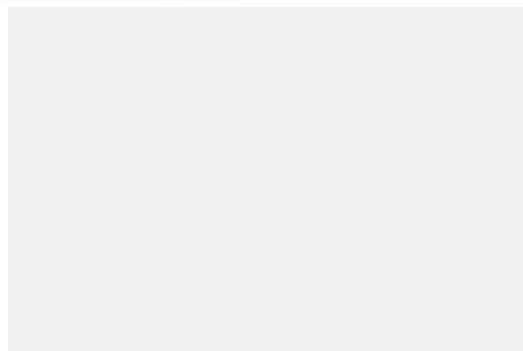
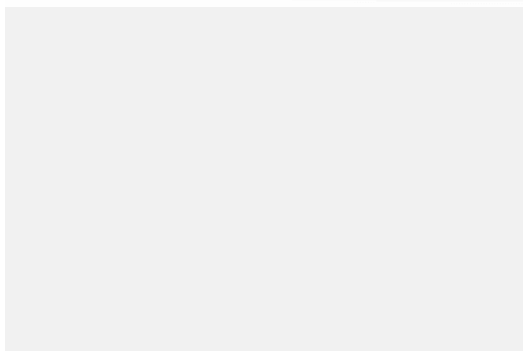
Mabyl's Solo (Dress, tights, shoes, hair applique pinned across right side of head)

Amazing Grace Duet (White dress, tights, pointe or lyrical shoes, white headband)

I Don't Need Anything But You Duet (Holly: Red sequin dress, tights, tap shoes, hair applique; David: black shirt, black pants, red bow tie, red suspenders, red socks, tap shoes)

Level 2/3 Group Dance:

- **Kailyn:** Statue of Liberty costume to be worn over your dance costume
- **Kailyn, Elaina, Lydia, Marah:** Green and silver Rockette dress from previous session and silver sequin headband
- **Ada, Ari, Avrianna, Elly, Ruby:** Apron tied in back over last costume, red bow tie, hat pinned to hair at sides
- **Abby, Mabyl, Joslyn, Amber, Rowenn:** Taxi driver shirt to be worn over last costume, taxi driver hat - I recommend bobby-pinning at the sides
- **Brielle, Lizzie, Emerson, Karly, Sadie:** WE WILL BRING NEWSPAPERS & HATS
- **Julianna, David, Raeanna:** Costumes mentioned above





SAVE THESE DATES:

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

Recital: Saturday, May 3, 3:30pm



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Website: stjoemin.com/dance

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WEEKLY DANSPARATION



"It is Well"

This week, I am crazy happy to be reminiscing on the past four months. Another great session of Faith in Motion is (almost) in the books! In a few short weeks, Faith in Motion turns 13 years old. What a gift to watch these dancers grow up over the years! I have definitely grown up along with them. As I look back at all of the sessions over the years, this session stands out to me for many reasons... This session is the first post-pandemic session that we had 40+ dancers. We redeemed ourselves with the Komets during our best on-ice performance ever. Our instructors have challenged our dancers with the most creative, prop-centered, and challenging choreography yet. New friendships among dancers have formed. Our level 3 dancers stepped up as leaders and mentors to our younger dancers. I could go on and on about these wonderful children and the light they have brought to everyone around them. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them in classes on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings this session.

I'm guilty of oversharing and (some may say) speaking too candidly about things... but it's no secret some big life changes have happened for me in the past year. Before one of those life changes was made, a lot of my freedoms to be creative and express myself were heavily stifled. This session, life has truly felt "normal" again, and I have been free to let my creativity flow. I have let the creativity flow SO freely through my plans for the routines and decorations this session. I have taken risks with props and choreography, and it has felt AMAZING! In so many ways, this session has healed such a big part of me. Your dancers have helped to heal that part of me, too, by welcoming my crazy ideas and embracing my energy this session. I really don't know how I can properly thank all of you for being a part of this family and allowing me the privilege to work with your dancers. We are in such a great place, and I cannot wait to see where God takes us next!!!!

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