



Faith in Motion: MARCH



Stay Well!

Hello, Faith in Motion Family!

I hope you all are doing well! It seems sicknesses of all kinds have made their way to Faith in Motion. Wash your hands, get your rest, and please stay well!!! We have had so many dancers out this past week, and we hope they all feel better soon. We certainly missed our ill dancers this week in class. As much as we love that our dancers act with kindness and love towards each other, germs are one thing we do NOT want them to share! Hopefully we can all stay somewhat hearty as we prepare for the excitement of Spring Break, Easter, and performances that are all coming up quick!!

Every Monday night after the last class, I meet with Miss Erika and Miss

Madison to debrief the week. We discuss any issues we encountered, suggestions for next week, and any funny moments that happened during classes. For some reason, I kept thinking about the week of dance as I drove home and relaxed at home this past Monday. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to dance with all of your dancers each week! Thank you for letting Faith in Motion be part of your dancer's journey.

Here are the updates for this week, mostly repeats:

- If your dancer has proper dance shoes, they need to wear them each week to class. Feel free to check out the "shoe swap" for shoes before or after class.

- **March's monthly payment was due March 2/3!!** Please plan to pay ASAP via cash (in an envelope with your dancer's name), check (made out to Saint Joseph UMC), or credit card (through the online registration form)!

- The next group practice is set for Monday, March 17th! I cannot wait!! Level 1 group practice will take place in our normal room. Level 2/3 group practice will take place in the sanctuary so we can start working through the transitions.

Instructors, I am planning to have you all come in to record your dance videos for at-home practice on Sunday, March 16th... please plan to attend.

- Looking ahead.... there will be NO CLASSES the week of March 30th due to Spring Break!

- Here is the link to purchase Komets tickets for our performance on April 12th!! 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! <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/FaithInMotion>

- Speaking of the Komets... Ballet 2, Ballet 3, Hip-Hop 3, Jazz 2, Jazz 3, Tap 3, and Julianna will perform on the ice. This will be a 3-minute mix of all of these dances during one of the intermissions. Because we will not be able to tap on the ice, Tap 3 will perform part of the group dance (along with Julianna as Annie). All other classes will perform a pre-game performance near the concessions before the game... more info to come!

Here are the dancers who will perform part of each routine on the ice:

Ballet 2 - Elly, Abby, Amber

Ballet 3 - Brielle & Karly

Hip-Hop 3 - Elaina, Lizzie, Lydia

Jazz 2 - Ari, Ada, Maby, Joslyn

Jazz 3 - Sadie & Marah

Tap 3 - Kailyn, Emerson, Julianna

- There will be 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 **Thursday, April 10th from 6-7:45pm.**

- Here is **COSTUME INFO!!** **Costume fees are due March 9/10th**... you can pay in cash, checks, or credit card. If you choose to pay with credit card, there will be a form for you to fill out through Planning Center. As soon as I am given that link, I will share it with you.

If you have questions or need an extension on payments, please let me know! I got your back! :)

Here are the costume and shoe prices:

*****ALL dancers (except our boys) will need nude-colored tights! These can be purchased with costumes for an additional \$5.*****

Shoe Prices:

- Pink Ballet Shoes (for Ballet 1&2, Toddler girls): \$15
- Black Ballet Shoes (for Toddler boys): \$15
- Lyrical Paws: \$15
- Black Jazz Shoes (for Jazz 2&3, Poms, Musical Theater): \$23
- Black Sequin Hip-Hop Sneakers (for Hip-Hop 1,2,&3): \$30
- Black Tap Shoes (for Tap 1, 2,&3): \$25

Costumes:

- Ballet 1 - Re-using costume from the fall; \$55 for new dancers
- Ballet 2 - Re-using costume from the fall!
- Ballet 3 - Re-using costume from the fall; \$55 for new dancers
- Lyrical - new costume - \$20
- Musical Theater - new costume - \$20
- Jazz 2 - Re-using costume from the fall; \$55 for new dancers
- Jazz 3 - Re-using costume from the fall!
- Hip-Hop 1/Boy's Hip-Hop - Re-using costume from the fall; \$55 for new dancers
- Hip-Hop 2 - As of now, I am planning on re-using the same costume from the fall. Most sizes/colors in that costume are backordered until April 18, but I will investigate this before we place our order... \$55 for new dancers
- Hip-Hop 3 - new costume - \$20
- Tap 1 - Re-using costume from the fall!
- Tap 2 - new costume - \$20
- Tap 3 - Re-using costume from the fall; \$20 for new dancers
- Poms - Re-using costume from the fall; \$55 for new dancers
- Toddlers - Re-using costumes from the fall; \$55 for new dancers
- Soloists - \$55

If you are ordering ANY costume items and/or shoes, please fill out the form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/egRTfLuezXBL6XFm8>

- Easter is getting closer each week! The dancers participating in this routine seem to be having fun learning all of the layers of choreography. Just a heads up, we may have the added option of dancing at the 11am service on Easter Sunday. I will confirm this soon... plans for Easter services continue to take shape.

Here are the remaining times for Easter practice, please stay tuned in the event we need to adjust these times:

- *Level 1 classes who signed up will begin practices on Sunday, March 9th at 1pm (Level 2&3 will still meet).*
- *All dancers will attend practices March 23, April 6, and April 13.*

- 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. Please let me know if your dancers can attend!

- Hip-Hop 3 & Musical Theater: Our mini photo shoot will (tentatively) take place on Sunday, April 13th from 2:30-3:30pm. As of now, Hip-Hop 3 will participate for the second half of class time, and Musical Theater will participate for the first half of class time. This should cause the least amount of disruption in the schedule. These 2 classes should plan to bring your costumes on this day. I will let you know if the times need to be adjusted.

- Our fall recital is now LIVE on our YouTube channel!! Please feel free to share

with friends and families. If you still would like a DVD of the show, please let me know. Here is the link to the recital: https://youtu.be/s_wZJgWNVa8?si=dMoqLMvyAuYNGqc6

- Lastly, **SAVE THE DATE: Dance Camp** is officially scheduled for **July 30th-August 2nd!!** It will be an evening camp structured very much like last year with the addition of one more day of dancing. We will end with a block party on Saturday like we did last year, too. I am working on a country theme.... so, I am taking song suggestions for Country Christian songs! Feel free to send me any ideas you have!

Instructors, keep these dates in mind if you want to lead a group!

See you all soon!!

Holly Fox



SAVE THESE DATES:

Last Monthly Payment Due: April 6/7

Group Practices: March 17, April 21

Costume Fees Due: March 9/10

NO CLASSES: March 30/31

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

Komets Performance: Saturday, April 12 (more details to come)

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

Recital: Saturday, May 3, 3:30pm

STAY CONNECTED

Social Media:
www.facebook.com/faithinmotiondancestudio

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

Website: stjoemin.com/dance

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

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WEEKLY DANSPARATION



"BFF - Best Friends FOREVER!"

This week, I want to talk about one of the most special parts of Faith in Motion: the friendships! Most of you know Miss Katie, and if you don't know her, I'm sure you've heard me talk about her! Katie was a Faith in Motion instructor for 10 years (also serving as my assistant director for 4 of those years) before she moved to Rhode Island in 2022 for her husband's job. While many of you know Katie and I are best friends, what you may not know is we only met because of Faith in Motion. Katie and I had a mutual friend that introduced us around the time I started Faith in Motion. Our mutual friend knew Katie loved to dance like me and thought we would hit it off. Obviously, our friend was right! We've been inseparable for the past 13 years, despite the distance that now separates us.

Outside of Katie's and my friendship, I see SO many friendships form between our dancers! I hear lots of talk of hang-outs and sleepovers. I see dancers' faces light up when their friends arrive to dance class. I watch dancers invite each other to youth group, church camp, and youth retreats through the church. And most of all, I hear excited conversations that carry over into class time! I also see friendship intertwined in this ministry when dancers invite their other friends to dance performances or

invite them to sign up for dance classes. I love that the dancers have formed such close friendships through dance. It makes their dance classes even more fun to teach. It's even more fun to watch them perform because you can just tell they are having a blast dancing with their friends! I am so thankful that Faith in Motion has brought us together in such a special way!

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