

STUDIO
NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS

Nov. 23—27

NO CLASSES -
Thanksgiving

Dec. 5—9

'Parent
Observation Week'

Dec. 19—Jan. 1

NO CLASSES—
Winter Break

February 17—20

NO CLASSES—
Studio Closed

March 12—18

NO CLASSES—
Spring Break

March 26—30

'Parent Observation
Week'

April 9

NO CLASSES
Easter Monday

April 23—27

'Bring a Friend'
Week

May 25

Last Day of Class!

TANYA'S DANCE CO.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2011

What's Happening Around the Studio

Class Music!

Class music is now available and we recommend all dancers get a copy of their music for practice and to prepare for upcoming performances such as competition and recital. If you are interested in purchasing your class music, please fill out a music order slip located in each studio or in the office. Please make sure to include your name, which routines you are in and attach **\$1 PER SONG.** (if nothing is attached, we will add that amount to your account!). You may turn in your completed and signed slip to the

Parent Viewing

Due to limited space and the set-up of studio #2 and #3 in Belgrade, we do not allow 'open observation' with classes being held in these studios. It is distracting to instructors and students and disruptive from cell phones, unattended siblings, etc. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we cannot have open viewing in these studios. We encourage parents to come during '**Parent Observation Week**' and take advantage of open viewing (see below). For students who do have class in Studio #1 in Belgrade, upstairs contains our 'viewing area.' Parents (and students) wishing to observe can do so in this area only—no viewing from stairs or entryway—please keep noise level down as everything can be heard on the dance floor downstairs. We ask you do not adjust the TV volume. Please keep the area picked up and a pleasant place for all! (Bozeman has 2 TV's in lobby for viewing of each studio!)

Lost and Found

The Studio lost and found is located in Belgrade upstairs in Studio #1 and in Bozeman by the front desk. We recommend that you check this bin if you find anything missing. Items left get picked up at the end of the night and are put into this bin. Please check the bin before asking instructors or office staff if they have seen any missing items. It is recommended all dancers use a dance bag to keep their dance 'necessities' in. Please keep track of and take responsibility for your belongings! We also have a bin of 'FREE' items (in Belgrade.) If and when there are items in there that fit, they are yours to take!



Parent Observation Week

We know many of you like to see the progress your child is making! For those students who have classes in Studio 1 in Belgrade, or who dance in Bozeman, we do have observation rooms for you to take advantage of. If your child has class in either studio 2 or 3 in Belgrade, we do not have an observation room. We would love for parents to be able to sit and observe each week; however, it is just too distracting for both the students and the instructors when parents want to observe each week. We have two observation days during the year in which parents may come in and observe their child's class(es.) We do ask that certain guidelines are followed on viewing days to ensure class still runs smoothly and remains productive:

1. Only 2 observers **per student** are allowed due to space restrictions of the studio.
2. All parents and observers must remove their shoes before going on the dance floor.
3. Please do not bring younger siblings. We want the class to remain structured and run smoothly.
4. Please no cell phones and keep chatting to a minimum.

Upcoming Observation Dates:

Dec. 5th—9th



*“To touch, to move,
to inspire. This is
the TRUE gift of
dance.”
~Aubrey Lynch*



Field Trips and Birthday Parties!

Come experience the arts with your classmates! We offer demo dance and tumbling classes at no charge for many of the surrounding area preschools. Our field trips are meant to introduce children to the wonders of dance and tumbling. We provide them with a 50-minute dance and tumbling class. These classes are fun, engaging and full of information to spark little imaginations. Preschools can use this to support a music or dance unit they are covering in class. Our field trips are completely free of charge and are fun for all. All we ask is to hand out some information packets to the students.

Please spread the word to your preschool director so we can help schedule a time for your field trip!

****We also offer birthday party packages. For more information please contact the office.****



Staying “In the Know”

Please remember to check the website for our bi-monthly newsletters. Newsletters **will not** be sent home with every child. It is your responsibility to check the website and/or the studio bulletin boards regularly for important dates, events, etc. (If you must have a hard copy, the office will be happy to print one out for you!) We also ask that you read and review the “TDCo. STUDIO POLICY.” This will help clarify many of the “FAQ’s” families have. It is accessible online under “Studio Info/Studio Policy.” If you have additional questions regarding our policies, please do not hesitate to call the office!

We also send out important reminders via e-mail. If you do not have an e-mail address on file with us, it is your responsibility to check the bulletin board regularly for notices that were e-mailed out; it is just not possible to make that many ‘reminder’ phone calls. We ask each family to check their e-mail regularly!

Cold and Flu Season

With the early onset of cold and flu season this year, we want to remind all students and parents of a few things. Please **DO NOT** come to dance if you are sick—we want you to stay home, rest and get healthy. Do not share water bottles, food, make-up, etc.—this only helps the spread of germs! Be sure to wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer or antibacterial hand wipes. Resist temptation to rub your eyes, nose, face and keep your hands out of your mouth. Cough into a tissue or into your shirt or crease of elbow; same goes for sneezing. Make sure tissues and paper towels make it into the garbage so others aren’t stuck picking up after you! Be sure to get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids to remain hydrated and make sure your body gets plenty of Vitamin C, Zinc and good, healthy foods! And remember to be happy—laughter is the best medicine!

Auto Pay

All dance accounts will be on 'auto-draft' payment. Tuition and all account charges will be deducted on the first of each month. Any amount that is due on your account (including any merchandise, lesson fees, etc.) will be deducted along with your monthly tuition. Starting in October, costume charges will be auto-deducted on a monthly basis of \$20/month **per costume** (Kinderdance classes have two costumes, jazz & tap, which makes their monthly amount \$40.) With this payment schedule, all accounts will have paid \$80 towards each of your child's costume amount by January. (The remainder of the costume balance is auto-deducted or credited on the first of February.) The office keeps track of costume credits and/or balances. You may log onto your **PORTAL** at anytime to view your account.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Please remember that dancer drop-off and pick-up times are at ten minutes to the hour. It is very disruptive to the class in session when students are arriving early. Students that arrive early are NOT supervised! They are YOUR responsibility until class begins. **For students coming straight from school, some doors will not unlock until 3:50. Please be aware of this policy!**



Also, please remember to pick your child up on time. Again . . . there is no supervision to those children who are left waiting for their rides to come. Your child needs to wait inside the building until you come in and get them! Be considerate of instructors and their families. We realize things come up but please try to be on time!

Office Hours

To serve our families better, we keep office staff on hand during our 'busy' studio hours to answer questions, fit apparel, etc. Here is our 2001—2012 office schedule:

Belgrade (388-1501)

Monday—Thursday: 1:00-7:00p.m.

Bozeman (586-6611)

Monday: 5:15-8:00p.m.,

Tuesday: 12:00-3:00 and 4:00-6:45p.m.

Wednesday: 5:15—6:00p.m.

Thursday: 12:00-3:00 and 5:00-5:45p.m.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY: CLOSED YEAR – ROUND (BOTH LOCATIONS)

Studio Equipment

We ask that ALL parents, students and instructors stay OFF the tumbling equipment (mats, wedge, octagon, etc) at both studio locations. These are for tumbling classes ONLY and are not to be sat on, laid on, jumped on, etc. Please be respectful and **stay off** the equipment so we can keep it clean and in good condition!

Costume Ordering

In December, parents and students will be shown their class costumes. Measurements have already been taken and you will be asked to select a costume size for their dancer and initial. ALL DANCERS PERFORMING IN RECITAL MUST ALSO HAVE SUNTAN TIGHTS (as well as the required rhinestone ponytail holder if applicable!!) These will also be ordered for you and you need to select a size for your child. Once Costumes are ordered, we cannot return them so you MUST pay for it in full—NO EXCEPTIONS! Please refer to Studio Policy regarding costume ordering and payment. We need to order before Christmas as it can take up to 3 months for costumes to come in and many are already on backorder.

**“Dancing is
silent poetry.”**

~Simonides

Dress Codes

Each class at TDCo. does require its own dress-code. Please refer to the 'Studio Policy' (available online at www.tanyasdanceco.com) to review dress code for your child's particular class(es). For instance, all Ballet students must wear a leotard and pink tights to class each week. We prefer black as the main color of apparel for jazz pants, dance shorts, leotards, etc. Hair must be pulled off from the face for ALL classes. Denim jeans are not allowed in class. It is recommended to have a dance bag for class—this way you can keep everything you need for your classes in one spot!

If your dancer needs any shoes or dance apparel, we do sell all their required items at both office locations (Belgrade and Bozeman.) It is highly advised to come in and get fit for apparel as soon as possible; if anything needs to be ordered, we need to get those in as soon as possible as most merchandise providers have a lot of back-ordered items. Please keep this in mind!

Pajama Week!

The week of December 12-15 is PAJAMA WEEK! Wear your favorite pair of 'jammies' to class (please make sure they are appropriate for class/public!) We do ask that you DO NOT wear slippers for safety reasons—appropriate dance shoes only, please! Pajama week will run the last week of classes for 2011! Stay warm and cozy at class in your PJ's from Monday, December 12—Thursday, Decemeber 15!



Christmas Gift Ideas

The studio has warm up coats, duffle bags, garment bags, and parent shirts available by special order only. These items are ordered in bulk and this order will only be placed two times during the year; one order has already been placed and the next order will be placed in February. Please remember this when thinking of Birthday or Christmas gifts! (These items CAN take up to three or four months to come in because many times they are on backorder!) The studio will also have new apparel for sale such as TDCo. Jersey tops and sweat pants! Please inquire in the office for styles and prices!

"A dancer's body is her temple."

~Paulette Rees-Denis

Food Drive

Tanya's Dance Company will be holding it's second annual 'Food Drive' for the Gallatin County Food Bank. There will be cardboard boxes in each studio (Belgrade and Bozeman) and the drive will run from Monday, November 14th through Thursday, December 15th (which is our LAST class in 2011!) Donations will be delivered Friday, December 16th.

Items donated must be 'non-perishable.' Some ideas for donations are items such as: mac 'n cheese, canned beans, toilet paper, applesauce, honey, paper towels, etc. (many of you inquired about *Cash Donations*—as great as that idea is, the studio would prefer not to handle cash donations and they cannot be left in the bin as that is not a safe place to keep cash!) Please stick to non-perishable food or toiletry items!



We are looking forward to seeing how many pounds of food we can donate to the Food Bank!

The studio really appreciates your participation and do those in need! Thank you for supporting the Gallatin Valley Food Bank!

Competition Dates for 2012

Thank you to all who participated in filling out the survey and giving us your feedback! We appreciate your willingness to branch out and expand the studio's and each dancers horizons—we will be attending another out of state Competition—I think it is safe to say everyone is certainly looking forward to the JUMP! Convention in Salt Lake City again! Competition dates and locations for 2011-2012 are as follows:

Spotlight Dance Cup	March 23-25	Billings, MT	(Alberta Bair Theater)
JUMP! Dance Convention	April 27-28	Salt Lake City, UT	(Salt Palace Convention Center)
Star Power	May 18-20	Billings, MT	(Al Bedo Shrine Auditorium)

Additional Competitions:

Big Sky State Games, Thunderstruck, KAR, Move, Nuvo