



# The Escalate Extra

## Holiday Parties & Gift Exchange Mon, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

Join us for the last 10 minutes of class Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> for a short holiday themed dance! Dancers are invited to wear their holiday best or holiday themed attire to class! 😊

Dancers should bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift to exchange at the end of class. This is optional to participate in, but most dancers do!

Competition teams will do a secret Santa and will be drawing names the first week of December.

- Petites will exchange on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Juniors, Pre-Teens & Junior Hip Hop will do their exchange in their combined jazz class on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Teens & Seniors will exchange in their combined class on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Teen/Senior hip hop will do their exchange in their combined class Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Tap will exchange on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jr Broadway and Sr Broadway teams won't do a gift exchange as the dancers are all on other teams! 😊

## Important Dates

See below for upcoming events in  
November & December!

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| November 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>        | NO CLASS - Happy Thanksgiving!                                 |
| December 1 <sup>st</sup>                            | Costume Fees Due   |
| December 8 <sup>th</sup>                            | Competition Team Volunteer Event                               |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>        | Holiday parties & Parent viewing<br>(last 10 minutes of class) |
| December 24 <sup>th</sup> – January 1 <sup>st</sup> | NO CLASS – Winter Break  |
| January 2 <sup>nd</sup>                             | Class Resumes after Winter Break                               |

## Director's Corner

It's hard to believe the holidays are right around the corner, the fall has been flying by. I have been stopping into classes lately to see how everyone is doing and have been so impressed by the progress!

I am so grateful for all of the students, families and teachers at Escalate. Thank you so much! I want to say a special thank you to our Darby's coaches, we couldn't have started this amazing program without you!

There are so many fun things at Escalate in the next few months. I hope that everyone ages 9+ auditions for our collaboration show with Stages this year! Happy Holidays!

~ Ann Marie Omeish  
Owner & Director

## Darby's Dancers

This fall we've been excited at the studio to start offering Darby's Dancers classes! Darby's Dancers is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing dance classes to children with special needs at no cost to their families.

To celebrate the addition of these classes we're adding a new resale corner to the studio. We invite you to donate your dancer's gently used outgrown shoes and dancewear and encourage you to look through the donated items and purchase something for your dancer! There are no fixed costs on any item, however we welcome any payment amount as the donation to the Darby's Dancers program.

Help us towards the goal for each student to find joy in dance & performing!

## Competition Team Volunteer Event

We will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Please sign up ASAP so we can get an accurate count of volunteers! Click [HERE](#) to sign up –OR– visit [fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer) and use group code **76NPPE**.

We will also have an activity after and are just finalizing the details – more info to come very soon!

# Recital 2018

Mark your calendars for June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019!

Escalate's 15<sup>th</sup> annual recital will be held Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at **Osseo High School**.

Recital dress rehearsal will be held **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** at Osseo High School.

More information to come closer to recital!

## Costume Fees

Please make sure your costume fees are paid in full by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Costumes will not be ordered for dancers whose family account has an outstanding balance.

If you are enrolled in the auto tuition payment plan, the last portion of your costume fee will be processed along with your monthly tuition on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Competition team families – payment will be processed as normal according to your payment plan selection made earlier this year.

## Stages Collaboration

We couldn't be more excited for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual collaboration with Stages Theatre Company!

This year we'll be doing **Owl Moon**, bringing back the magical production that started our continuing collaboration. We hope you will join us for this dance inspired story adapted from the Caldecott Medal book by Jane Yolen and illustrated by John Schoenherr.

Auditions will be held at Stages Theatre Company January 7-8, 2019. In order to audition for the show, you must be 9 by the first rehearsal, 1/20/19.

Schedule your audition with Stages Theatre Company. Audition appointments will be accepted starting 12/17!



# Irish Updates!

Best of luck to our 8 dancers heading to Louisville, Kentucky over Thanksgiving weekend for the Mid America Oireachtas competition!

## Student Performances!

We are excited to have so many students performing in shows around town! Congratulations on a great run to students in the following shows:

**Tuck Everlasting** at Maple Grove High School

**Singing in the Rain** at Osseo High School

**Etchings** at Pim Arts High School

**Annie** at Maple Grove Middle School

Check out students Shelby Lee & Hailey Moore along with our incredibly talented tap teacher Anna Esposito on December 7<sup>th</sup> the following show:

**Groove by Keane Sense of Rhythm** at MN Masonic Heritage Center

## Winter Weather Policy

We avoid cancelling classes due to weather whenever possible, but always keep the safety of our staff and students first in mind. We generally follow Osseo School District 279 cancellations.

If classes are cancelled due to weather, we will post on our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter accounts as well as send an email.

**N O V & DE C**

*Miss Susie, Elliana H., Audrey S., Evalyn B., Lydia S., Belle P., Kaia K., Victoria T.*

*Sara B., Emerson S., Ella A., Ellen A., Morgan M., Elsa V., Kiana D.*

*Morgan B., Ella N., Marisa B., Trece H., Noah B., Ferron A., Heather M., Callum T.*

*Emma H., Hank H., Mimi M., Alena M., Abby S.*

*Katelyn A., Natalie H., Valerie S., Sarah T., Beth H., Ellen C., Evy E., Cora L., Natalie E.*

*Lauren B., Sarah F., Avery B., Amara L., Bryndlee M., Lauren M., Ford D., Dagny D., Sam F., Fallon S., Ryan P.*

*Sarah F., Anna S., Evy C., Kailey L.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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