Greetings RAVE Families!

This January has been a whirlwind! So much so that we didn't get that January Newsletter out. Therefore, we are going to give y'all some quick updates to have on your radar and will be instead sending a loaded February Newsletter out next week packed with information. YAY!

So, for now, here are the things to know:

**BRING A FRIEND WEEK - NEXT WEEK 2/5-2/8**

If your dancer has friend(s) that are interested in giving RAVE a try, they can bring their friend(s) to try class during our annual Bring a Friend Week**.**We usually do this the week of Valentines, but this year,Bring a friend week will be NEXT WEEK due to how Mardi Gras Break falls and also due to our earlier Revue**date** (Reminder, any friends who attend Bring a Friend Week are required to participate in class.) This special week lets friends who love to dance or are interested in maybe joining us at RAVE next season, the opportunity to give us a try. The students love Bring a Friend Week, and it is always a fun highlight in our dance season. We also give out complimentary goodie bags to all friends who come, with info on how to register for our summer and fall sessions. We can’t wait to meet the new friends!

**MARDI GRAS CLOSURE 2/12-2/15**

RAVE will be **closed Monday Feb 12th through Thursday, February 15th** for Mardi Gras Holiday. As previously mentioned, we do our best to follow school holiday closures for when schools are closed for multiple days in a row, some schools reopen Thursday, some stay closed. It's always tricky to decide what we're going to do. Since every school/district does Mardi Gras Break differently we will be closing the whole week. There are some extra days in February and April that make up for this.

**COSTUME FEES**

Your first installment for costume fees was due last week. The final payment is due by February 26th. Please make sure those payments come in, we have to pass out costumes early with our earlier Picture Day. Students can only receive their costume(s) once paid for. Speaking of picture day...

**ANNUAL RAVE PICTURE DAY - SATURDAY MARCH 9TH**

Every year, DK Hebert Photography comes from Lafayette to take pictures of the dancers at the studio in their Revue costumes. We take pictures of each class/division for the program, and we also take individuals for families who would like some individual pictures taken. This year our picture day had to get bumped WAY UP due to our early show date. We will be sending out more specifics on this in our February Newsletter, but we wanted to remind everyone of the date to avoid as many conflicts as possible, so please make sure it is on your calendars. Costumes will be passed out in classes the week before.

**FEES - In, General**

We would like all RAVE Families to log into their accounts to check fees and charges. This time of year, with both tuition fees and Revue fees coming in, we want to make sure all families are staying on top of payments. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

**SUMMER TIME**

 We are already planning our summer schedule here at RAVE. To better help us in fine-tuning our summer offerings, please respond to this survey to help us in our planning.

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