



Newsletter April 2020

April Contact Info

Starting April 3rd, Mrs. Emily will be working from home, but keeping her same hours of Mon-Thurs 3pm-7pm. The best way to reach her during this time will be via email. Emily will be checking these frequently during her hours, so that she can respond in a timely manner. She will come up to the studio every so often to check voicemail; however, for the quickest response, please use the emails below: frontdesk@labelleperformingarts.com or synergy@labelleperformingarts.com

April Tuition

Everyone should have received an emailed invoice for April Tuition, tuition is due April 7th. Online payment can be made using the link off the invoice with a credit card (no fee), ApplePay, or bank transfer. We also accept PayPal. During this time, online payment is preferred, but checks can also be mailed to the studio. If you have not received an invoice, or have any questions about billing please email Caroline at caroline@labelleperformingarts.com

2019-2020 Calendar

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October 24-30 – Dress-up Fundraiser. Pay \$1 and wear your favorite costume to class.

October 31 – Closed for Harvest Festivals

November 2-3 – Gulf Coast Arts Festival

November 18-23 – Costume Ordering Week (Parents Must Attend)

November 25-30 – Closed for Thanksgiving

December 6-7 – PYB's "The Nutcracker"

December 7 – Costume Payments Due 11 am

December 14 – RCAS "Anne of Green Gables"

December 16-21 – PJ Week Fundraiser. Pay \$1 and wear your favorite pajamas to class.

December 23-January 4 – Closed for Christmas Holidays

January 6 – Classes Resume. Tuition due by January 11th.

January 31 – Late Costume Payments Due

March 9-14 – Costume Fitting Week (Parents Must Attend)

March 16-21 – Closed for Spring Break

March 30-April 4 – Photo Week (Parents Must Attend) - POSTPONED

April 11 – Program Ads and Photo Orders Due by 11 am - POSTPONED

May 2 – T-shirt and Program Orders Due - POSTPONED

May 23 (NEW DATE) – RCAS' "Alice in Wonderland"

May 25 – Closed for Memorial Day

May 26-June 2 – In-studio Rehearsals

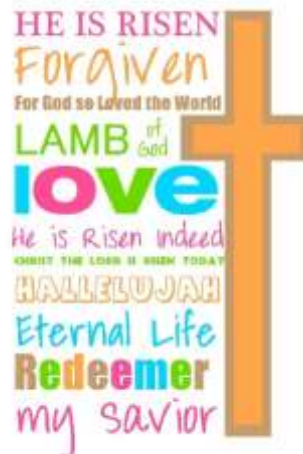
June 3-4 – Tech Days at the Saenger Theatre

June 5 – Showcase Performance at the Saenger Theatre

June 6 – Production Performance at the Saenger Theatre

**Congratulations to our
March Student of the Month:
Selene Parks**

Selected by Mr. Michael



Have a
Blessed
Easter!

A Note from Mrs. Jeannie

I hope this finds everyone well and I hope the online classes have been running smooth so far! It's great to see everyone jump in! We are really missing our students, so seeing everyone's face weekly has been a blessing.

Escambia County School District has released a new start back date of May 1st. This date change made us reevaluate our June production and showcase. As of now we plan to continue forward with the shows on the original dates of June 5th and 6th, with the assumption the Saenger will be open at that time. However, we are going to change the structure of the production "The Odyssey." With the way things are right now, we cannot put together our usual production. Under our current plan, will only have about three weeks back in the studio before rehearsal week begins. That is just not enough time to put together the show we are accustomed to. As of now (with the start back date of May 1st and the Saenger open by June) here is what our shows will look like:

"The Journey Home" June 5th:

- The show will be Friday, June 5th as scheduled (as long as the Saenger is open).
- This will be done as usual. It is a basic recital, so it will be easy to put together quickly.
- 5, 10, 15, and Senior dancers in the Opening Number with the dads, uncles, or brothers, we will do a combination of Tik Tok dances so it will be easy for dancers to teach their family members at home. Ms. Candace is working on a mix. We will let everyone know what Tik Tok's to learn as soon as it's complete!! It will be a blast! So excited about this! We need to know who is doing this piece for the show. Please email Emily at frontdesk@labelleperformingarts.com ASAP!
- Senior solos, email Emily at frontdesk@labelleperformingarts.com ASAP to let us know if you will be performing your solo at the Friday night show.

"The Odyssey" June 6th:

- The production will be on Saturday, June 6th (as long as the Saenger is open), but it will be presented more like a regular recital. It'll be more like our Friday night's show.
- We will use the costumes we have purchased for the show, so don't worry, those will not change.
- We will keep the same feeling of each scene but some classes may change music and choreography so each piece can be presented as a show piece and not a story telling piece.
- Staging and formations will be simplified so we can put the show together quickly when we return.
- Most props will be eliminated to simplify dances.
- The show will stay in order as originally planned except for the theater scenes.
- Some of the theater scenes will be selected by our theater department and presented independently (as just a theater scene). They will not be intertwined with dances and classes. This will simplify the staging process.
- If a senior does not have a speaking part and only had a dancing part you will be given the opportunity to open the show with the introduction. You will now speak if you would like to take on this role.
- Features will not be in every dance as originally planned but will dance only with classes that are at their level and the classes they are taking zoom lessons with weekly. If they were the lead in that dance they will stay the lead but they must be attending weekly zoom classes for that! If there are any questions about what classes please ask Ms. Jeannie ASAP! Make sure you are added to the correct class to learn your choreography.

We hate to change the way we present our production, but will take whatever we can get! We want our dancers to perform at the end of the year and will do everything we can to make that happen. It is definitely a year we will NEVER forget!! We pray we will return to the studio in May! If we do not, we will come up with another plan, always striving to get the kids on stage.

Picture week is canceled and we will look into scheduling group pictures during dress rehearsal. Unfortunately, we will not offer individual pictures this year but plan on getting group shots for our yearbook.

T-shirt orders and video orders will be taken at a later date! Instead of two shirts this year (one for each show) we will have one shirt representing the year we have had! We will announce the new design and orders at a later date.

Please keep checking your email and social media and if we get any news on date changes or cancellation from the Saenger we will let everyone know ASAP.

Thank you for your continued support! We love our LaBelle family and miss you all very much!

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