



FW Ensemble News

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Gearing up for a Great Year!!!

Welcome to fall 2020! We would like to welcome all our new members to the Ensemble family.

If you have any questions navigating your first year, please call the office M-F 9-1:30 for any questions you may have. Our website and facebook page are also valuable tools as many last minutes items will be posted there. Many of our teachers will also be using the band app to keep communication with parents. For all new ensemble members, we will need to have a copy of your birth certificate (please no originals) on file with the secretary. Please turn these in by October 31.

Picnic tables have been provided out back for the convenience of our students who have multiple classes during the evenings. Parents, please leave tables open for our students. These tables will not be monitored by Floyd Ward staff.

Please make sure your child knows if they plan to use them that they will need to discard of their trash properly and wipe the table down before use. If trash becomes an issue, we will have to take them down.

It has been brought to our attention that parking in the evening is becoming an issue. We are so grateful that our parents get along with one another and are getting much needed time with other Moms and Dads. Please make sure if you are planning to stay and chat in the parking lot that your chairs are not in a parking spot. Until we are out of phase three, this is the only way we are able to keep social distancing and Covid tracking for the year for our CDC requirements. Thank you for understanding.

We are looking forward to our best year yet!

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Your Ensemble Account

Your ensemble account is the main account that your child will use for all fees and charges associated with the ensemble. Checks written to this account should be made payable to Floyd Ward Ensemble and not to the studio. Please do not confuse this account with your tuition which is separate. However, those

paying with credit card may pay both at the same time in parent portal.

Currently, your child's membership fees of \$60 are due. If you had a credit or debt from last season, it is still in your account. Debts need to be taken care of within the first month of class to avoid suspension from the teams.

Funds in your ensemble account can be paid for with help from fundraising & sponsorships. In return for their monetary donation, sponsors receive recognition in the annual recital program. The sponsorship letter can be found under the parent resources section of our website.

Jackets, Bags, T-shirts & Jewelry!

All ensemble members are required to have a FWSOD ensemble jacket to wear to competitions on stage over their costumes at award ceremonies. Many of the dancers wear them the entire weekend of competition in support of our school and their teammates.

All ensemble members are also required to have the ensemble t-shirt. We will be using the same design as last year since we do not yet know what the year will hold. Many parents choose to purchase these as well to wear at competition in support of our school and our students.

Please check with your child's ensemble teacher to see which pieces of jewelry will be needed for your child's dance. If you have not been on teams in the past or if you have lost yours, you will need to order new jewelry.

Dance bags with our team logo are also available, but not mandatory.

All items can be ordered by turning in the form to the left into the secretary no later than October 31.

Solos, Duets, & Trios

You must be approved on an individual basis by the studio and a teacher before getting started. Forms are available online under our parent resources tab. You will not be able to start any solos or duets before this is completed. First year team members may not do any extra routines. Bitty prime members may only do one, bitty elite may do up to two, preteen prime and select students may do up to three and all other team members are unlimited based on availability and ability.

Supply List

Many veteran ensemble members know that more than any other groups in the studio, our ensemble members treat the studio as their second home. Unfortunately, this means that often our supplies are depleted very quickly. Each team member is asked to bring supplies to contribute to our "home." You will find your supply list below and may drop them off with the secretary.

Bitty Ensemble Members

- 1 Pack of Ponytail Holders
- 1 case of miniature water bottles
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 2 Containers of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Box Band-Aids

Preteen Ensemble Members

- 1 Pack of Ponytail Holders
- 1 case of miniature water bottles
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 2 Containers of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Pack of Instant Ice Pack

Junior (7-9th Grade) Ensemble Members

- 1 Pack of Ponytail Holders
- 1 case of miniature water bottles
- 1 Box of pads and/or tampons
- 2 Containers of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Pack of Stickers and/or Dum Dum Suckers

Senior (10th-12th Grade) Ensemble Members

- 1 Pack of Ponytail Holders
- 1 case of miniature water bottles
- 1 Box of pads and/or tampons
- 2 Containers of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Box Ziploc Baggies (any size)

Optional Competitions

Those who wish to participate in Optional Competitions for their solos, duets, or trios can find the form on our website under the parent resources and ensemble resources links. Forms must be turned in two weeks BEFORE the competition deadline to allow time for the office to get your child registered. As a reminder, teachers will not be in attendance at these competitions.

Ensemble Order Form

Please turn– in to the secretary no later than October 31

Dancer's Name (First & Last)_____

Jacket (Mandatory for new dancers)--

First Name (as you wish to appear on jacket)_____

Size_____

Dance Bag (Optional)

First Name (as you wish to appear on bag)_____

Ensemble T-Shirt (Mandatory for All Dancers)

T-Shirt Size_____

Any additional sizes for parent?_____

Jewelry

(Please check with ensemble teacher on whether you will need a necklace or earrings)

☐ **Rhinestone Necklace**

☐ **Rhinestone Earrings (Circle One)** We will be switching to AB stones, unless you have already purchased an AB set for solos/duets, please order at least one pair

Pierced_____ quantity

Clip-On_____ quantity

Your Parent Portal

Your parent portal is now live at floydwarddance.com. Within the portal you can enroll students for classes, see your child's schedule, look at your account, change contact information, view any emails that were sent out, and more. This will be our new main means of communication with our dance family. Please check in with the secretary your first day back to make sure that your email on file is correct. Otherwise, you cannot sign in.

Directions for Setting up Parent Portal:

1. Make sure the email we have is accurate
2. Access the parent portal via the link at the top of the page at floydwarddance.com
3. Enter Parent Portal
4. Type in your email address and select forgot my password
5. A link will be sent to your email to use as a temporary password
6. At the top of the portal once you log in, select I want to "Change My Password" from the drop down options to change your password to something you will remember.

Also note that a \$5 convenience fee will be posted to everyone's account each month. Those who choose to pay with check or cash will have that fee deleted.

In parent portal, your account appears as one and you can make a single credit card payment to cover both. However, check and cash payments will still need to be separated because of the way we are processing items at the studio.

We hope this is helpful for everyone!

Important Dates

August 31	School Year Session Begins
September 7	Closed for Labor Day
November 26-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 19	Christmas Extravaganza
December 20– January 3	Christmas Break
January 4	Classes Resume
January 30	Ensemble Dress Rehearsal (Tentatively to be held at Bonsack UMC)
January 30	Recital Fees Due
March 28-April 4	Spring Break
May 15 & 16	Spring Recital Pictures
May 15	Last Class Day
May 18-20	Dress Rehearsal
May 21 & 22	Spring Recital

Dates To Be Determined:

Ensemble Picture Day

Ensemble Evaluation Week

Competitions for the Year

We are tentatively looking at the following dates/locations. We will not know for certain until closer to time what things will look like. We have spoken to representatives at these competitions and feel they are taking responsible precautions for the safety of the students, staff, and parents. **We will not attend all of these, but these are under consideration.** There may be conventions added as well once we see how they are handling the Covid situation.

World Class Talent– Roanoke, VA	February 19-21
Star Talent– Roanoke, VA	March 5-7
Showstopper– Concord, NC	March 19-21
Dance Machine– Greensboro, NC	April 16-18
Celebration Talent– Roanoke, VA	April 23-25
Boogie Fever– Roanoke, VA	April 30-May 2