

April 29th, 2020

Good afternoon Char-Mar Families!

We hope that you all are healthy and safe. Our hearts go out to those most affected by this pandemic. As always, if you need anything, please reach out to us.

In the spirit of normalcy, we will continue to do our best to maintain regularity with our dance classes. In addition, we have some exciting news coming soon in regard to costumes, classes, and summer programs. We highly recommend that you **follow us on social media** (Instagram and Facebook) for more updates.

As mentioned in our last email, we are working on a plan to distribute **costumes** and will do so as soon and as safely as possible. We are hoping to begin this process on May 15th, but we will release more information as soon as we have a more solid plan. It is our goal to use these costumes next year.

As far as **recital** goes, we have to be blunt: for the first time in nearly 50 years, Char-Mar won't be hosting its annual recital at the end of the school year. We were really hoping that it would be a possibility and waited to share our decision until it was definite. We are working on alternatives, such as a virtual recital or hosting one later in the year. Of course, this all depends on the course of the pandemic.

Our 2019-2020 dance season and all of its classes will end after the month of May. However, that does not mean your dancers have to stop dancing. It's been an absolute pleasure to teach all of our dancers throughout the season and we hope to continue helping our families in keeping things as normal and routine as possible through our summer programs. We are working to finalize our summer schedule and will plan for virtual and in-studio possibilities. Only time will tell what we will safely be able to achieve. Summer camps will likely consist of a variety of classes and activities throughout the week. Our intensives for middle and high schoolers will feature guest teachers and focus on advancing dance technique and ability.

In preparing for all possibilities, we are in the process of creating protocols for safe return to the studio. This will include steps that all dancers and visitors would be required to follow. We will continue to monitor the pandemic and follow all CDC and WHO guidelines and recommendations.

Finally, May tuition will be posted very soon. . We only have one month left; tuition for May needs to be paid as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who are continuing to support our small business through this difficult time.

We will continue to monitor the situation in our area and make the best decisions for the health and wellness of our dancers.

With all of our love and support,

- **The staff at Char-Mar School of Dance**