

IDAHO BALLROOM ACADEMY

September News 2020

Here we go...

We are ready and excited to start this new dance year! We all know that this year has been far from the usual, and there is still some uncertainty heading into this new dance season. We are moving ahead with hope that this year will be able to roll along as normal. But - if circumstances come up that cause us to make adjustments, that's that we'll do: adjust!

ALLEY STUDIO CONSTRUCTION: The ceiling and HVAC project in the Alley turned into a much bigger undertaking. In such an old building, there ending up being much more needing to be done once the walls and ceilings were opened up. It is almost finished, close enough that we can start dancing this week. Work will continue during the daytime before classes start. So, we will ask the dancers to be careful and not touch or get into the construction materials that will be in the studio.

Directions to the Alley Studio: The entrance is half-block East (left) of the Ace Hardware back entrance. It has "121 E. Main" above the door, but GPS will not find it by this address. It has the IBA logo on the door.

RETURNING PARENTS - Much of the following info will be "old news" to you. We know that you know the ropes, but are including this information for everyone as a reminder.

- **TEAM LISTS:** There is still a little bit of shifting - schedules and minds do change last minute, and we just have to make it all work. Thanks for your patience while it all gets settled!! I'm hoping to send the final lists out today.
- **TEAM INFO/COSTS:** Attached. This is the same form that has been sent with the team lists. More detailed financial info along with the payment plan form and the bank transfer forms will come with a separate SOP Detail message.
- **CALENDAR:** Attached. Some dates are not yet confirmed, but we've included them so you can pencil them in your calendars.
- **WEBSITE:** idahoballroomacademy.com Please take a minute to look through it and bookmark it. This is a central source of information so you don't have to look back through your email inbox to find details. We will still be using email on a regular basis for communication but hope that you will find this website to be a valuable tool.

• **E-MAIL ADDRESS for Bookkeeping:** All IBA account information will be sent through idahoballroombooks@gmail.com. Please make sure this doesn't go to your junk folder. NOTE: Shar-a-lynn Randall is taking over as our bookkeeper. She will be at the SOP Day and will be the one following up on the bank transfer forms.

• **GROUP MESSAGING:** We will be using the app BAND for group messaging this year. If you haven't joined your dancer's teams yet, please do that today!

IBA MAIN <https://band.us/n/a6a036x4O752t>

PRE-TEENS <https://band.us/n/aba24eac60F1j>

PRE-JR WED <https://band.us/n/acac4ea469Ga6>

PRE-JR THURS <https://band.us/n/ada745a66aG7R>

JR MON <https://band.us/n/afa542a892o3e>

JR WED <https://band.us/n/aea144a699o0T>

JR THURS <https://band.us/n/abaa40a797n0P>

IBA SR BLACK <https://band.us/n/a6ad3cx8Q4ueM>

IBA SR RED <https://band.us/n/a4a938x7Q6tfL>

IBA SR GOLD <https://band.us/n/a1a237xbQes4T>

SR COMP TEAM <https://band.us/n/aca444a49cL05>

• **TRAFFIC FLOW:** Please observe the one-way direction at both locations. We request that you do not stop in the alley (at either studio) to wait for your dancer after class, even though this is the most convenient spot. Please pull into the parking lots behind City Hall by the Alley Studio. Please caution your dancers to look carefully when crossing the alley.

S.O.P. DAY Saturday, September 12, Woodman Studio

We'll send out a separate SOP DAY message with more details.

If you can't come on the 12th: the follow-up day is Mon, Sept 14, 6-8pm.

• **NEW PARENTS MEETING: 10:00 am**

This is for all parents who are new to IBA. Please make every effort to attend. We'll hand out the calendar, talk about the finances and payment options, and size dancers for their orders. You will set up your payments after this meeting, along with paying for your orders. We will be sending out the details about payments before the meeting.

• **S.O.P.** (Sizing, Order, Payments): 11 - 2pm.

Shar-a-lynn Randall and helpers will meet with each family to make sure your account is set up correctly. There are usually long lines during the first hour. In order to spread out the crowd, we ask you to come according to the following schedule (by last name):

A-F 11 - 12pm

G-M 12 - 1pm

N-Z 1 - 2 pm

I am continually reminded that IBA is a blessed program. I believe this is because it impacts the lives of these youth in a positive way. All of the IBA staff are committed to creating a safe, positive, and wholesome experience for all of the dancers.

If you ever have any concerns, please contact me so that we can work to resolve or correct anything that is out of order.

Thanks for being part of our IBA FAMILY!!

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