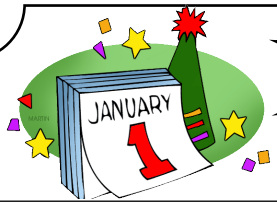

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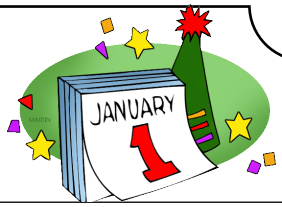

Birthdays

January 2
Samantha Blas
January 4
Kira Block
Erika MacSaveny
Mia Torres
January 5
Indira Alvarez
Hesley Alvarez
January 6
Thalia Miracle
January 7
Savannah Kwak
Angelina Yu
January 8
Ella Shapery
January 13
Olivia Peralta
Harmony Krause
January 16
Jasmine Zermeno
January 18
Sofia Perez Valles
Ania Shanahan
January 20
Jacqueline Reynoso
January 21
Lourdes Yepiz
January 22
Sacha Rosenbaum
January 23
Emily Perry
January 24
Gwendollyn Hickok
January 25
Emilia Wheeler
January 26
Arianna White
Elizabeth Carr
Olivia Downey
January 28
Hannah Lopez-Powers
January 30
Valentina Walsh
Alice Rivera
January 31
Ava Ramos

Important Dates

January 4
Spring Enrollment Begins for *Current* Students
Fall Semester Resumes
January 15
Coppélia Parent Information Meeting
SDCYB Guild Information Meeting
January 16
Coppélia Auditions
January 18
CLOSED for MLK Jr. Day
January 19
Spring Enrollment Begins for *New* Students
February 6
Last Day of Fall Semester

Happy New Year from SDCYB!

Hello SDCYB Families, and Welcome back to class!

I am so glad that you were all a part of our 70th year celebration, and I am really looking forward to beginning a new year with you as well! **What a year it has been – we recently surpassed 500 students enrolled in our weekly classes, and sold out 98% of our tickets to *The Nutcracker*!** Our advanced dancers were asked to perform at the San Diego Airport, the San Diego Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration, and with the San Diego Symphony, and we hosted a Master Class with the New York City Ballet! Many of our students attended prestigious summer intensive programs across the country, and we are now teaching ballet classes at nine Title 1 elementary schools throughout San Diego through our Outreach Program. **We also led a unique collaborative event, *Youth in Arts*, featuring students from all four arts organizations that share this facility.** It was truly a year of exciting occasions!

Despite all of these big successes, the most important thing to all of the staff and teaching faculty here at SDCYB is making sure that you, our students and families, are getting the best training and having the best possible experience. **2016 promises to be a great year, and if there is anything we can do for you in the upcoming months, please don't hesitate to ask!** Happy New Year!

Danika Pramik-Holdaway
Artistic Director, SDCYB

Save the Date: *Coppélia* Auditions

Auditions for SDCYB's spring production of *Coppélia* will be held on **Saturday, January 16th, in Room 201. All dancers from Level 1A and up (including Beginning Ballet, Teen, and Boys) *MUST* audition to be in the show.** Pre-Ballet dancers are *NOT* required to audition, however they must submit an audition form and pay the production fee no later than 12:00pm on January 16th in order to participate. **Audition forms will be available the week prior to auditions, and we will be accepting them, along with the production fee, all week long. We strongly recommend turning in your form and payment early to avoid long lines.** If you choose to wait until the day of auditions, please arrive at least 30 minutes early to turn in your audition form, pay production fees, and receive your dancer's audition number.

Here are the audition times split up by level:

***Levels 1A, 1B, 2A, Beginning Ballet/Teen/Boys*: 11:15am—12:00pm**
***Split-Level 2A/2B, Levels 2B, 3A, 3B*: 12:15pm—1:00pm**
***Levels 4, 5, 6*: 1:15pm—2:30pm**

Please Note: This production is only open to current students in levels Pre-Ballet & up. Tiny Tots and new students are not eligible, but can perform in the *Spring Showcase* in May.

Spring Enrollment Information

Believe it or not, it is time for Spring 2016 enrollment! **Current students' spots are held in their current class(es) for the first two weeks of enrollment only.** After that, all classes are open to both new and current students. **If you would like to make an adjustment to your current class schedule, be sure to stop by the office during the first two weeks of enrollment and put your dancer's name on a wait list for another class day or time**. As always, families must have a zero balance on their account in order to enroll in the next semester. Enrollment can be done in person with cash (no bills over $50), check, or card, or over the phone paying the full balance with card only. **If you do not re-enroll by January 16th, your dancer's spot will be released and you risk not having room in any class for your dancer!** If you have any questions about enrollment, please call, email, or stop by the office! Classes will fill up quickly!

Monday, January 4th
Enrollment Opens for *Current* Students
Tuesday, January 19th
Enrollment Opens for *New* Students

Stop by the office to pick up a Spring 2016 brochure or view it on our website.
Please note that there are some slight schedule adjustments for some classes.
Enrollment will begin at 12:00pm Monday-Friday, and at 9:00am on Saturday.

Coppélia Parent Information Meeting

Please join us for the ***Coppélia* Parent Information Meeting on Friday, January 15th at 5:30pm in Room 202.** During the meeting, we will review the audition process, as well as the commitment level required to participate in an SDCYB production. We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that parents of dancers who have not yet participated in an SDCYB production, or parents who still have questions about the production process, attend this meeting. This is the **only chance** to have all of your questions answered in one place prior to committing to this production, so we **highly advise** parents to attend, take notes, and have all pertinent questions answered at this time. **We look forward to seeing you on January 15th at 5:30pm in Room 202!**

Join the SDCYB Guild!

The **SDCYB Guild** is an essential link between our community and programming and provides the volunteer support necessary to increase the reach of our programs and mission. **Please join us on January 15th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Casa del Prado Building, Room 203** to learn more about the SDCYB Guild.

Farewell Miss Felicia!

As many of you are already aware, **the Fall Semester will be Miss Felicia's last semester teaching at SDCYB**. She is fulfilling one of her dreams and is opening up her own ballet school in the Eastlake area. We could not be more happier for her! We are, of course, so sad to lose her as an instructor. She attended SDCYB as a child, and has been teaching here for over 10 years, as well as being our Outreach & Homeschool Coordinator. **It has been wonderful having her as a part of our community during her time here.** We wish her the best at her new school. We will miss you Miss Felicia!

Welcome Miss Ting!

In Spring 2016, we are proud to announce that we are adding a new faculty member to our already stellar roster of instructors. Miss Ting Liu has extensive experience and credentials from all over the country and we are certain that our students will learn a great deal from her expertise! As a teacher, Miss Ting finds incredible joy in creating a structured yet fun class to help dancers of all ages refine and strengthen their ballet technique. **Miss Ting will be teaching at SDCYB on Saturdays for the Spring Semester.**
Be sure to welcome her to the SDCYB family!

Ballet for Me!

After a successful class in spring of 2015, SDCYB's newest program, ***Ballet for Me!* is back for 2016!** *Ballet for Me!* is a classical ballet program designed for *children ages 6 to 10 with unique physical needs*. **The session will run from April 15th to June 3rd, meeting every Friday from 4-5pm, and is only $100 for all 8 weeks.** *Ballet for Me!* will be **instructed by Miss Kerri and Miss Jessica**, and each dancer will have an assistant. The session concludes with an in-studio performance for family and friends. **If you know someone who would be interested in enrolling in *Ballet for Me!*, please refer them to our website, www.sdcyb.org/balletforme.** For additional information, please contact Miss Kerri at sdcyb@sdcyb.org.
Enrollment begins March 1st, 2016.

Coppélia: Meet the Characters

As we prepare for our production of *Coppélia*, we thought it would be a good idea to introduce you to a few of the characters in this classic ballet.

Dr. Coppelius: a doll and toy-maker, who has created a life-sized doll named Coppélia

Swanilda: a village beauty and the heroine of the story

Franz: Swanilda's suitor, who pays a little too much attention to the life-like doll Coppélia, believing her to be real

Upcoming Performances Around San Diego

Jean Issacs' San Diego Dance Theater Presents
Geography of Risk & Other Dances
January 15th—17th at Saville Theatre at San Diego City College
Tickets and show times: *www.sandiegodancetheater.org*

Malashock Dance Company Presents
Malashock Dance Signatures
January 22nd—24th & 28th—31st at The Abbe Wolfsheimer Studio
Tickets and show times: *www.malashockdance.org*

San Diego Ballet Presents
An Evening of Jazz & Dance
February 5th—7th at the Lyceum Theatre
Tickets and show times: *www.sandiegoballetdancecompany.com*

Summer Program Audition Alert

SDCYB is proud to host Summer Program auditions for several companies in our studios this spring. We encourage all dancers ages 10 & up to audition. For more information on the programs and how to sign up for their auditions, please visit the websites listed below.

Burklyn Ballet Theatre
Friday, January 15th, 6:30—8:00pm, Room 201
Visit: *www.burklynballet.com/audition*

Joffrey Ballet School
Saturday, January 30th, Room 201
Registration 12:00—1:00pm, Auditions 1:00—4:00pm
Visit: *www.summer.joffreyballetschool.com/auditions*

State Street Ballet
Saturday, February 13th, 3:30—5:00pm, Room 201
Visit: *www.statestreetballet.com/index.php?id=26*

We also have a bulletin board in the office with Summer Program audition information from other ballet schools and companies all over the country.
Be sure to check it out for audition dates and locations!

Audition Day Class Changes

Due to auditions for *Coppélia*, **the following classes will be cancelled or changed on Saturday, January 16th:**

- Level 3B/4, 11:00-12:30 **CANCELLED**
- Level 5/6, 12:00-1:30 **CANCELLED**
- Level 5/6 Pointe, 1:30-2:30 **CANCELLED**
- Tiny Tots B, 11:00-12:00 **MOVED to Room 203**

If you are a Level 3B, 4, 5, or 6 and ***do not*** plan on auditioning, you are eligible to take a make-up class for your missed class. If you are in Level 2B or 3A, and ***do*** plan on auditioning, you may leave your class early.

See you at auditions!