
Heart Thoughts

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From Miss Jennifer...Happy New Year!



I hope that each of you had a great Christmas break and are excited for what possibilities the New Year holds for each of us. January is typically the month that people stop and evaluate their lives and then determine what course of action they want to take for the next 12 months.

AFTH has adopted the same mindset in regards to our dance classes. January is a month in which we, as classes and individual dancers, step back and review what we have learned and then determine what course of action is required to reach our goals for the remainder of the dance season.

I want to be sure that both dancers and parents alike understand that this time is not something that should cause any stress or undue concern. Rather, this is a time to determine our strengths and our weaknesses as dancers. This evaluation will then provide a road map for each dancer to follow to reach the next level of their abilities and gifting.

This is also a time for us as AFTH Staff to re-evaluate our curriculum and customize our teaching for the remainder of the season. This time of evaluation also provides an insight into possible placement for the 2012-2013 dance season. I hope that each of you knows our heart is to encourage and motivate young dancers, while at the same time being responsible to provide a realistic road map for continued progress.



TODAY'S WORD WITH
JOEL & VICTORIA OSTEEN

"Just do it!"

Today's Scripture: "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Fear not; be not dismayed, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail or forsake you until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" (I Chronicles 28:20).

Fear not. That is the message David had for his son, Solomon. For many years, David wanted to build a temple for the Lord. But God told Him that specific job belonged to his son, Solomon. Solomon was young and inexperienced, and even though he knew he had a mandate from God, he was intimidated by the prospect of building a great house of worship, one that would be a dwelling place for the Most High. You can probably understand his apprehension.

But his father David had some good advice for him. He told his son, "Forget your fear. God is bigger than your problems. He is bigger than the temple you are going to build. He is bigger than any adversity that you might face. So just get busy and do your part and God will do the rest."

Perhaps as this New Year approaches you have some changes that need to be made. Maybe you need a renovation in your marriage, finances, health, or emotions. Whatever your individual needs may be, notice the words of David, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Fear not, be not dismayed, for the Lord God, my God, is with you."

A Prayer for Today: God, I'm excited to see what You have planned for me this year. Whatever I face, I will not be intimidated. I will begin this year by seeing myself as You do—happy, healthy, and prosperous. Thank you for the gift of another year. In Jesus' name, Amen.



January Birthdays

Bridget Ballinger, Bethany Schwartz,
Kaitlyn Strauss, Hannah Phelps,
Catherine Chan, Ellen Rose Ruiz

Recital Costume Balances Due!

Recital costume balances are due with your January (2012) tuition. Costume Balances were mailed to each AFTH family the first week of December with your total amount remaining after your costume deposit was made in September 2011.

If you are on auto pay, or you have already sent in payment for your costume balance, your account has been updated accordingly. Any costume balances not paid by the 5th of January will receive a \$15 late fee.

Any unpaid costume deposits or costume balances could result in your costume(s) not being ordered.

Please update your account accordingly!

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR AFTH ACCOUNT CURRENT

We would appreciate everyone taking a moment to be sure that your AFTH account is current and paid to date. AFTH has financial obligations to its staff, and other vendors. We cannot meet our financial obligations to others if you do not fulfill your financial obligation to us. We count on your **on time payment** which has been factored into our monthly budget.

If you are unsure of your account status, please call us at 407-612-6565 or email us at: aft@cfl.rr.com. THANK YOU!

EVALUATIONS

January is evaluation month at AFTH! During the next four weeks, each class—levels young beginner and up—will work diligently on their technique to prepare for an evaluation class in which the teacher will assess each student's progress so far this year. This is intended for the students' benefit—to let them know what they are improving in, and what they should be working on. It is important that everyone arrive on time for all classes so that all the material is covered for that class and each student is as prepared as possible for their evaluation!

LATE FEES!

Tuition is due on the first class of every month and a \$15 late fee will be applied to all unpaid accounts. Late fees will be incurred on the 12th of each month. Please be sure to contact the office before the 12th if you have not made your payment or a late fee will be applied.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Art from the Heart strives to provide you with as much information and advance notice as possible. In fact, we are known for our attention to detail and communication with our AFTH families.

The great majority of our communication will be sent out via email and available on our website at www.afthdance.com.

Please be sure that we have your current email address on file. As you registered, we placed your email in our email blast list so you should automatically receive our monthly newsletter, reminders, and updates.

MAKE-UP LESSONS

Make-up lessons are available and must be taken within two (2) weeks of absence or are forfeited.

A student may make up a class in a level equal to or 1 level higher than their normal class.

No make-up classes are available after the beginning of March 2012 due to recital rehearsals / classes. No payment adjustments for missed classes.

WITHDRAWING FROM CLASS

AFTH must be given a written notice 30 days prior to a student withdrawing from a class. Tuition must be paid in full until the 30-day notice is completed and fulfilled.

A LOOK AHEAD

JANUARY 2012:

- Studio re-opens Monday, January 2, 2012
- Recital costume balances due January 2, 2012
(Statements were mailed December 2011)
- Student Evaluation Week - January 23-27, 2012

FEBRUARY 2012:

- Begin recital dances

MARCH 2012:

- AFTH picture week (Date TBD)

APRIL 2012:

- Recital fee due April 1st - \$10 per student
- Studio closed April 6th-7th for Good Friday

MAY 2012:

- Lasts day of regular studio classes - May 10th.
 - Recital Dress Rehearsal - May 11th or 12th
(Tentatively / Location: TBD)
 - Call times will be mailed to you in April 2012
 - AFTH Recital - May 12th or 13th
(Tentatively / Location: TBD)
- 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. performances
Cast List (which show(s) you are in), call times & details will be mailed to you in April 2012.

*(Dates and information are subject to change.
If such changes occur we will do our best
to inform you of those changes.)*

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