

The Power of Dance

# Connection



DECEMBER 2023

November was such an exciting month at the Power Of Dance! Our teams performed their competition routines for the first time, and collected over 1600 pounds of donations for The Giving Tree! We also had over 200 students participate in the Green Bay Holiday parade. Caregivers were invited into classes during Parent Observation Week, and some even got to dance along! We gave back to the community by stocking shelves at The Giving Tree, cleaning up lawns through Rake Up Green Bay, and began collecting donations of holiday gifts for CASA.



## COMING UP THIS MONTH AT POD...

December is a short month at the Power of Dance, but we still have plenty going on!

- Our annual **Holiday Giving Tree** is up in the studio lobby. Choose an ornament or two with suggested gifts for CASA volunteers to provide to the children with whom they work. You can also check out CASA's [Amazon Wish List](#). Please bring all donations to the studio by Friday, December 8. Donations of gift wrap, gift bags and tissue paper are also welcome!
- Dancers in Academy classes have begun learning their **recital routine**, and costumes have been ordered! Music and videos will be posted on our [Academy Page](#) so that students can practice at home, especially over that long winter break! The studio will be closed for two weeks, from December 19 through January 1.
- Our **Acro Target Training** classes have been a hit! These à la carte (commitment-free) classes are offered most Saturdays 10:30-11:30. Dancers can work on any level-appropriate skills they choose. Check the calendars below to see when Acro Target Training is available.

## DECEMBER AT The Power Of Dance, LLC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 December tuition due	2 
	POD Holiday Giving tree to support CASA					
3	4	5	6	7 	8 	9 
	POD Holiday Giving tree donations due Friday 12/8					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 
17	18 all classes run (New Year's Day makeup)	19	20	21	22	23
	studio closed - winter break					
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
	studio closed - winter break					

## STAFF SHUFFLE

These POD staff members shared a favorite holiday story, memory or tradition. But who said what? Hmm... that's for you to figure out! Match the names with what they said, and correct answers will be revealed next week.

Alex      Chloe      Dawn      Elizabeth  
 Heather      Jasmine      Jeanne      Jodi      Kaitlyn  
 Maddie      Marissa      Tanya      Theresa

1. My favorite Christmas tradition is helping my grandma decorate her tree every year.
2. All of my siblings and I have received a jar of dill pickles every single year from Santa.
3. My favorite tradition was after Thanksgiving dinner, getting all of my tutus tacked down for the weekend's Nutcracker performances.
4. My favorite holiday tradition is having a lazy Christmas morning with my family while enjoying clementines, chai tea, and Danish Kringle.
5. I was terrified of Santa growing up. I would cry sitting on his lap, knowing he was in my house, and fearful of potentially being on the naughty list.
6. My favorite Christmas memory is that my dad used to gather us up around his big chair and read us the "Night Before Christmas" on Christmas Eve.
7. One of my favorite Christmas memories is seeing who could jump over the most stacked-up couch cushions in my grandma's basement when we were younger.
8. My favorite Christmas memory was watching my grandpa sit in his chair next to the tree after finishing our Christmas dinner. He was always the first one waiting to open the gifts!!
9. My favorite Christmas tradition is walking into my mom's house to the smell of her homemade chili, her greeting us with a big hug, and Christmas music playing in the background.
10. One gift at Christmas was always inside a Velveeta box -- wrapped on the outside, yet we always made guesses which family member was getting the box each year. I got it last year.
11. My favorite Christmas memory is bringing our newborn daughter home on Christmas Eve and then a couple hours later having 20 family members come to our house for the big family meal and gift exchange.
12. We celebrate New Year's Eve with friends and do an "ugly ornament exchange" each year. Many of these have been cobbled together from parts of other ornaments, and some even have names and full backstories.
13. Instead of spending time together and stressing about a big meal on Thanksgiving, we celebrate "Family Fun Day", where we get together on Small Business Saturday to go shopping and check out new businesses.



Give the gift of dance!



While we certainly hope that everyone got in their order for the new POD apparel, we've still got something for those who may have missed the deadline! **The Dancer's Closet studio store** is full of great gift ideas for any dancer or fan. We have leotards, shorts, skirts and accessories for every age of dancer, and POD merchandise for both dancers and parents. Get a POD ornament to hang on your tree this year, a car decal for those proud dance grandparents, or a new bag to hold all your dancer's stuff. The store is open during all studio hours through Monday, December 18.

To help you fill those stockings, POD will be running a special **dancewear sale December 4-8** only. Take 25% off dancewear (leotards, shorts, skirts, sports bras, tanks, and leggings) including an EXTRA 25% off our already-reduced clearance items! In addition, take 15% off all tights and POD-branded apparel (excluding parade sweatshirts).

What's easy to wrap and adaptable to any budget? Give the gift of dance with a Power of Dance **studio gift certificate!** Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor who doesn't dance at POD but would love it here? Now through December 18, if you purchase a gift certificate for a future POD student OR contribute to our general scholarship fund, you will earn a \$5 credit to YOUR account for every \$25 you spend. See Dawn at the front desk or go to our [online store](#) to purchase gift certificates or contribute to the scholarship fund.

## JANUARY AT The Power Of Dance, LLC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Happy New Year studio closed	2 classes resume	3	4	5	6 
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