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**Staff Spotlight—
 New Instructor!**



Betsy Singing Instructor

How long have you been singing? I have been singing for as long as I can remember! I have three sisters and as children we would put on performances from the Sound of Music and other songs that we liked for our parents and friends when they would visit. That love of singing and performing has continued throughout my entire life. I was part of a stellar high

school choir program, continued with college choir, and was a vocalist on a traveling women's singing group. After college, I sang with Magnum Chorom and now serve as a worship co-leader with my husband at our church.

What do you like most about teaching? I love seeing the students grow in their understanding of how to sing correctly and in turn, grow in their confidence as performers. I love to see their self-esteem bolstered as they improve in and enjoy a new skill.

Do you have a favorite song to sing? "Sure On this Shining Night" by Samuel Barber and Stephen Foster

What would your personal theme song be? "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. I like the Glee version, too!

Do you have any fun facts about yourself or can you do any fun tricks? A fun fact: I met my husband in college and the first thing I ever said to him was, "Are you Prince Charming?" I recognized him as the guy who played the role of Prince Charming in our school musical, "Cinderella". He did in fact play that role, but it was an awkward and funny way to meet for the first time. We still laugh about it.

Where is the coolest place you've traveled to? Bangladesh was definitely one of the most interesting places I've ever been to. I went there 10 years ago on a music and drama mission trip. We did music and drama workshops during the day at the schools and performed a musical at various public venues in the evening.

SDA Fun Facts:

Did you know that Katie is the dancer in the SDA Logo?

Did you know there are 5 SDA teachers in the Take 5 Logo? Can you guess who they are?

**Taking Care of
 Business**

Toys For Tots: We are an official Toys for Tots drop off site. Please bring a new unwrapped toy between November 28th—Dec 17th.

4th Studio: Come check out the new studio. Thank you to all the dancers, dad and moms who worked hard to paint the walls and break it in.

New Website: Check out the new website—it's updated with new recital and competition info and a google calendar.

Walk-Thru Traffic: Please try not to walk thru the dance studios when classes are in session unless it's an emergency. We ask that you please try to wait until the dancers are changing their shoes or switching classes. Thank you.

E-mail Updates: If you are not receiving this newsletter by email each month please stop at the front desk and give them your email address.

Facebook: We are on facebook. Please like our page to stay up-to-date on the happenings at SDA.

Weather Closings: Remember we follow the Shakopee schools when they close for bad weather. If the studio closes we will post on facebook, send out an email and change the studio voicemail.

Fundraising Cards

Congrats to all the kids who participated in the Direct Impact fundraiser. Congrats to Mahelia Hunter who sold the most cards and earned over \$600 towards her tuition.



Look at these cuties out and about selling fundraising cards. They had a blast.

Dancer Spotlight



2 sisters that share the love of dance!

Corinne

Age: 7

Years of Dance: 3

Favorite thing about dance: Seeing her friends & doing the dance

Favorite type of dance: Hip-Hop

Favorite song to dance to: "Tonight, Tonight – Hot Chelle Rea

When Corinne grows up.. She wants to be a professional dancer

If she was an animal she would be.... A horse, because they are very pretty

Fun facts about Corinne: Favorite colors are pink, blue & purple. Her favorite restaurants are McDonald's & Dairy Queen

Kinley

Age: 9

Years of Dance: 2

Favorite thing about dance: Seeing friends & learning new steps

Favorite type of dance: tap

Favorite song to dance to: Anything by Taylor Swift or Katy Perry

When Kinley grows up.. She wants to be a Veterinarian- She loves animals.

If she was an animal she would be.... A Monkey, because she would be free in the jungle and eat coconuts.

Fun facts about Kinley: She loves the Blooming Onion at the Outback Steakhouse and will do *almost* anything her friends dare her to do

Dates to Remember

December 12th–17th—Parent Watch Week!

December 12th– 17th—Santa will be coming to class! Santa will be visiting classes this week. If you would not like your child to participate please contact Jen to make arrangements.

December 19th–Jan 1st— No Classes. Have a safe and warm Holiday break.

January 10th: Fundraising Night at Culvers! Dine at Culvers from 5:00–9:00 PM and SDA will get 10% of the sales. Please eat in or drive through to help us earn money. All money earned will go towards recital costs.

February 13th-18th—Parent Watch Week!

March 26th-31st — Spring Break. No classes.

April 15th—Picture Day. We will be giving more information when the date gets closer.

April 16th–21st—Parent Watch Week!

April 23rd—Bring a friend to class week!

May 11th—Music Recital—Chaska Community Center Auditorium

May 12th— Dress rehearsal— Prior Lake-Savage High School

May 18th–20th — Dance Recital—Prior Lake-Save High School

Competition Corner

Dates to Remember

February 18th—Competition Dancers lock in

April 19th– 22nd—Triple S Regional Dance Competition—Woodbury

April 27th–29th—In10sity Dance Competition — St. Paul

May 3rd—Masquerade Dance Competition—Burnsville

June 11 th–15th—Brush up for Nationals

June 18th–23rd—Masquerade Dance Competition—Burnsville

June 27th–30th: Triple S Nationals @ Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

Technique Breakdown

Group S: Little Gems, Shakers, Shooting Stars, Sparklers, Starlights

Group D: Dazzlers, Diamonds, Headliners, Superstars

Group A: All Stars, Rockstars, Showstoppers

Times:

Group S:

5:00-6:00 p.m. Fridays,
9:00-10:00 a.m. Saturdays

Group D:

6:00-7:30 p.m. Fridays,
10:00-11:30 a.m. Saturdays

Group A:

5:30-7:00 p.m. Fridays,
9:00-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

***All competition dancers MUST attend at least one per month. Attendance is taken at all classes, and it's included in the tuition .

December 3rd	Group A
December 9th	Group A
December 10th	Group S
	Group D
December 17th	Group A