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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF OUR SOC STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!
THANKSGIVING BREAK - NOVEMBER 25-27 - CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

SOC 2010 HOLIDAY SHOW INFORMATION: "NORTH POLE EXPOSURE"

This year's holiday show, "North Pole Exposure", will be held on Saturday, December 18th at the Bayside Performing Arts Theater in San Mateo. We will have two show times: 11:00 am and 2:30 pm. Our show will be led and narrated by our talented musical theater and vocal students, and all of our dance classes will be showcasing their newest holiday routines to celebrate the season.

Our stage rehearsals will be held on Friday, December 17th at the Bayside Performing Arts Theater. All students participating in this year's holiday shows are required to attend these stage rehearsals. We ask that students arrive at least 15 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal time to ensure that all classes run on schedule. Detailed rehearsal and show schedules will be posted on the studio announcement board. Class costume memos will be handed out in classes.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the front desk beginning Monday, November 15th at 3:30 pm. All tickets are reserved seating and ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. **To give all SOC families an equal opportunity to purchase tickets for our show, families will be able to purchase up to 5 tickets per family/show during the first week of ticket sales. All remaining tickets will be available for purchase beginning Monday, November 22nd. Please note that all tickets are non-refundable.**

We look forward to having you all join us as we celebrate the holiday season through song and dance!

AUDITION WORKSHOPS FOR

Is your child interested in auditioning for our spring musical but needs help preparing a song or monologue? We will be holding group workshops for all students interested in preparing for our auditions in December. We will also be offering discounted private vocal lessons for those who would like extra coaching with their vocal selections for the audition. Students interested in attending the group workshop must sign up at the front desk. Group and private audition workshop information is listed below:

GROUP WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

DATE: Saturday, November 20th from 11:00 am-12:00 pm
COST: \$10.00 for SOC students/\$15.00 non-SOC students
MATERIAL COVERED: 2 songs from the musical will be taught to all students who attend. Sheet music will be provided and students will be able to audition with these songs. Instructors will also provide audition techniques and guidance for all students who attend.

PRIVATE VOCAL COACHING INFORMATION:

DATE: Contact the front desk for availability throughout the week
COST: \$25.00 for up to three 30-minute session
MATERIAL COVERED: one on one vocal coaching to prepare for auditions. Instructor will also be able to assist with 1-2 song choices for students to use during their audition.

OPEN AUDITIONS: December 10th - 3:30-6:30 PM

CALLBACKS: December 11, 2010 - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Auditions are open to both boys and girls ages 7-18. For more information or to schedule an audition appointment please visit the front desk.

ANNOUNCING NEW 2011 WINTER CLASSES

We are happy to announce our new class additions for our Winter 2011 session. All winter session classes begin the week of January 3, 2011

Hip Hop Kids (5-7)
Monday 5:30-6:30pm

Kinderhula (3-4)
Thursday 6:00-6:45pm

Kinderhula (3-4)
Saturday 10:45-11:30am

Ballet + Tap (4-6)
Saturday 11:00-11:45am

Musical Theater Production*
Saturday 1:00-4:00pm

Registration for all Winter classes begins on Monday, Nov. 1st. Sign up today!

**student audition required*

SECOND HARVEST HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

We ask that you please join us throughout the month of November as we collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations this holiday season for the Second Harvest Food Bank of San Mateo County. Teachers will be passing out donation bags and envelopes to all students in classes, and donations can be placed in the food collection bins located under our announcement boards. Our food drive will be held from Nov. 1-23. For more information about the Second Harvest Food Bank, please visit www.2ndharvest.net. We hope to come together as a community to help those in need in the Bay Area this holiday season. Thank you in advance for all of your generous donations!

 **REMINDER: COSTUME DEPOSITS ARE DUE WITH NOVEMBER TUITION** 

FITNESS NOTES: THE PERFECT FIT

By: Jessica Acosta, Dance Fitness Director

A gigantic (Go, Giants!) THANK YOU to everyone who participated in and donated to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on Saturday, October 23rd. With all of your help, we were able to achieve our team goal of raising \$2,000.00! Our donations to the American Cancer Society aid them in implementing the following programs:

- 1) Helping people stay well by providing screening guidelines, physical education and engaging in efforts to increase public awareness about the importance of yearly mammograms.
- 2) Helping people get well by offering free programs and services in nearly every community in the US such as offering transportation assistance to and from treatment, free lodging for those who have to travel far for treatment, emotional support programs that connect newly diagnosed patients with survivors, among other things.
- 3) Finding cures by investing more in breast cancer research than in any other solid tumor site. Of the researchers chosen for Society funding through the years, 44 have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.
- 4) Fighting back by collaborating with its nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, to work with legislators to keep breast cancer funding a top priority. Through this, they have successfully lobbied for millions of dollars for the Center of Disease Control and Prevention National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.



**TEAM SOC
MAKING STRIDES FOR A CURE**

For those who were able to participate in the walk and were not bedded down with illness, I am grateful that you did not let the nearly inclement weather dissuade you from joining us at Golden Gate Park. Although it had been threatening to rain all morning, we were lucky to be on our way back to the studio by the time the clouds opened up. It was a wonderful and uplifting experience that I am so happy to have shared with all of you. A special "thank you" to Randy for ferrying us on his bus and to Eric Aguon for serving as his conductor/co-pilot. I look forward to an even more successful Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event next year.

Cancer got me over unimportant fears, like getting old. ~ Olivia Newton-John



THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED OUR "SPOOK" OF CREATION HALLOWEEN FAIR. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO MAKE THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 1-10** Tuition & Costume Deposits Due
- Nov 15** Holiday Show Ticket Sales Begin
- Nov 25-27** Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes
- Nov 29** Classes Resume
- Dec 1-10** Tuition Due
- Dec 10-11** Open Auditions for Musical - Mulan Jr.
- Dec 14 & 17** Stage Rehearsals
- Dec 18** SOC Holiday Show
- Dec 20-Jan 2** Winter Break



SOC STUDIO STUDENT'S CORNER

Celeste Javier, SOC Musical Theater, Jazz and Hula/Tahitian student, was featured in a national commercial for OnStar's recently launched LiveOn campaign. Celeste's charismatic audition landed this 8-year old a role in the national commercial which can be seen on TV, YouTube and was also featured on Times Square digital billboards in New York. Congratulations, Celeste, for such a huge accomplishment at such an early age, and we are so proud of you!

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