



August Newsletter

Important Dates:

Monday, August 30th – Thursday, September 2nd

Monday, September 6th

Classes Begin

Labor Day – No Class

This is the first of the monthly newsletters that you will receive over the coming dance year. Please read these letters carefully as they will answer lots of your questions and keep you informed about what's going on at the studio. Newsletters will be emailed, so please be sure that we have a current email address on file for you. These newsletters will also be available on our website: www.stairwaytothestarz.com.

Classes begin the week of August 30th!

We will continue to operate under some of our COVID-19 protocols to help limit the spread of all viruses:

- Entrance: We will continue to ask parents not to wait in the building. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the door.
- Hand Sanitizer: Hand sanitizer will be distributed at each entrance to each student that enters the building. Hand sanitizer will also be used between each class and each direct contact by staff and students.
- Additional Sanitation: High touch surfaces will be wiped down with Clorox wipes between each class.
- Please DO NOT send your child to class if they are ill or anyone in your immediate family is ill.

Tuition & Other Payments:

We have several payment options available for your tuition and other charges! Our tuition is a yearly charge that you may pay in one payment (September), two payments (September & January) or 9 monthly payments (September-May). If you would like to pay your tuition in one payment or two payments simply multiply your monthly amount by 9 for one payment and divide that by 2 for two payments. All accounts are currently set-up for monthly payments.

Payment Options:

- Cash/Check/Credit Card: you may pay your tuition and other charges in the office via cash, check or credit card. Please note that payments are due the 1st of the month and will incur a \$15 late charge after the 15th of the month – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- PayPal: simply log into PayPal and choose "Send Money". Enter our PayPal email address: stairwaytothestars@hotmail.com. Then enter the amount you would like to pay. We will email you a receipt.
- Venmo: @StairwayToTheStarz. We will email you a receipt.
- Monthly Auto Payment: if you would like your tuition and other charges to be automatically charged to your debit or credit card, please complete the attached Credit Card Authorization Form, and return to the studio.

Shoes and Attire:

Below is the list of dance shoes needed for each of our classes:

Creative Dance & Wee Dance:	Pink Ballet Shoes
All Ballet Classes:	Pink Ballet Shoes
All Jazz Classes:	Tan Slip-On Jazz Shoes
All Tap Classes:	Tan Baby Doll Tap Shoes (Mon 7:00 & Wed 5:30 wear black)
All Clog Classes:	Black Clog Shoes
All Hip Hop Classes:	Black Hip Hop Shoes
All Tumbling Classes:	No Shoes

All necessary shoes must be purchased in our office or through our used shoe program. This is for consistency in style and color. And because it's easier for everyone 😊

Here is the link to our shoe order form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u1PP2oAJeMNL8BUVlj1GyCGs7DTRKpOvmSjpnZC0n5M>

If you have used shoes that you would like to sell, please turn them into the office. You will receive a credit on your account for used shoes that you turn in. The shoes must be in good condition and must be a style that we use. We are not going to keep a waiting list for used shoes once classes start - they will be first come first serve. If you have not found used shoes within the first 2 weeks of dance, you will need to order new ones.

Additional Technique Classes:

- Tumbling Technique will be available to add-on, if you are interested. It will be on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00PM. Please email us if you would like to join the Tumbling Technique class. We must have 6 students registered in order to hold the class. If you are an Unlimited Student or Unlimited Family these classes are included in your plan. Students and Families not on Unlimited Plans are billed at the discounted rate of \$40/month. Tumbling Technique does not participate in the recital. You must be registered for a regular tumbling class to register for Tumbling Technique.
- Ballet Technique will be available to add-on, if you are interested. Level I will be on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30, Level II will be Wednesdays from 4:45-6:00, Level III will be Thursdays from 8:00-9:15. Please email us if you would like to join! If you are an Unlimited Student or Unlimited Family these classes are included in your plan. Students and Families not on Unlimited Plans are billed at the discounted rate of \$30 month (Level I) or \$40/month (Level II & II). Ballet Technique is required for competition students. You must be registered for a regular ballet class to register for Ballet Technique.

We will be distributing Handbooks during the first week of classes. Handbooks will be sent via email.

It's Back-to-School Time! Enjoy each day at school!



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