

# *Stairway to the Stars*

## *September Newsletter*



### **No Classes on Labor Day – Monday, September 6th**



#### **Tuition:**

Tuition is a yearly charge, not a monthly charge. If you have chosen to make the 9 monthly payments, they are due September - May.

If you are paying your tuition in 9 monthly payments, we have several options:

1. Check: make payable to “Stairway to the Stars”. You can send it with your dancer or leave on the desk in the office.
2. Cash: please place it in an envelope with your child’s name on it. You can send it with your dancer or leave on the desk in the office
3. Auto Pay: we can automatically bill your credit or debit card. The authorization form can be printed from our website or picked up in the office
4. PayPal: Just click “Send Money” and enter our email address: [stairwaytothestars@hotmail.com](mailto:stairwaytothestars@hotmail.com).
5. Venmo: @StairwayToTheStarz. We will email you a receipt.

If you are paying your tuition in one payment, simply multiply your monthly amount by 9. It is due the first week of September.

If you are paying your tuition in two payments, simply multiply your monthly amount by 9 and divide by 2. The first payment is due the first week of September and the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment is due the first week of January.



If you were waiting on used shoes, we have reached the end of the waiting period and have ordered new shoes. We do still have a fair amount of used shoes to try on students next week. We have not billed for those shoes yet and will do so after we try them on and confirm that they fit. If those shoes don't fit, we will order new in the appropriate size and add them to your bill. \*\*Reminder: all shoes must be purchased thru the studio for consistency in style and color.

Tumbling:	No shoes needed
Jazz:	Tan Slip-On Jazz shoes
Ballet:	Pink Ballet Shoes
Tap:	Tan Tap Shoes with Buckle Strap Monday 7:00, & Wednesday 5:30 need black slip-on
Clog:	Black Clog shoes
Hip Hop:	Black Hip Hop Shoes
Creative Dance:	Pink Ballet shoes (boys can have bare feet)

Take a few moments to put your child's name or initials on the inside all of their dance shoes. It will save you lots of headaches later! Also be sure that your child has a bag to keep their belongings in.

We are currently doing front door drop off and pick up due to COVID-19. This is simply to reduce the number of people in our buildings, not to keep you out 😊 We just want to have a great year with no COVID-19 incidents. On the same subject, please keep kiddos at home when they are ill 😊

Please be sure that your child comes to dance and tumbling class in the appropriate attire. They should not be wearing school clothes, jean shorts, large t-shirts etc. Please be sure that their hair is up and out of their face. It is best to leave necklaces, watches and bracelets at home.



We will begin the process of ordering costumes for our May recital in September. While this seems early, it is an 8 week process to get all students measured, costumes selected and orders placed. Costumes then take 8 to 12 weeks to arrive at this time of year (20+ weeks if you wait until Spring due to high demand). It is then a huge undertaking to sort them all for send home. We will account for growth over the year 😊

Recital tights will be ordered for everyone in December. If returning students have tights from last year that they have not been wearing to class, they may bring them to the office to have them approved for re-use. Tights must be approved by November 1<sup>st</sup>, otherwise you will receive new tights. If you need replacement tights at any time, they will be available in the office all year. Ballet classes and Creative Dance will be wearing pink and all other classes will be wearing tan (stirrup for tumbling). Tights are \$8 per pair (stirrup tights are \$12 per pair).

**A few hints to help your child get the most out of their dance/tumbling lessons:**

- Encourage your child and express your pride in their efforts and accomplishments.
- Make sure your child arrives on time and that he/she attends all lessons. Missing class can be discouraging when the child returns to class and has to catch-up on missed material.
- Encourage your child to practice at home, especially new material or choreography. A student who retains the choreography or movement from week to week is more confident and enjoys the dance experience more.
- Talk with your child about what they learned at dance class; encourage them to show you what they know. 😊



**We hope that everyone's school year is off to a great start!**

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