



August Newsletter

**Monday, August 28th – Thursday, August 31st
Classes Begin**

**Monday, September 4th
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.

- Entrance: We will continue to ask parents not to wait in the building. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the door. Our lobby gets too crowded, and this helps the flow of traffic.
 - Hand Sanitizer: Hand sanitizer will be distributed at each entrance of each studio to each student. 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.
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Shoe Information:

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 6:30 & Wed 6:30 wear black)
All Clog Classes:	Black Clog Shoes
All Hip Hop Classes:	Black Hip Hop Shoes
All Tumbling Classes:	No Shoes

You have the option to order new shoes right away or to try to obtain used dance shoes.

New Shoes: new shoes can be purchased on the Parent Portal under Online Store. You simply select the type of shoes that you need and enter your regular shoe size.

Used Shoes: Use the link below to our Used Shoe Form. We will add you to waiting list for used shoes. If used shoes are not found for your dancer by the end of the 2nd week of classes, new shoes will be ordered.

Used Shoe Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u1PP2oAJeMNL8BUVlj1GyCGs7DTRKpOvmSjpnZCon5M>

Used Shoe Drop Off: The door in between our buildings is always unlocked. You can place your used shoes in a bag with your name on it and leave it inside the door at any time.

Additional Technique Classes:

Ballet Technique will be available to add-on, if you are interested.

- Level 1 will be on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:00 (must be 6 years old and have one year of ballet minimum),
- Level 2 will be Wednesdays from 4:45-6:00. Placement is at the discretion of the instructor
- Level 3 will be Thursdays from 8:00-9:15. Placement is at the discretion of the instructor.

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 regular tuition rate of \$35 month (Level 1) or \$45/month (Level 2 & 3). Ballet Technique is required for competition students. You must be registered for a regular ballet class to register for Ballet Technique.

Other Additional Classes:

- Clog: Monday 4:00-4:30. 3rd Grade and up. Must have one year of tap minimum and be currently enrolled in tap.
 - Lyrical: Wednesday 6:30-7:00. 3rd Grade and up. Must be currently enrolled in ballet and jazz.
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Tuition & Other Payments:

Invoices will be emailed around the first of each month and weekly during the month to accounts with balances due. We have several payment options available for your tuition and other charges! Our tuition is a yearly charge that is divided into 9 monthly payments (September-May). All accounts are currently set-up for monthly payments.

Payment Options:

- The easiest way to pay your tuition and other charges is to use our Parent Portal. You should have received a login and password for this when you registered. If you need this information re-sent to you, please email us at: office@stairwaytothestarz.com
- 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 Auto Payment section on your account on the Parent Portal
- Monthly by Check or Cash: you can put your payment thru the mail slot in the front door during the day, leave in the office during class time, or send with your student.
- Venmo: @StairwayToTheStarz. We will email you a receipt.
- PayPal: stairwaytothestars@hotmail.com. We will email you a receipt.

*Please note: although we will accept payments via Venmo and PayPal, payment on the Parent Portal is preferred. Payments received via Venmo and PayPal have to be manually entered by our staff and Parent Portal payments are automatically posted when you make them. If possible, please set up your Parent Portal account with a credit or debit card to make payments easy.

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



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