



Welcome to a new year of dance and tumbling!

Please try to use email as your primary form of communication with the studio. Facebook, Instagram, and text messages are much harder for our staff to keep track of. All communication from us will be via email. This includes Billing Statements, Newsletters, etc.

The first week of class will primarily be about shoes, measuring for costumes, and familiarizing the kiddos to our facility and what we will be doing in class, and getting to know everyone. We have TONS of shoes to try on and still more feet to measure!

Please be sure your child has a dance bag!

Shoes:

- **Used Shoes:** if you filled out the form for used shoes, we have you on the list. The list is now closed. Any used shoes that we have on hand will be first come, first serve. We have TONS of used shoes to try on kiddos this week. As we find pairs that fit, they will be added to your account. If we try a pair on and they don't fit, you will retain your place in order on the list with the adjusted size. If we do not find used shoes to fit your child by the end of the second week of classes, we will order new shoes for them.
- **New Shoes:** if you have not previously filled out the form for used shoes or ordered new shoes, we will be measuring your child for shoes this week and ordering them what they need. If you did place an order for new shoes, those shoes will be tried on your child this week. If they fit, they will be sent home with them. If they don't fit, we will return them and order the correct size for next week.
- **Dance Bags:** please be sure that you send a dance bag for you child (unless they are just in tumbling). Even if they only have one pair of dance shoes, it helps everyone to keep track if they are able to put their shoes in a bag before they leave the dance studio. If they leave with them in their hand, they often set them down in the lobby when they put their outside shoes on and then they are forgotten 😊 Any bag will do! We have lots of cute ones for sale in the office too!

Drop Off / Pick Up:

- We have very limited lobby space in our building, so we kindly ask that parents not sit on the stairs or on the floor in the office or lobby to wait for their child – it just gets too crowded. We also do not have room for parents to watch class in the studio. We are encouraging everyone to drop-off/pick-up at the door to help the flow of traffic. If you have little ones, please feel free to help them to their class! Teachers will be bringing classes to and from the lobby.

Studio 1: Studio 1 is our tumbling studio and is on the 2nd floor. Use the stairs through the door on the right side of the lobby. The door to the tumbling studio is the last door on the right at the end of the hall.

Studio 2: Studio 2 is thru the double doors in the lobby

Studio 3: Studio 3 is on the 2nd floor. You will use the stairs on the left side of the lobby.

Studio 4: Studio 4 is on the 2nd floor. You will use the stairs on the left side of the lobby

- If you are worried about your little dancer being upset/having some tears please know that this is normal, and we are quite used to it 😊 After many years of trying many different things we have found that it works much better if parents don't stay to observe. Through dance we are trying to help little ones become more confident and independent. In the first few weeks it is common to have some tears when it is time for mom or dad to leave, but we are better able to distract them, entertain them and teach them if we are not competing with the people that they love the most 😊
- We are asking students to please hang up jackets on the coat hooks and place street shoes in the shoe racks when arriving for class. Students should carry their dance bag with them to class.

Payments:

- You are encouraged to pay via our Parent Portal. You received an email with a login and password for this. If you need the email re-sent, please email the office. If you would like to pay by check or cash, please send it to the studio with your child in an envelope with your name on it. We also still accept PayPal and Venmo, but this will likely be the last year. We are trying to streamline everything and paying on the Parent Portal does that for us.
- If you signed up for Auto Pay, please know that Auto Payments are only processed on the 1st of each month. Charges will occasionally be added to your bill during a month, and you may receive a billing statement. If you are signed up for Auto Pay, your charges will be paid on the 1st of the following month.
- If you signed up for Auto Pay and have not completed the form to indicate if you would like only your tuition charged on the 1st of the month or if you would like your current balance charged, please do so as soon as possible so that we are able to charge your card correctly. If you sign up for tuition only, please know that you must log into the Parent Portal to pay your other charges yourself. Auto Payment Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/126SSwXWNKX_Qssj0Aena1GMVPfUoeZtRj7va_vzKYCA

Absences:

- If your child will be absent from class, please complete the following form. The link to this form is also on our website.

Absence Notification Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lt6NGjLUPoDdhQPMNjRDHtwMuSgM7EBQeetZP0dNQMY>

Phones & Smart Watches:

- Our studios are going to be Phone/Smart Watch Free. If phones and smart watches are brought to the studio, they should be on silent in their bag. Last year we spent a lot of time asking students to put their phones away and to not check their watch while they were dancing. We have clear pockets hanging up in the studios to hold these items, if needed.

Dance Studio App:

- DanceStudio-Pro, our studio software provider, has released a brand new DanceStudio-Pro Parent Portal app. The app has all the same functions as the web-based Parent Portal with the added convenience of having it downloaded directly on your smartphone. The app is free and will allow you to register, pay, access your schedule, etc.

To get started:

1. Download the app from the Apple store or Google Play store
2. Enter your current DSP credentials (your login/password from the online Parent Portal)
3. Click "log in"

We are excited to offer you this new and convenient way of engaging with us; however, if you choose not to download the app, you can continue to access our studio's Parent Portal through a web browser.

Snacks and Water:

- Feel free to send a snack and water with your child. We also have snacks and water in the office for 50 cents each. You can even purchase a punch card for \$10! Please note: when sending your child with a punch card or money for snacks, we limit them to one snack and a bottle of water.

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THEME WEEKS FOR DANCE CLASS 2023-2024

Homecoming Spirit Week/Favorite Team Week: September 25th – 28th

Wear your favorite team to class. Break out your jerseys, hats, t-shirts etc.

Halloween Party Week: October 23rd – 26th

Wear your Halloween costumes or a Halloween shirt!!

Crazy Socks Week: November 13th – 16th

Wear your craziest socks!

Holiday Party Week: December 18th – 21st

Holidays are here, wear your cheer! Ugly Sweaters, Santa Hats, Christmas Shirts, Etc!

Pajama Week: January 22nd – 25th

Get cozy and wear your PJ's to dance, but no getting sleepy!

Crazy Hair with a Little Bit of Love: February 12th – 15th

Crazy hair, don't care! It's also Valentine's week, so wear your hearts, pink, and red!

Beach Week: March 18th – 21st

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, tank top, or flower lei!

Recital Preparation Week: April 22nd – 25th

Get ready for recital and wear your recital tshirt or your favorite costume from years past!

NOTE

Please remember that all themed weeks should not interfere with the student's ability to dance!! Please remember to KEEP HAIR UP and out of face and make sure clothes are danceable and appropriate. Thank You!