

# *Stairway to the Stars*

## *September Newsletter*



### **No Classes on Labor Day – Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Additional Classes available:

- Clog: Monday 4:00-4:30  
You must be enrolled in tap to participate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and up
- Lyrical: Wednesday 6:30-7:00  
You must be enrolled in ballet and jazz to participate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and up
- Technique Ballet:
  - Minis: Wednesdays 5:00-5:30
  - Juniors: Wednesdays 4:45-5:45
  - Seniors: Thursdays 8:00-9:15

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. Students should wear tight fitting clothing. Loose t-shirts tend to go up when the student goes upside down. Be sure that they are wearing something that stays put when they dance and tumble. It is really hard to work on tumbling tricks when you are trying to hold your shirt down. Please be sure that their hair is up and out of their face. It is best to leave necklaces, watches, and bracelets at home.

**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. 😊**



Invoices will be emailed the first of each month and weekly during the month to accounts with balances due.

#### 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](mailto: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.



If you are waiting on used shoes, next week is the final week that we will have used shoes to distribute. 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.

Creative Dance:	Pink Ballet shoes (boys wear black jazz shoes)
Ballet:	Pink Ballet Shoes (boys wear black jazz shoes)
Jazz:	Tan Slip-On Jazz shoes (boys wear black jazz shoes)
Tap:	Tan Tap Shoes with Buckle Strap Monday 6:30, Wednesday 6:30, and all boys need black slip-on
Clog:	Black Clog shoes
Hip Hop:	Black Hip Hop Shoes
Tumbling:	No shoes needed

**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 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).**



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

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## THEME WEEKS FOR DANCE CLASS 2023-2024

**Homecoming Spirit Week/Favorite Team Week: September 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Halloween Party Week: October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

Wear your Halloween costumes or a Halloween shirt!!

**Crazy Socks Week: November 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

Wear your craziest socks!

**Holiday Party Week: December 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Pajama Week: January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Crazy Hair with a Little Bit of Love: February 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Beach Week: March 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Recital Preparation Week: April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

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!