

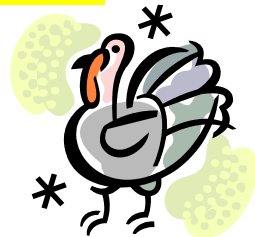
Stairway to the Stars

November Newsletter

Fall Break: Monday, November 20th - Sunday, November 26th



Happy Thanksgiving!



****There is No School for Washington on Monday, November 6th or Monday, November 27th but we still have class those days.**

Drop-Off: We have a lot of students arriving/getting dropped off for class VERY early. We have some that are arriving 35-45 minutes before their class time. Students should not be dropped off at the studio more than 5 minutes before their class time. We are not able to supervise early drop-offs when we are teaching.

Absence Form: The link to our absence form is on our website. Filling this out in advance helps us to know why students are not in class. Try to avoid texting and sending Messenger messages.

Payments: The easiest way for you to pay your bill is to pay via the Parent Portal. That way you can see your charges and payments are posted instantly.

Costumes: We ordered all of our costumes in September and most have already arrived! We used only USA based companies and only chose styles that were in-stock or had ship dates no later than mid-January. People have often asked over the years why we order our costumes so early. Costume companies have very quick turn around times in September and October. If we waited until December or later to order our costumes for May, many of them would take 20 or more weeks to arrive as they are made when you order them. There are also substantial shipping delays for many industries – we are doing our best to do everything we can to avoid any of those hassles! So far, so good! Costumes will all be sent home at some point in January! You will receive a bag with all of your costumes in it as well as tights and jewelry, if needed. Instruction sheets for each costume will be on the Parent Portal.

Tights: 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, bring them to the office for approval. You may also text a picture of the tights to Missy at 319-461-2390! Tights must be approved by November 5th, 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). Tights will be included in your costume bag and will be billed in December.

Jewelry: Students new to our program this year will receive their jewelry in their costume bag. These charges will be billed to your account in December.

Necklace - \$15 Earrings (pierced or clip on) - \$5

*Clip on earrings can also be exchanged for stick-on earrings in the office.

If you need replacement pieces they may be purchased in the office.

Weather Cancellations: We will not be following the school districts for winter weather cancellations. We will make our own determination about inclement weather and notify you via email. Cancellation announcements will also be on the studio website and the studio Facebook page.