

Welcome to our fall 2018-19 session of dance everyone! We are so excited to have everyone dancing again. School is back in session and so are we. We want to welcome our new and returning students. We are so looking forward to building new relation-

Please help us maintain a safe environment!

We hope you enjoy our spacious lobby and viewing areas. Please try and keep voices down in the lobby, Miss Ashlynn has to answer phones and loud voices disrupt the classes in session. Please keep an eye on small children and siblings, please don't allow them to go near the doors or touch the glass windows, as we don't want them to get injured and we would like everyone to enjoy seeing their children dance and they can't see if the windows are all smeared up. We pride ourselves in having a beautiful clean studio for everyone to enjoy, but we need your help when classes are in session to keep it that way. We also ask that children NOT wait outside to be picked up. Please park and come in and get them or pull up and call Ashlynn at the desk and ask her to send your child out. We are very concerned about our student's safety. People sometimes speed through the parking lot or just aren't paying attention, and we don't want anyone to get hit. We also ask that students wear clothes over their dance attire in the parking lot, and shoes (not dance shoes the concrete ruins them) we don't want someone getting their feet cut on something. Lastly if something is broken, not working, or empty, please let the desk now so we can fix it immediately. We spent a lot of time making our facility beautiful for everyone to enjoy and we'd like to keep it that way.

SPIRIT SHOP & Dancewear Supplies

We also have some FDC apparel and car decals in our case by the desk in case you want to show some studio spirit. We have hats, tee-shirts, tanks, water bottles, backpacks, and pop sockets. If you need dance apparel still before classes start The Dance Shoppe in Dunedin on Douglas will be happy to accommodate you.

New Teacher Spotlight

We would like to welcome our newest teacher Miss Lital Gelman to our studio, She just graduated from USF as a dance major. She is very excited to be working with your children. Please stop by and introduce yourself to her. You can read more about her and all of our wonderful staff on our website.



Important Dates

August 13- Fall session Begins

August 17th- Dance Team Rehearsal

August 24th- Dance Team Rehearsal

August 31st- Dance Team Rehearsal



Drinks and Snacks

Noodle bowls & Mac N Chz.....\$1.50 All other items.....\$1.00

- Cash only, please pay at desk
- Pre-load a card for your child at the desk (See Ashlynn)
- Please ensure your children cleans up after themselves.
- There are always Clorox wipes next to the microwave.

Our booster club will be raising money for our dance team in the lobby selling raffle tickets for 4 tickets to Busch Gardens. They will also be selling a Pledge Perk discount app. Similar to the cards you buy with the discounts on them except it's an app, so you will always have it on your phone! So stop by their table and say hi, and start saving.



Studio General Information

<u>Forms:</u> If you have a returning student, and didn't come to open house we need new forms filled out. If your info is on file you can just put on file for the information unless there are any changes to your account.

If you registered online and need a parent handbook you can pick one up at the desk or download it from our website on the classes tab. Our parent handbooks have all our dates for the year in them, including the dates for the recital. Please read them sign the back and turn it in with your forms.

<u>AUTOPAY:</u> If you put a card on file to be on Auto Pay, we need a credit card authorization form signed in your file. You can pick one up at the desk.

<u>TUITION:</u> Please remember tuition is due the 1st of each month and is late on the 2nd. We recommend auto pay or semester tuition to avoid the 25.00 late fees. Or simply pay the last week of every month. Clients on auto pay or semester get pre-sale privileges on recital tickets in thanks for paying tuition on time. Once tuition is 2 week past due, your child will not be permitted into class. *Reminder: per the policies if you decide to quit dance which we hope you don't, you need to give the studio 30 days' notice in writing. We have prorated tuition for this month, and will pro rate tuition the 1st week of June. The rest of tuition is based on a semester rate, so if there are 3, 4, or 5 weeks in the month, tuition stays the same. If you miss a class you can make up in any class of the same level/color until the end of the semester. We do not give refunds for missed classes.

<u>COMMUNICATION:</u> We try very hard to keep parents informed. Every month we send a newsletter, post on our closed parent group on fb, post on Instagram, and our facebook fan page, as well as put signs up around the studio. If you get an email from me...it's important, so please take the time to read it. November is when costume money is due for recital. This is a very important time for your child to be measured and your account to be checked that classes are correct in the computer (kids change classes and don't have the desk adjust it and the wrong costumes get ordered). Please feel free to always be able to call or email me at any time.

<u>Class Drop/Change:</u> There is a form at the desk to drop or change classes. Please talk to Ashlynn and ask for the form. This is a way to avoid costly mistakes with recital costumes, billing, and attendance.

<u>REFERRALS:</u> Your word of mouth is the best advertising for us! Did you know if you refer a student to our studio and they sign up you get a \$10.00 credit to your account? I spend a lot of money on advertising but it seems most of my clients come from you, and I like to compensate you for having faith in my business.

<u>Performance Team:</u> Would you like your child to be a part of our performance team, and dance in the parades, and perform around the community? This is an extra thing we offer at our studio; this year we are also having them attend 1 competition. Please see Miss Jadene for more information. We have a handout explaining the cost and time commitment.

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<u>Dress Code</u>: Hair in a bun for all classes except Hip Hop, Tumble. Hair in a bun means a tight ponytail slicked back, and secured tightly with hair-pins or regular bobby pins will not keep the hair in a secure bun, nor will another elastic). No slop mops on top of the head. Why you ask? Because dancers can get injured turning and when the hair whips around and hits them in the face it can leave scratches in their eye, it also makes them squint and flinch and hinders their ability to spot. Buns are at the crown of dancers head and if done properly they can always find their center and pull up from their bun. Please use the U shaped hair pins, hair nets aren't required but they sure make the buns look nice and neat. Absolutely No running sorts, shirts, or sweats may be worn in classes except Hip Hop. We need to see your dancers bodies for proper alignment and correction, if they are wearing big baggy clothes they are not getting the corrections they need to be successful at their genre of dance.

Ballet: any color leotard, pink tights (with no holes) pink ballet shoes and a beautiful bun

Tap: Leo and tights or leggings or booty shorts and a tight fitting top required tap shoes

<u>Lyrical</u>. <u>Contemporary-</u>Leotard and tights, or leggings and crop top or booty shorts. No running shorts, shirts, or sweats. Foot undees, Twylas.

<u>Modern-</u> Leo and tights or leggings or booty shorts and crop top. No running shorts, shirts or sweats, and bare feet

<u>Tumbling-</u>Bun or pony tail, leotard and tights or leggings and crop top or booty shorts. No running shorts, sweats, or shirts

<u>Hip Hop-</u>anything that makes your child feel funky sneakers that aren't worn outside (they pick up gravel and scratch up our sprung floors) Hair in pony tail

<u>Jazz</u>- Leo and tights, or leggings and crop top or booty shorts. No shirts running shorts or sweats. Jazz shoes no laces. Hair in Bun

<u>Musical Theatre-</u> Leo and tights or crop top and leggings or booty shorts, Jazz shoes, Hair in a bun

<u>Heels-</u>Leotard and tights or leggings and crop top or booty shorts, character shoes, hair in pony tail or bun

<u>Silks-</u> Leotard and tights, leggings, or booty shorts and crop top bare feet. Don't wear anything shiny as will make you slip in the silk. Hair in a bun