



Celebrating 40 Years of Dance!

Welcome back, Dancers!

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We hope you've had a fun, safe and relaxing summer and are ready to come back and dance your hearts out! We have missed you and are looking forward to another awesome year at TDC! JoAnna, Hannah, Carly, Tara, Dicie, Danielle, Leslie, Emily, Olivia, Kay and I wish to welcome all of our new and returning students to The Dance Centre family. We also want to give a warm welcome to our new pre-dance teacher, Olivia Quigly! Olivia just graduated from Model and she is a familiar face at TDC. We are so happy to have her join our staff!

TUITION

Tuition payments remain the same as the last two years. Please refer to your registration letter for our payment plan. Yearly and monthly payments are no longer an option. You may pay for a semester, or in three installments per semester. Your calendar gives you the payment due dates. Please pay promptly as normal late fees will be applicable. (There are no refunds or transfers for advance payments.). Payments may be made by cash or check, or through Mary Beth's Venmo, @MaryBeth-Cauthen or via Apple Pay through Mary Beth's personal number, 706-506-2690. We are also set up for Zelle. Please note that Venmo has recently made updates to the app and are now charging fees for services. To keep fees down, please just enter your student's name, and not "dance" or "tuition". We also accept automatic bank disbursements. Any tuition received after the due date is subject to a \$5 late fee, or 10% of tuition total, whichever is greater. A \$25 service charge is charged for any returned checks. Two returned checks in a year will result in a cash only policy for that student. We regret that we can not accept post-dated checks either. If you need to set up special payment arrangements, please do so with Ms. Kay at the beginning of the school year. If a student wishes to withdraw, a written notice must be sent one month in advance of withdrawal. Students will be responsible for tuition installments until such notice is received. Students who take part of the year off due to other activities will remain responsible for tuition if they wish to maintain their places in class. We cannot hold a student's place without tuition being paid.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP POLICY

We will continue our drop off in the front and pick up in the back. Parents of young children are welcome to accompany your child in and wait until she is settled. We ask that you don't stay for the entire class time to keep the lobby free for incoming students. Thanks!

CLASS ATTIRE

We expect our dancers to dress properly for dance class each week. This means hair is up for ALL classes. All ballet students, regardless of age need to wear leotard and tights. Ballet skirts or dance shorts are also permitted. All intermediate to advanced ballet students (pre-pointe and up) are required to wear black leotards and pink, tan or black tights for class. Ballet skirts, dance shorts, leg warmers and ballet sweaters are also acceptable. Please check with your child's teacher if you have questions. For tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip-hop and musical theater, jazz

pants, dance shorts & tights with leotard, camisole or other fitted tops are acceptable. ATHLETIC SHORTS AND BAGGY TSHIRTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ANY CLASS. Proper class attire puts us all in a more disciplined frame of mind for class work.

ATTENDANCE

Good class attendance is extremely important for your dancer to progress in our program. Please be mindful when signing your student up that you do not select classes which will be in direct conflict with other activities. Once choreography starts for the spring recital, we will have strict attendance expectations for our students. More to come about this closer to mid-year.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Placement in classes is decided at the discretion of the director. Generally, age and/or prior experience have an impact on your child's placement. There is usually a span of 2-3 years in age in any given class. Decisions concerning when a child is ready for pointe or jazz is decided by the instructors and director. We have your child's best interest at heart when making these decisions. Please feel free to come to me directly if you have questions about your child.

HEALTH POLICIES

Parents, we ask that you do a well check on your student before coming to class. If they are exhibiting signs of flu, strep, Covid, stomach bug or even a severe cold, we ask that you keep them at home. Also, if they did not attend school that day, they should not come to dance. Symptoms to look for include cough, fever within 24 hours, diarrhea or vomiting within 24 hours, sore throat, impetigo, ringworm, hand, foot and mouth symptoms or head lice. We strive hard to maintain a healthy environment for our staff and students. We appreciate you working with us to keep it safe and healthy for all of us!

WINTER WONDERLAND PERFORMANCE

This is a Christmas show year! The holiday performance features our intermediate and advanced students. Our preschool and beginner students will not be participating in this show, but will be in the spring recital. We will hit the ground running with choreography and costume orders, so look for information to come home with your student right away.

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**We are so happy you are with us this year
to celebrate our 40th anniversary!!**