

JOY McDANIEL ACADEMY OF DANCE & GYMNASTICS

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The dance & gymnastic year is now well under way. We would like to thank all the parents and students for their patience and cooperation during Registration Days and the first few weeks of classes. The students are very eager to learn, and we are excited about a great year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 383-8988.

REMINDERS

- Please do not send sick children to dance & gymnastics. If they did not go to school because of illness, do not send them to dance or gymnastics.
- Do not leave students unattended in the waiting room. Our staff cannot be responsible for students who are not in class. Children waiting on siblings in class must be with a parent/guardian due to safety issues.
- Make sure names are in all belongings brought into the studio.
- Please send slip on shoes to put on after class. We do not allow students to leave in tap shoes & ballet shoes-they get ruined in the rain.
- Leotards and tights are kept in stock if you need new ones.

TUITION REMINDERS

- Tuition is due the 1st lesson of the month. A late fee of \$10 will be added if tuition is not paid by the 15th of the month.
- Please put your child's name on your check. If you are paying by cash, please put the cash in an envelope with your child's name on the outside.
- Remember there is no deduction in tuition for missed lessons, and there are no make up classes.
- The monthly tuition is averaged out over the entire dance year – the five week months compensate for the three week months.
- Remember- we offer electronic payments. You may take advantage of starting automatic payments at the beginning of any month, just fill out a form & return it to Joy. Forms are at the front desk.

OBSERVATION DAYS FOR DANCE & GYMNASTIC CLASSES

- We will have an Observation day during your child's regular class time the week of October 12-15 for all dance & gymnastic classes. Due to limited space, no more than two observers per student and no babies, please. You may bring your cameras.

CHRISTMAS DANCE PERFORMANCE

- All dancers will perform in December at our Christmas show. The date will be posted in the lobby as soon as it is available. The younger students will wear black leotards & pink tights and the older students will wear costumes from last year if possible.

STUDIO DECALS

Our Company Class is a group that performs & competes around town during the year representing our studio. They will be doing various fundraisers during the year to help defray their competition and travel costs. The first fundraiser they will do is studio decals for your car. Details and order forms will be passed out this week.

IMPORTANT DATES

Observation Days - week of Oct. 12 (during your child's regular class)

Thanksgiving Holiday - studio closed November 25- 29

Christmas Break - studio closed December 18 - January 3 (classes will resume Jan. 4)

Studio Rehearsal - May 15

Stage Rehearsal – May 19, 20, and/or 21

Stage Rehearsal - May 12 (for older students only)

RECITAL - MAY 22

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- Our Spring Recital will be May 22 at Germantown Performing Arts Centre. We will have a rehearsal at the studio on May 15. Mandatory stage rehearsals will be on May 19, 20, and/or 21. (Younger students and gymnastic students will be assigned to be at one --Joy will have schedules in March.) May 12 is an additional Mandatory rehearsal for Ballet III & IV, Tap III & IV, Jazz III & IV, Ballet Tech. III, & Pointe
- Please do not plan vacations between May 15 – May 22. Each rehearsal is very important and students must be at the stage rehearsal in order to be in the recital. If you have a conflict with any of the rehearsal dates, you must notify Joy in writing before January 1. Please check on graduation dates (High School & Kindergarten.)

COSTUME INFORMATION

- Since costumes add excitement and a professional quality to our recital, all of our students perform in costume in our May Recital. Combination dance classes will have two costumes & other classes will have one per subject. Since costume companies are taking longer to process orders, costumes must be ordered in December in order to have them by May. Your first non-refundable costume payment of \$30 per costume will be due by Nov. 19. The balance of the costumes will be due by January 28th. Any costume deposits received after Nov. 19th, please add \$15 per costume for separate shipping charges.
- We will have our recital meeting and observation day the week of January 11th. At this meeting we will show pictures of the costumes, explain costume pieces & accessories, go over how the Recital & rehearsals are run, explain picture days and other important “recital time” information. If you have any questions before then, please ask!

****To our 2008-09 students and parents - Thank you so much for the monetary gifts & gift certificates you gave us at the Recital. Your generosity was very much appreciated! Joy, Kim, Kayla, Sally, & Diane.****