

WELCOME BACK DANCERS AND PARENTS! - September 12th, 2016.

Dance Session 1 Fees:

- Registration and Tuition Payments are due the first week of classes. We accept credit card payments, checks or cash. No registrations will be accepted nor students enrolled into the dance session after the second week of classes. A 5% late fee will be charged to tuition not paid in full after the 2nd week of classes, unless payments have been worked out with us (see below if you are making payments).
*New * If you are making payments for your dancer's tuition- You must make all payments by the end of the 2nd month in session 1 and the end of the 3rd month in session 2. A credit card must be on file with us to charge if you do not meet your payment requirements timely with tuition.
- Costume Fees- Fees are lower for our Holiday Charity Show and range between \$0-\$60 per costume. Classes with a \$0 fee are responsible for gathering pieces that the instructor requests for their costume. Holiday Costume Fees are due no later than October 22nd. Any payment received after the 22nd will be charged a 5% late fee. All Dancers are expected to participate in our Holiday Showcase.
- DVD fee- Every Family is Responsible to purchase 1 DVD per show prior to purchasing any show tickets. The DVD fee for the Holiday Show is \$15 payable to Talos4 Enterprises. This is a mandatory fee (not optional) and necessary for a small studio to afford a professional videographer. Currently our studio does not have a flat recital fee.

Policies: Dress Code- Your Dancer will be asked to leave the class if not in dress code for classes. Dress codes are posted and no outside t-shirts are allowed, ONLY STUDIO TEES. Leotards in black, white or pink are allowed in classes.

Tardy and Absentee Policy- If your dancer is more than 15 minutes late for a dance class, he/she may not enter the room. We cannot tolerate tardy dancers. It is very distracting for the class and instructor. If your dancer misses 3 or more dance classes in a given class, the instructor may remove your dancer from the routine for our holiday showcase. Only illness is an acceptable excuse with a Drs. note if necessary. It is your dancer's responsibility to catch up in class when he/she has missed.

Important Dates of our Events this Fall 2016 Session for your Calendar:

- Competition Teams – Dancers will be chosen for our competition team and contacted. If your dancer is selected for the team, fees, schedule of practices and information will be provided. Some practices will be on Saturdays from 1130-12:30.
- Monday, October 17th at 7 pm- Carlisle Halloween Parade- **Required event for all dancers, no fee is involved. No dance classes that evening at the studio. Theme and costumes will be announced. There will be at least 1 group rehearsal for this event at the studio on a Saturday. Please make sure your dancer is in attendance.
- Thanksgiving Break Monday November 21st- Friday, November 25th 2016- No Classes.
- Holiday Charity Showcase- Memorial Auditorium at Shippensburg University Friday:
Dress Rehearsal- December 16th 5- 9:30 pm and Showcase-Saturday December 17th, 2016 at 1 pm
Our Annual Charity Holiday Production will benefit the Helene Kraus Animal Shelter. Tickets should be purchased prior to our dress rehearsal on December 16th. Tickets purchased prior to show day will be \$10 and at the door \$12, a percentage of our ticket sales will be given to our furry friends. Once again we will have a Silent Auction Raffle & a Chinese Auction Basket with proceeds going to charity. Please contact me about donating a basket.
- Spring Recital Costume Deposit of \$50.00 is due by December 1st, 2016 – All dancers continuing in Session 2, must pay this mandatory fee. Any class changes must be made before the end of session 1, otherwise your dancer is responsible for any costume ordered for current classes.

Holiday Showcase Costumes - Costume Fees will be posted the 1st week of October by class on the bulletin board. Payment in full is due by October 22nd, 2016.

Rules & Policies- All Rules and Policies for The Spirit of Dance Studio are posted on laminated posters in the public areas. Please make sure you review all policies with your dancer and take a hard copy. A Waiver must be signed before any child can participate in a dance class at The Spirit of Dance Studio.

Parking is very important! Please no parking in the turnaround and all cars should be angled in on the left side not parked straight in the driveway. Parking on the street and walking up is also an option.

Dance Shoes Anyone who did not order at our Open House nights, must order the first week of classes. Any late shoe orders after the initial order will be charged shipping. Specific shoes are required and there is a teacher preference. All shoes must be Revolution, Theatricals or Balera shoes by Show Time!

Closings- Please check your email prior to attending class if we are experiencing inclement weather. We may still hold classes if school has been cancelled but the weather has subsided. Our closings DO NOT always coincide with the school closings. Please use your discretion when roads may be treacherous.

Scheduled Closings- Are posted in the studio and listed on this form. Make sure you are receiving our monthly email newsletter with updates & reminders.

Observation Weeks- We will open the dance room blinds or doors periodically for parents to view classes. We keep the blinds closed so that the dancers are not distracted during class. Please do not let small children push against the doors.

Questions from parents- Please email me with questions at spiritofdance22@gmail.com or if you need a quick response text (717) 386-1816.

Looking Ahead into Session 2: Friday, May 19th and Saturday May 20th- Spring Recital 2017- Dress Rehearsal May 19th, 2017 & Recital May 20th, 2017. Please mark this on your calendar now so that it does not interfere with any family vacation plans.

The Spirit of Dance Studio is truly an ideal place for your child to thrive. Keep Dancing! Ms. Natalie