



DanceSport Center

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Dear DSC Dance Parent,

We hope that this letter finds you and your family happily enjoying summer. We have been busy bees reviewing notes from this year and making plans for the coming year. We are excited to announce our new class format for the 2010-2011 school year!

Our goal is to create an academy where the art and technique of dance are the base from which our students can grow and enjoy dance throughout their lives. Teaching technique to our dancers has always been important. We strive to make our classes motivating and fun while providing a strong foundation. This is what sets us apart.

With that in mind, we felt it was important to focus on the foundation that Ballet provides all forms of dance. Tuesdays will be all Ballet. Thursdays will offer Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and Contemporary. Ballet on Tuesdays will be a prerequisite for the Thursday classes. Social Dance classes will continue as well. Please see enclosed sheet for specific times and tuition. Classes start Tuesday, September 14th and Thursday the 16th.

Also enclosed are the pricing and schedule for the 2010-2011 classes and the schedule for the late summer open houses. We are accepting orders for dance shoes and gear at those open houses. Our website will be updated as well. We will present a winter showcase and a spring showcase again. Those dates will be available at the open houses. Please review all of the information and bring the forms with you to the open house.

We are very excited to roll out our new format and we miss the kids greatly! Please remember to enroll you dancer in the August 17th Dance Camp. Thank you for all of your support and dancing.

Warm regards,

Tracy and Jennifer

Dress Code Reminder:

Hair

Long hair is to be pulled back in a binder and secured at sides with clips. Hair of any length should be clipped so that it is out of the dancer's eyes. Any loose sort of head band or hair decorations must be removed before entering the dance studio.

Shoes

Upon registration, your teacher will take a measurement of your child's feet and record their street shoe size.

Ballet shoes will be ordered for your child. Girls will wear pink leather Split sole. Boys will wear black leather split sole for ballet.

Hip Hop shoes for younger ages can be sensible non-marking sneakers with a tread that is not aggressive. Split sole sneakers are encouraged but not required.

Ballet shoes may be substituted for Jazz shoes.

Contemporary may be done barefoot but we may recommend that your dancer wear lyrical slippers.

Teacher will explain.

Creative movement will be done in ballet shoes.

Tap shoes and taps for Tap class.

As we begin, Social Dance students will not be required to purchase special shoes. For Social Dance, shoes must be fastened to the foot securely and with a non-marking sole. Sneakers are not ideal. Shoes must be clean and dry and with a sole that allows the foot to turn on the floor. Dancers should not wear their shoes in. Stocking feet are not allowed. As your dancer advances through the levels, it will become necessary to purchase shoes.

Attire

Ballet attire for girls - modest dark color leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes. Ballet attire for boys will be a form fitting plain white t-shirt, black athletic pants that are secured at waist and not baggy. No jeans. These guidelines apply to Contemporary as well. Ladies may wear Ballet skirts for both.

Tap attire for younger ages will be the same as Ballet. For two older groups, light workout pants may be worn. Same applies for Jazz.

Hip-Hop attire for boys and girls is the same as Tap.

Jewelry of any kind is not allowed.

Social Dance students will wear white tops with no print and dark colors pants or skirts. Sleeveless tops are not recommended.

No hats unless they are part of the class props.

Bare midriffs and 'boy pants' with bare legs are not allowed.