



Dear CDA Dance Families,

We want to assure you that we take the health and well-being of our community, customers and staff very seriously. Like you, we're closely monitoring the quickly developing effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

We sincerely miss all of our dancers' smiling faces and we know you are missing those dance filled evenings as well. This is a difficult time for everyone and a lot of tough decisions must be made. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation during this time as we are trying to record recital choreography and create new content for our dancers. Cabot Dance Academy will continue to serve their dance families, although it will be in nontraditional ways.

Our plan is to monitor the situation and provide you with weekly updates regarding the status of the studio re-opening. Please continue to check email and watch for post on social media so we can stay connected.

#### Online classes:

During this time of social distancing and until non-essential businesses are able to open again we are hard at work providing you with online instruction whether through video, live streaming, activities and YouTube links. These are being offered in addition to make up classes which may run into June or July once we return.

We will be taking this week (March 30-Apr 3) to master ZOOM and create a "Calendar/Schedule" for all recreational-recital and competitive-choreo and leveled skills classes. In the meantime, practice your recital routines from the YouTube links we sent last week and Competitive dancers, run those dances! I re-shared the competitive music link this morning in SLACK so you have your music!!

#### Tips for using ZOOM:

- Make sure the DEVICE (computer, phone, ipad, tablet, etc.) you are using has a forward facing camera and that it is turned on. Test your camera by turning it on and making sure you can see yourself.
- Make sure your audio is also turned on and you have tested in your speaker settings.
- Using a Meeting ID number & Password for each class will be easiest users. When using the Meeting ID number, you simply log onto the ZOOM website (<https://zoom.us>) or the ZOOM app and click on "JOIN A MEETING". This will take to a page where you insert the Meeting ID and Password.
- Make sure you don't have any other programs running on your computer or device and put DO NOT DISTURB on if your using a cell phone.

- Some internet connections can be spotty so make sure you are located in the best spot in your home to ensure the best reception.

We have updated our website to include a CDA ONLINE CLASS CALENDAR page. This will be updated weekly with classes options that follow our Regular Class Schedule and Clinics being offered for our dancers. Please understand, it is a work in progress.

- [www.cabotdanceacademy.com](http://www.cabotdanceacademy.com), click the MORE dropdown to see the calendar link and from there you will be able to access Classes/Meeting IDs & Passwords

#### Daily Challenges:

We are starting to send out Social Media daily challenges. Please make sure to “LIKE” our Social Media pages to keep up. We have also added an Instagram Feed on our Website for dancer to see challenges easily.

- <https://www.facebook.com/CabotDanceAcademy/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/cdaalltheway/>
- <https://www.tiktok.com/@cdaalltheway>
- <http://www.cabotdanceacademy.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/CDAalltheway>

#### Tuition:

April tuition will be due as usual, however, Ms. Lisa and I have decided to “Modify” the fees 75% of your normal class tuition.

#### Examples:

- Recreational: 1 hour of Recreational class is normally \$65 monthly, April tuition will be \$48.75.
- Competitive: 2 Competitive group routines is normally \$100 monthly, April tuition will be \$75 (add'l Tech fees and Solo/Duet/Trio admin fees will not be included in April tuition)
  - If you pay by auto-pay your “modified” tuition will be charged as usually on either April 1<sup>st</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - If you pay by check please mail your check to: Cabot Dance Academy, 118 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Cabot, AR. 72023.
  - You can also log into your portal. To login to our Customer Portal, click here <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=508438>
  - Your Login is the email address where this message was sent.
  - To reset your password, just click the "Reset Password" link.
  - Alternative payment option is Paypal, please send your payments to our studio paypal acct, [cda\\_accts@yahoo.com](mailto:cda_accts@yahoo.com) or [cabotdanceacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:cabotdanceacademy@yahoo.com).

Your tuition payments help Cabot Dance Academy survive the times ahead as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and will ensure there is a Cabot Dance Academy to return to and that our Staff and Faculty will still be around after this crisis passes. Moving forward all payments during our temporary closing will not incur late fees. However, we sincerely ask those of you who are not experiencing a financial burden to continue with payments if you are able to at this time as we will continue to provide your students with Dance Education. On the flip side, if your family is experiencing financial hardship, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and make us aware so we can keep your kiddo dancing!

#### Recital:

As of now, our recital is still planned as scheduled, June 13 at Cabot High School Auditorium.

Costumes are being ordered, but we still have a lot of unpaid balances and at this time we are just unable to float and prepay for costumes without those balances being paid in full.

If you have an unpaid RECITAL balance, payment is due immediately, so orders can be completed. Contact Tonya, 501-681-4992 for payment arrangement or login to your Parent Portal to make payment online.

Religious Ballet:

Ms Lisa and other staff members will soon be sending out YouTube videos, so we can start working on Choreo from home.

Opening Number:

Competitive Students, be on the lookout for choreo instructions from Ms. Paige and other staff members by way of SLACK soon!

Competitions:

For our Competitive team, although the April TOP-Fort Smith event was cancelled, the event in May TOP- Hot Springs is still on as of last week (3/27/20). In the event it cancels, our new goal and next competition will be TOP-Nationals (St Louis) in June!

Sheet Fundraiser:

We received notification that due to COVID-19, due to government mandated closures, Simply Sheets Fundraising is not projecting fulfillment prior to 5/1/2020. That said, please reach out to your supporters and apologize for the delays and thank them for their patience and understanding with this situation which is beyond our control.

Thank you for understanding, this is new to all of us and we are all learning. Please bare with us through any mistakes we may make. We want to ~ #1 be fair to each of you ~ #2 keep our doors open so when this is all over we can pick up where we left off ~ #3 keep our dancers skills going and keep them busy and developing their love of dance.

The safety of our dancers, their families and staff remain our priority. We have our dancers and their families in our thoughts every day and are encouraging our dancers to keep training and working on recital and competition dancers. Positivity and some sense of normalcy is key as we are all in this TOGETHER. We will send confirmation as soon as our in-studio classes can resume, but for now, we will remain closed. Please continue to enjoy your online instruction. We are VERY MUCH looking forward to the day we can all return to dancing as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Lisa and I at [cabotdanceacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:cabotdanceacademy@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

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