

# March 24' Newsletter

How is it March already? Time does fly when you are having fun! And having fun we are. Our classes are well into recital choreography and dances are coming together nicely. We also revealed our Spring Show costumes on our website. Go take a look and see what your student will be wearing on stage! There is a clickable link on our homepage.

**This month we are off for Spring Break from March 11-16th.** We hope you take this time to rest up, because things will be full steam ahead and the Spring Show will be here before you know it! This newsletter has a lot of important dates and info in it We will be disseminating important information via email, social media and our newsletters each month. Please make sure you are checking all three frequently and make note of important dates now. If you are not getting our emails, stop by the front desk and let us make sure we have the right one on file.

## TUITION POLICY

**Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A \$25 late fee will be added after the 10th. No exceptions. Tuition can be paid via our website at: [Tuition Info/Pay \(academyofdancejax.com\)](#)**

As a reminder, **AOD does not send out monthly tuition statements. It is each family's responsibility to pay tuition on time.** If you make quarterly payments, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHEN YOUR QUARTERLY PAYMENT IS DUE. We send out a tuition reminder email before the 10th of the month and a tuition due notice is posted on the studio lobby desk. **AOD ONLY SENDS STATEMENTS OUT IF THERE IS A PAST OR OUTSTANDING BLANCE.** Please see the studio policies on our website or stop in the lobby if you have any questions.

## ILLNESS POLICY

Illness is still popping up amongst our classes. We ask that families please review our illness policy. It is imperative that our families adhere to our illness policy, especially as we move through this last part of the year. Our classes are making good progress with end of year recital choreography and our Dance and Thespian teams are in the middle of their competition season. We want to keep our teachers and students healthy, so class absences are kept to a minimum and competitions can be attended as planned.

**As a reminder, here is our illness policy:**

Dancers should not be in class if they are exhibiting ANY TYPE OF SYMPTOM at all. If your dancer has a fever within 24 hours of class, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, malaise, sore throat, etc. PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME. Our teachers will catch them up if they miss anything and we will work with you to find a make-up class. If you have any questions at all about whether your dancer should be in class, please call us.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Thespian Showcase ~ 3/7/24 - 7:30pm at the AOD Studio
- 3/9/24 ~ Dance Team Performance at Riverside Arts Market ~ 10:30am
- 3/11-3/16/24 ~ Studio Closed for Spring Break
- 3/29-4/1/24 ~ Studio Closed in observance of Good Friday and Easter
- 4/12-4/14/24 ~ Inspire National Dance Competition (Dance and Thespian Teams)
- 4/26-4/28/24 ~ Revolution Talent Competition (Dance and Thespian Teams)

## AOD MERCH STORE

Don't Forget To Order Your Merch!

We have partnered with Big Frog Jacksonville to bring you our merch. If you order online and select store pickup, Big Frog will deliver to the studio, and we will have your items ready for you in the lobby. Check out our store. We have shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts for dance and thespian programs. We will be adding items to the store over the next few months.

<https://aoddance.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



## LOBBY HOURS

Monday: 3:30-7:00p  
Tuesday: Desk Closed  
Wednesday: 3:30-6:30p  
Thursday: 3:30-6:30p  
Friday: 3:30-7:00p

## **STAY CONNECTED! LIKE AND FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES**



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## SPRING SHOW INFORMATION - WE WILL UPDATE THIS SECTION MONTHLY

- Saturday 5/25/24 ~ LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES
- Wednesday 5/29/24 ~ Tech rehearsal @ the AOD STUDIO ACT 1 ~ 5:30-6:30PM (estimate - this could run a bit longer)
- Thursday 5/30/24 ~ Tech Rehearsal @ the AOD STUDIO ACT 2 ~ 5:30-6:30pm (estimate - this could run a bit longer)
- Wednesday 6/5/24 ~ MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL @ THRASHER HORNE. Full hair, makeup and costumes. Start time TBD.
- Sunday 6/9/24 ~ Spring Show at the Thrasher Horne Center. Show starts at 2:30pm.

Detailed emails will be sent out closer to these dates with more specifics in tech the rehearsals and dress rehearsal.

**PLEASE MARK THESE DATES AND TIMES ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

**Ticket Sales:** Date and Time TBA SOON! We will send out a detailed email later this Spring. Please do not worry if you cannot make the sale date. There is not a bad seat in the house at Thrasher Horne!

**Recital Fee:** This is a per family recital fee due at the time of ticket purchase. We will announce that fee at the same time as the ticket sale.

**It is imperative that student absences are kept to a minimum through the end of the year. This allows teachers ample time to set choreography and clean it before the Spring Show.**

A list of classes performing in the Spring Show is posted in the lobby along with the costume fees for each class. Students in multiple levels of any style, will perform with their highest-level class for the show.

**Costumes have been ordered and Ms. Jacquie has sent out all statements to families with balances due!** Please check your email or stop in and see us if you have questions. **PLEASE PAY YOUR BALANCE DUE ASAP SO COSTUMES CAN BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT AS THEY COME IN.**

- **If you have not paid any costume deposits, you were billed the full amount due for each costume.**
- **If you paid costume deposits, you were billed the remaining balances due as long as your account is current.**
- **Costumes will not go home with the student until all balances are paid in full. This includes tuition or other fees due to the studio.**
- **If you have questions about your costume balance due, please email us or stop by the front desk to request a statement and we will be happy to go over it with you.**
- **There are a few classes who did not have costumes ordered by the studio. A detailed email will be sent to these families detailing what you will need to purchase for the costume. (Intermediate Ballet, Advanced Tap, Pre-Acro, Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced Hip Hop**

Recital costume deposits are a credit that sits in your account. Once costumes are ordered you will be billed for the full amount and a statement with your remaining balance will be sent out. **It is important to know that your account must remain current to maintain this credit.** This means tuition being paid on time each month, no late fees, payments made timely for other items ordered for your student by the studio, other deposits or payments due (i.e. team fees, competition fees, etc.). **Any outstanding balances due or past due are paid using any credit on your account.**

- Once costumes are sent home, please do not let your student wear the costume(s) until it is time for dress rehearsal. This prevents damage and lost accessories.
- We strongly encourage you to have a dedicated costume bag to hold all costumes and their accessories together and reduce the risk of damage and lost pieces.
- Now is the time to start making a list of items needed for recital. Your student's teacher will let each class know what type/color of tights and shoes are needed for the recital dance as well as how hair will be worn.

## MUSICAL THEATER

The Musical Theater Class is excited to announce it's production of

### SHOW DATES AND TIMES

May 11, 2024 at 12pm and 4:30pm  
AND  
May 18, 2024 at 12pm and 4:30pm

\$5 donation per person at the door



### LOCATION

Mandarin Presbyterian Church  
11844 Mandarin Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32223



## **DANCE & THESPIAN TEAM INFORMATION**

Congrats to all of you on a great start to the competition season!

Remember to:

-Take care of yourself. hydrate, eat healthy, get plenty of sleep!

-Monitor your respective private Facebook group pages frequently, as this is where your teachers will communicate important info! Especially on competition weekends and the days leading up to competitions.

## **REMAINING 2024 COMPETITIONS**

### **Inspire National Dance - Jacksonville, FL**

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

April 12-14, 2024

All Dance and Thespian Teams

### **Revolution Talent - Jacksonville, FL**

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

April 26-28, 2024

All Dance and Thespian Teams

## **DANCE TEAM COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE**

Our Dance Teams will be performing for the community at:

### **The Riverside Arts Market**

on March 9, 2024 @ 10:30am

715 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32204z

Come out and support our dance teams, each some lunch and support local business and vendors!

## **THESPIAN TEAM SHOWCASE**

Interested in auditioning for our Thespian Team? Come see us at our **Thespian Showcase and see what our award winning team has been working on for competition!**

**March 3, 2024 @ 7:30pm**

at the Academy of Dance Studio

Come see some current competition pieces performed by our Thespians, talk to our teachers and ask questions before auditions this Spring.

**Be sure to like and follow all of our social media pages on competition weekends. We will post behind the scenes fun and all results for you! See the bottom of page 1 for all of our social media handles!**

## **SUMMER CLASSES**

Our summer class schedule and registration information will be released in a few weeks. We will have IN PERSON REGISTRATION for CURRENT students first before online registration opens to the public. It is important to get your registration forms turned in ASAP once we email you the information.

Summer Classes will run

June 11th - July 15 (5 weeks)

Closed on July 4th with a make up date TBD

## **SUMMER CAMP**

We are excited to announce the theme for our Summer Musical Theater Dance Camp 2024:

**UNDER THE SEA!**

Students will learn choreography, vocal, acting, staging and prop making while they prepare for the end of summer show!

Camp runs June 11th - July 19th

Monday - Friday 9am -4pm

Closed July 4th and July 5th

## **DANCE AND THESPIAN TEAM AUDITIONS**

Is your student interested in auditioning for our Dance or Thespian Competition Teams?

Auditions information will be shared via email and our social media accounts with Dates, Times and audition requirements within the next few weeks!

## **STUDIO REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS**

- Parents- **PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT PARKING LOT SAFETY.** Many of our younger students are forgetting to watch for cars when leaving class and running out into the parking lot. There are frequently cars traveling in the parking lot at high rates of speed. We want our students safe. Please be mindful of your speed as well when pulling up to the studio.
- We are having an increasing issue with students eating in the studio lobby and leaving trash behind. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD should be eaten or thrown away in the studio lobby or bathroom.** Students, please leave the studio clean when you leave. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Many of our students are of age where personal hygiene is important and a must for the comfort of everyone in the studio. Please ensure dancers bring with them in their dance bags, whatever items they need to freshen up before or between classes. Personal body sprays or spray deodorants should be sprayed OUTSIDE, not in the studio lobby.
- **Please adhere to dress code policies for each class. This includes clothing, shoes and hair.**
- **Students should be respectful while waiting in the lobby for class.** If they need to have conversations, they can step outside or keep conversations to a respectful level so as not to disrupt teaching going on.
- As a reminder, students should arrive to class on time, dressed in the appropriate attire for that class and with hair neatly secured off of their face. **ABSOLUTELY NO dance shoes should be worn in the parking lot coming and going from class.**
- **Please remember to pick up your dancer on time.** Especially if your dancer is in the last class of the evening. A late fee will be billed for the last class of the night if your dancer is not picked up on time.
- Please remind your dancers to wait in the lobby if their ride is not there at the end of class. This is especially important for our younger students.