

February 24' Newsletter

2024 is moving right along! We have enjoyed being back in the studio and jumping into our Spring Show choreography. Pretty soon we will have costume reveals for our students. This is one of the most exciting times of the year! 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.

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Page 2: Important Dates and info related to the Spring Show and costumes. Please mark these dates on your calendar NOW. We have a slightly different schedule this year due to the Spring Show being a weekend later than normal. Please note the last day of regular classes is May c25, 2024.

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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

Many of our families noticed how hard hit the studio was the past few months with illness. We had the flu spread quickly through many of our classes. It is imperative that our families adhere to our illness policy, especially as we move into January. Our classes hit the ground running with end of year recital choreography and our Dance and Thespian teams start their competition season. We want to keep our teachers and students healthy, so class absences are kept to a minimum.

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

- 2/2/24-2/4/24 ~ Access Broadway Competition in Orlando, FL for Dance and Thespian Teams
- 2/2/24 ~ NO CLASSES. Studio Closed due to staff traveling to AB in Orlando. See page 3 for make up schedule.
- 2/3/24 ~ Studio closed after Primary Ballet class ends at 11:15am due to staff traveling to AB in Orlando.
- 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

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Class Schedule Change 2/3 & 2/4/24
Due to staff being out of town for Access Broadway the following classes are cancelled:

Friday 2/2/24

All Classes are cancelled and the studio will be CLOSED

Saturday 2/3/24

The studio will close at 11:15am after Primary Ballet. Please be prompt in picking up your student if they are in this class. All classes after 11:15 on 2/4/24 are cancelled due to staff attending Access Broadway.

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

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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.

Not all classes will perform in the Spring Show. A list of classes performing in the Spring Show is posted in the lobby. Students in multiple levels of any style, will perform with their highest-level class for the show.

Costumes are being ordered now. Families will be billed costume balances due.

- **If you have not paid any costume deposits, you will be billed the full amount.**
- **If you paid costume deposits, you will be 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.**

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

Musical Theater Parents:

If you have not paid your MTH fees, the second half is now past due! Email the studio with any questions.

The Musical Theater class is working hard on this years show



More information on show dates, times and location will be posted soon!

AOD MERCH STORE

We are excited to launch our online AOD merch store for our families!

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/>



DANCE & THESPIAN TEAM INFORMATION

Some friendly reminders for our dance and thespian team members:

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

Check, double check and triple check that you have all required items for your competition pieces.

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.

2024 COMPETITIONS

Access Broadway - Orlando, FL

February 2-4, 2024

All Dance and Thespian Teams

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!

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!

WEATHER MAKE UP DAY

Ms. Jill's classes cancelled on Tuesday 1/9/24, will be made up on Tuesday 5/28/24 with slightly modified class times.

Teen Ballet - 4:00 - 4:45

Teen PrePointe/Pointe - 4:45 - 5:15

Teen Jazz - 5:15 - 6:00

Advanced Tap - 6:00 - 6:30

Advanced Character Jazz - 6:30 - 7:15

Advanced Lyrical - 7:15 - 8:00

Ms. Jacquie's classes cancelled on 1/9/24 will not have a set make up day. Students in these classes are welcome to attend one of the following classes as a makeup:

Tap II - may attend a Jazz Tap class on Saturdays 10-10:30a

Jazz I - may attend a Jazz II/III class on Monday's 5-5:45p

Ballet I - may attend a Primary Ballet class on Saturday's 10:30-11:15a

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.