

September 23' Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

WELCOME BACK! Can you believe we are starting another dance season already? The summer flew by, and we hope everyone was able to relax, have some fun and recharge. We spent some time getting the studio ready for all of our students and we are ready to hit the dance floor!

We will be sending out a monthly newsletter like last year. Please read through it carefully, as in addition to emails, this is how we share important information about classes, costumes, important dates, etc. **Make sure to add academyofdancejax@gmail.com to your contact list and please make sure you provide us with an email address that you check frequently.**

We know this year will be our best year yet! We are grateful for all of our AOD families and excited to see all of our students grow this year.

TUITION POLICY

As a reminder, AOD does not send out monthly tuition statements. It is each family's responsibility to pay tuition on time. Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. If you make quarterly payments, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHEN YOUR QUARTERLY PAYMENT IS DUE. A \$25 late fee will be added to your dancers account if tuition is paid after the 10th of the month. No exceptions! We offer online payment options (see tuition box at bottom of this page). 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 BALANCE. Please see the studio policies on our website or stop in the lobby if you have any questions.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Please make sure you have reviewed the dress code information located on the Class Information page of our website. It is important that students show up to each class dress appropriately. This includes hair, clothes and shoes. Students not in dress code will be reminded by the teacher and expected to be in compliance by the next class. If you have any questions, please stop in and speak with us, or call.

SHOES: It is important that students DO NOT wear their dance shoes outside. They should not be wearing dance shoes to and from the car. This damages the shoes AND it brings dirt and debris into the studio which damages the dance floor and poses a safety risk for those classes that do not wear shoes. Please have your students carry a bag with all shoes need for the day and change into them once inside the studio. Students waiting in the lobby already in dance shoes, should stay inside or remove them to walk outside. When class is done, they should change back into their street shoes before going to their car. Thank you for your help to keep our dance studio floor hazard free!

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 4th – Labor Day, STUDIO CLOSED
- October 31st – Halloween, Studio Closed

RECITAL COSTUME DEPOSITS

It seems very early to be talking about recital costumes, however we start this process early for a reason. Students are measured & costumes ordered in January. All classes that perform in the Spring Recital require a \$40 costume deposit with your October tuition payment. This deposit is a credit that sits in your account so that costumes can be ordered in January. 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.

Not all classes will perform in the Spring Show. A list will be posted in the lobby starting October 1st.

Students in multiple levels of any style, will perform with their highest level class for the show.

LOBBY HOURS

Monday: 4:00–7:00p
Tuesday: Desk Closed
Wednesday: 3:30–6:30p
Thursday: 3:30–6:30p
Friday: 4:00–7:00p

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Reminder that tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A \$25 late fee will be added after the 10th. No exceptions. Online Payment option: Tuition Info/Pay (academyofdancejax.com)

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MS. JILL'S BALLET CLASSES

If your student is in one of Ms. Jill's ballet classes this year, they will need 1 lb wrist weights for class. These can be purchased off of Amazon. The ones with thumb holes are best. See picture below for an example. This does not apply to Pointe classes.



Something similar to the example here is acceptable. Prefer to have the thumb holes.



AOD CAR MAGNETS

We will be selling AOD car magnets until October 1st! This is a great way to show your AOD spirit and help fundraise for our competition teams. Stop by the front desk to get yours!

They are \$10 each or buy one get one free for \$15



START OF YEAR REMINDERS

Please make sure your student is arriving on time to each class and is appropriately dressed (hair, clothes and shoes). If they are late, they will miss the warm-up, which is a vital part of class to prevent injuries.

Our lobby is small! Students should wait outside prior to class starting. Under no circumstances should students be wearing their class shoes outside while waiting. They should have street shoes on over their dance shoes.

Because our lobby is small, we ask that unless you have a young dancer (5/6 yr old class and below), PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE THE STUDIO during class. Having a lot of people in the lobby can be distracting for teachers and students.

Afternoon & Evening Pickups: Please pick your students up on time!! We do not want any student waiting outside alone after class. Especially in the evening. Teachers are either holding class and cannot monitor students outside, and our lobby desk is not always staffed in the evenings.

Students not picked up on time after the last class of the evening will incur a late fee for each minute the teacher or staff member must wait for their ride to arrive.

NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE LOBBY! We understand many students come right from school or are at the studio late into the evening and need to eat, however they should sit outside on one of the benches to eat and then come back inside. Trash should be disposed of properly. We do not want ants and bugs in the studio! Water bottles are allowed.

ILLNESS POLICY

As a reminder, students should not be in class if they are exhibiting ANY TYPE OF SYMPTOM at all. We want to keep our teachers and students healthy, so class absences are kept to a minimum. 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. We do not want to risk spreading illness through the studio. If you have any questions at all about whether your dancer should be in class, please call us.

DANCE AND THESPIAN TEAM NEWS

- Dance and Thespian competition teams: please note that your team fees will be due this month. Please read your contracts to remind yourself of what is due.
- Dance & Thespian Team members with specialty pieces (solos, duos, trios, small groups), your private lesson fees are due to your choreographer before your monthly lessons. Please ask your choreographer for payment information.
- Private lesson studio fees are paid directly to the studio and due each month.