

DANCE FOR JOY

An Affiliate of the ARTifice Foundation



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Welcome!

To all our new and returning studio families! We hope you had a fantastic summer! We are thrilled to have you join us this season! Attached, please find our monthly newsletter. Every month, a newsletter will be sent via email, posted on our website and posted on social media.

Studio Phone

Need to reach Ms. Amy? Our Studio phone has the ability to call or text! 770-370-9192

PARENT PORTAL

How do you find the Parent Portal?

Go to our website: danceforjoyga.org and scroll down to the button that says "Parent Portal Log In". This will take you directly to the portal. It will also be linked in emails from Ms Amy!

There is also a free parent portal app! You can use the app to register for classes, pay, and access studio policies and files from your dancer's teacher!

Be sure to sign up for automatic billing to be sure you never get hit with a late fee!

IMPORTANT

DATES

August 10
Classes begin

August 31 – September 4
Bring a Friend Week!

September 7
Labor Day – No Class

October 12 – 15
Fall Break – No Class

October 26 – 30
Bring a Stuffie To
Dance Week

November 15
Costume Fee Due for
Recital Classes

November 24 – Dec 4
Thanksgiving Break –
No Class

December 7 – 11
Christmas Theme
Week

December 14 – 17
Studio Parent Watch
Week

*2026/27 Scripture Challenge: August:
Psalm 8:1*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

New for this season!

We are implementing a Scripture Memorization Challenge for our dancers! This year, our theme verse states that the LORD's name is majestic, so every month from August – May, we selected verses that are about the names given to God throughout scripture. May this encourage family discussion, memorization and strengthen our walk! Scripture says that the word of God is a light to our path. May this help illuminate your path this year!

The verses are below and each newsletter will have the verse for that month as well!

When a student has memorized a verse, they should go to the lobby volunteer and recite their verse. They should include the reference as well as the verse. Any translation is fine! They will get a sticker for each verse memorized. Students who memorize and recital all 10 verses will be acknowledged at the end of the year recital! _____

August

Psalm 8:1 – O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

September

John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

October

Psalm 24:10: -"Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

November

Psalm 23:1 – The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

December

Isaiah 4:17 –The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (God is with us).

January

Judges 6:24 – Then Gideon built an altar to the Lord and called it "THE LORD IS PEACE".

February

Revelations 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

March

Genesis 22:14 – Abraham called the place "The Lord Will Provide."

April

Genesis 16:13: -'You are the God who sees me'

May

Isaiah 45:18 – who created the heavens... who formed the earth and made it, I am the Lord, and there is no other.

Frequently Asked Questions:

My child is sick or we will miss class for another reason – what should I do?

Please email or text Ms Amy to let her know. We do not offer make-up classes at this time missed class. In the event the studio has to close due to weather, teacher illness, etc, we will do our best to schedule a make-up class. One cancellation is built into the schedule for every class.

We are running late – what should I do?

Please text Ms Amy on the studio phone to let her know. If you are 15+ minutes late, your child may be asked to sit and watch as they have missed the warm-up and it is not safe to jump into a dance class without proper warm-up. Sitting and watching can be beneficial for a dancer as it helps develop their technique by watching others!

My child wants to bring their favorite toy to class – is that okay?

Please keep all personal items, like toys, coats, and food outside the studio. Students are allowed to bring in their dance bag with a bottle of water into the dance space. This helps minimize distraction. This includes jewelry. Please keep necklaces, bracelets, and large earrings at home.

Should I even read the newsletter and all the information Ms. Amy sends out?

Well, if you have gotten this far, CONGRATS! You are winning at being a dance parent! Ms Amy only sends out information she feels is important for you as the parent. If you are still reading this, come see Ms Amy for a sticker! You deserve it! And thank you for reading!

What time does my class start?

Please check our website for all information pertaining to class times, dress code, prices, and more! Danceforjoyga.org

I don't want my child's picture used in any media – what do I do?

Please send Ms. Amy an email stating your wishes in terms of images and videos of your child. Our studio policies have a media clause. When you signed it upon enrollment, you gave DFJ permission to use any images unless you as the parent opt-out.

How do I find the studio policies?

Log into your parent portal. Click on “more” and scroll down to “Policies and Waivers”. You will be able to read every policy in place at Dance for Joy. Have any questions? Please email Ms Amy and she will happily set up a meeting to discuss your questions with you!