



"In The Wings"

TDS Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019

WELCOME to The Dancer's Sole!

Thank you for joining our studio family – we look forward to a wonderful year, and many more, with you! We understand that there are several options when selecting a studio for your dancers, and we are honored that you have chosen TDS. Our goal is to provide the best professional dance education in our area, creating a disciplined yet fun environment for our dancers along with a welcoming atmosphere for all of our families.

Please do not hesitate to contact us throughout the year with any questions or concerns ☺

A SPECIAL WELCOME FROM OUR 2019-20 FACULTY:



Miss Kristen ("Miss K") St. Laurent

Owner/Director ~ Competitive &
Recreational Choreographer/Instructor



Miss Greta Pearson

Competitive & Recreational
Choreographer/Instructor



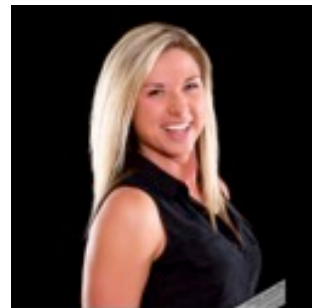
Miss Lori Hutchinson

Tumbling Choreographer & Instructor



Miss Erin Katinas

Recreational Choreographer/Instructor



Miss Maddy Clouatre

Recreational Choreographer & Instructor

TDS OFFICE STAFF:

Pam Katinas (Office Coordinator) || Katie Cushing (Saturday Office Assistant) || Ann Surprise (Office Fill-In)



- 🕒 Mondays – Thursdays: 4:30pm-7pm
- 🕒 Fridays: CLOSED
- 🕒 Saturdays: 9am-12pm

Thirsty? Need an after-school snack?
Forget your water bottle at home?

COLD BOTTLED WATER,
JUICE BOXES + SNACKS

Always for sale in the office/both studios
50¢ - \$1.00

Don't forget to buy your BALLET BUCKS!
Pre-paid snack/water cards - \$5 each

TUITION + COSTUME PAYMENTS

- ★ *Tuition*: Due on or before the 15th of each month
- ★ *Costumes*: Total yearly costume payment due on or before November 16th, 2019
- ★ *Late Fees*: \$15 every three (3) days after the 15th of each month for any payments not submitted in full; additional days after the first three (3) days will be \$5 per day
- ★ Payment Box located outside office in Studio I or visit the office during office hours
- ★ Receipts available upon request
- ★ Please stop by the office or email us with questions regarding open balances

CLASS PLACEMENT

- ★ September through early October is a trial-period for all of our students; please be patient as we assess students & place them appropriately within levels and classes.
- ★ Small classes will grow as continue to register into mid-Fall. We appreciate your understanding and willingness to be a part of our always-growing and evolving atmosphere!
- ★ Student class level changes are at the discretion of the instructor + Miss K
- ★ Our goal is to make sure each student is challenged but not frustrated, while having fun at the same time – our highly qualified, professional faculty will use their best judgment regarding class placement & student level movement

TDS STAR OF THE MONTH

Each month, all TDS dancers are eligible to receive our “*Star of the Month*” award, nominated by our faculty.

“Star of the Month” recipients receive:

- ★ \$25 tuition credit **OR** \$25 gift certificate to Village Dancewear in Sturbridge
- ★ A TDS Star of the Month certificate
- ★ Dancer’s photo on Facebook, website, studio bulletin boards + Recital 2020 program

Best of Luck to Everyone!
Work Hard, Stay Humble and BE YOU! ☺

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEKS

Our dance classes are typically closed to parent + guest observation. We feel this allows our dancers to get the most out of their classes as possible ☺

We have designated a few special weeks where **we invite our dance parents & grandparents** to sit in on their child’s class(es) and see the progress that they have been making.

2019-20 Observation Weeks:

- November 11th – November 16th, 2019
- February 10th – February 15th, 2020
- April 27th – May 2th, 2020



BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE WEEK!

September 16th – 21st

Does your child LOVE coming to class?
Do they want to share their dance experience with their friend?
We would like to invite them to bring a friend to their class(es).

**If their friend signs up with TDS before October 1st,
YOU receive a \$30 tuition credit for the month of October 2019!**

“Friend” must be new to TDS, not currently enrolled

**PLUS – All Friends receive a FREE GIFT
just for coming to check out one of our classes!**

Please contact the office if you will be bringing a guest to class. We look forward to meeting them! ☺

HELP! Where Can I Find Studio Information?

Looking for our studio calendar or special dates to save?

Do you need information on dress code?

Are you looking for information on fun things happening at TDS?

There are many places to find what you need!

- www.TheDancersSole.com
- Our Facebook Page
- Our Instagram Page
- Monthly Newsletter, "In The Wings"
- Our waiting room TV (*Webster location*)
- Our bulletin boards in each studio
- Our office staff during office hours

September Birthdays at TDS



Leah Garvey
Adriana Panu
Mia Reed
Giorgios Sgouritsas
Ava Tremblay
Delilah Wilbur
Miss Pam

Have a wonderful month, everyone!



A Friendly Reminder of TDS Studio Rules and Regulations

★ Please remove all street shoes before entering the dance floor – we do our best to keep our dance floors and the studio itself as clean as possible. We appreciate your cooperation!

★ Only students who are registered for classes are allowed to take classes. No children are to be left unattended in the waiting area or studio space at any time.

★ Please be prompt in dropping off your dancer and picking them up. No students are allowed to wait outside for their ride - please wait in the waiting room of Studio I. We will not allow our students to hang around the studio if they are not dancing. Our faculty members are focused on running their classes and cannot be responsible to watch after students who are not participating in a class. We kindly ask the parents of our younger students to please come inside to pick up their child at the end of their class.

★ Missed classes may be made up within the same 30-day period. The make up class should be the same or similar style of dance and close to the same level. Please see your dancer's instructor for guidance.

★ Dress Code: All dancers should have the appropriate attire for their dance class(es). We take dress code & dancer presentation very seriously. If you are unsure of your dress code requirements, we have copies of our rules available in the office & on our website. Our faculty has the right to not allow a dancer to participate in class due to continued dress code violations.

★ If your dancer is not going to be able to attend class, please call the studio or email us and we will notify their instructor. Dancers with eight (8) unexcused absences and will not be allowed to participate in our Recital (in June 2020). It is very difficult our faculty to plan class and choreography around missing dancers, and it is also difficult for those students who ARE attending class to learn their routine properly.

★ Observation Weeks: TDS sets aside specific weeks for parents to observe their child's progress in their dance classes. For the focus of the dancers, and their safety, we do not allow guests to observe any classes at any time outside of the assigned observation weeks.

★ Snow Days & Weather Cancellations: TDS does not follow the Webster and Dudley school systems when it comes to cancelling classes. If there is no school, it does not mean that dance is automatically also cancelled! Weather can change from morning until afternoon, so please be sure to check the studio's information outlets and your emails on days when weather is questionable. We always notify of any class cancellations at least one hour prior to first class of the day.