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### SNOW AND INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

We abide by Livonia Public Schools' snow and inclement weather decisions. The studio will be closed when Livonia Public Schools calls a snow day. We will send out an email blast to confirm. LPS may also close in cases of extreme cold. On such days, we may hold dance classes in the afternoon, depending on the weather forecast. We will let you know on a case-by-case basis, so watch for our email blast.

### OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter is full of dates, information and all the news you'll need to know. **It is ONLY distributed by email.** Be sure we have your current email address! If you're new, if your email address has changed or if you just aren't sure your address is on our list, contact Haika Gay at [bhagwatgay@yahoo.com](mailto:bhagwatgay@yahoo.com) and let her know! We're happy to send our newsletter to grandparents, child care providers and anyone else involved in your child's life!

### PARKING AND DRIVING

Please drive slowly in the parking lot. Students should stay inside the building until they know their ride has arrived.

### PARENTS, PLEASE...

- ✧ **label** everything your child wears or brings to class. You would be astounded by what gets left behind!
- ✧ **update** the phone numbers and health information on your child's registration card during the year.
- ✧ please, avoid peering into the studio windows from outside the building. The little ones become frightened when they see faces looking in during class.
- ✧ and **THANK YOU** for keeping the lobby quiet during classes! Students are easily distracted by cell phones, voices, and siblings.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Never hesitate to contact me if you have a question. No one is expected to be a mind-reader! I want our dance program to be a positive experience for your entire family.

Email: [msdeb4@yahoo.com](mailto:msdeb4@yahoo.com) *This is a great way to communicate with me!*

Studio Telephone: (734) 513-2004



*Come dance with us!*



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## DEBORAH CHASE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Dear Parents and Students,



Welcome! Greetings to all new and returning students and families! I'm sure summer is getting shorter each year!

Even after many years of teaching, I still get excited each Fall. I'm so happy to be back doing what I love to do! It is my passion.

My goals are to provide disciplined technique, artistic awareness, self-confidence, poise, good health and the joy of movement. Dance is not just steps. It should enrich and enlarge each person's life. I value each student's uniqueness and try to treat them with love and respect.

My background is in the Fine Arts, and I approach the study of dance from that perspective. Dance is not athletics, although it is very physically demanding. I encourage self-expression rather than competition through our arts-based curriculum.

I believe a dancer's education should include knowledge of the fine arts. Our program establishes a foundation in music, theatre and art as well as anatomy, grammar, French and good health habits.

Be assured that I understand first-hand all that is involved in getting your child to dance classes and all of their other activities. I'm a Mom too! I was very active in my sons' schools while they were growing up. I love working with young people and know that being a parent is the most important (and challenging) job in the world.

I am honored to be your child's dance teacher. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly. Please know that I will always try to be a positive force in all my student's lives.

Sincerely,

*Miss Debbie*

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## DRESS CODE

Black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, black tap shoes. Tan or black jazz shoes. Black shorts, capris or pants for jazz and hip-hop, no pajamas!! Dancers must wear a cover-up such as a coat, pants or a skirt when coming to and from class.

*Dance it Again!!* Gently used shoes and dancewear are for sale on a table in the lobby. Recycling these items helps everyone! You may bring in your outgrown shoes and dancewear, marked with name and price.

## HAIR UP!!

Hair must be worn up. We are very strict on this point. You must look like a dancer to feel like a dancer. Please fix your hair before class begins.

*DO NOT expect the instructor to fix your child's hair.*

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

NO ABSENCES PLEASE. New material is presented at every class. Call if an absence is absolutely unavoidable.

*PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR DANCE CLASS!!* This means 10 minutes early to allow time for warm up. It's not safe to dash in and immediately begin dancing. Most injuries are due to inadequate warm up. Preschoolers should not arrive more than 10 minute early - they get too restless waiting for class to begin.

## THE FIRST WEEKS...

In the first few weeks of Fall semester, classes are "in transition." Sometimes students need to try out several classes to find their "best fit" for placement. Everyone will be "tucked in" by end of the month. Thank you for your patience.

## RECITAL AND RECITAL REHEARSALS

This year's recital will be held on June 11, 2016 at Garden City High School. Dates of on-stage blocking rehearsal, dress rehearsal and recital will be announced soon.

## RECITAL COSTUMES

Costume payment is due by October 30, the last day of classes before Halloween. Price is \$60.00 for all sizes. One costume payment required for each class - dancers taking three classes need 3 costumes. A \$25 late fee per costume is charged for costume payments received after Halloween.

## DANCEWEAR ORDERS

Let everyone know where you dance when you carry a personalized dance bag or wear dancewear adorned with the *DEBORAH CHASE SCHOOL OF DANCE* logo! Order forms are available in the lobby and will be submitted on the last Saturday of each month.

## NUTRITION

Dance is a demanding activity that requires a well-nourished body. Help your dancer make healthy food choices. They need five servings a day of fruits and vegetables. Really!! Fresh produce, whole grains, low-fat foods and lots of water - not pop or sugary drinks - are important parts of each dancer's nutrition. We help

our children by setting an example, by eating healthy and incorporating exercise into our busy lives!

## PRACTICING AT HOME

Practicing dance at home is essential! No practice means no progress!!

## THEATRE AND THE ARTS

Explore the theatre and art in our area - the Detroit Institute of Art, and the Fisher, Fox and Masonic Theaters. The Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theater offer wonderful performances. Our children need exposure to live theatre!

## **TUITION, FEES AND OTHER COSTS**

Tuition for all classes is a set yearly fee divided into 5 equal payments and paid bi-monthly (every other month). The Registration Fee and first bi-monthly tuition fee are paid upon enrollment. Tuition rates and Registration Fee are shown below. *Tuition is NOT based on number of classes per month.*

### **Tuition for all classes**

60 minute class . . \$88 / 2month  
45 minute class . . \$84 / 2month  
30 minute class . . \$66 / 2month

### **Registration Fee and Other Classes**

Registration Fee . . . . . \$25 / student  
*Annual, one-time, non-refundable. Due by first class.*  
60 min. private . . \$50/class ★ Open class . . \$15/class

Subsequent tuition payments are due on the first class in November, January, March and May. A late fee of \$25 is charged for tuition payments received after the 15th of November, January, March and May. A \$40 bank fee is charged for each check that is returned due to insufficient funds.

## **TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- ★ 5% discount if the entire year's tuition is paid by September 30th.
- ★ Cash - always appreciated! Place in a labeled envelope.
- ★ Check - no envelope needed. Costume money or other fees may be included in a tuition check. Checks can be made out to Deborah Chase.
- ★ Auto-pay by using your bank's "bill pay" service.

## **OTHER COSTS**

October	\$60.00	<u>per costume</u> - one costume per recital dance
February	\$20.00	recital t-shirt; \$5.00 late for orders placed after Feb. 28
Spring	occasional	small fee for prop, headpiece or other accessory
Spring	varies	for finale: white shorts, white socks, white tennis shoes
May	optional	dance photos at Focal Point Photo Studio- <i>varies by family</i>
May	optional	recital program Happy Ads & Business Network ads
May	\$15.00	per recital ticket when before recital
June	\$20.00	per recital ticket when purchased at the door
May/June	optional	recital DVD - 1 DVD/show, approx. price per DVD is \$35.00
June	optional	recital miscellaneous such as flowers, teddy bear, etc.

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