**WELCOME TO DANCE CONNECTION’S 2018-2019 SEASON!**

Whether this is your first or tenth year with us, I’m so excited for what’s sure to be our best season yet! We’ve been hard at work all summer improving our studio to give our dancers the best possible experience.

 This packet has everything you will need to know to get the year off to a great start! Please look it over carefully as some of our policies have changed (dress code!!!)!

**Dance Connection 2018-2019 Staff:** Our teachers this year are: Miss Krista, Miss Julianna, Miss Meghan, Miss Destiny, Miss Kara, Mr Troy, Miss Barbie and Mr Alex. Miss Crissy will be subbing Friday and Saturdays for Miss Krista during conventions and competitions.

Our assistant teachers this year are: Miss Savannah, Miss Paige, Miss Angelika, Miss Jewell, Miss Caitlyn, Miss Shauna, Miss Morgan, Miss Lauren, Miss Aubrey, Miss Jenna and Miss Zoey.

**Dance Class:** Dancers are to wait in the lobby until class time when the instructor will come and get them for class! All classes will be swapping between the upstairs and downstairs dance rooms each week. Dancers will bring dance shoes/water in with them. Please have younger dancers use the bathroom before class!

No street shoes, cell phones or food allowed in the dance rooms. No exceptions!

**Parent Zone:** Dance rooms are for dancers only! Parents are welcome to wait in the lobby during their dancer’s class. Please note the lobby gets quite loud when classes are happening upstairs, especially tap!

**Tuition:** September tuition is due this week! After September, tuition is due the first of each month. An envelope will be sent home the last class of each month with your amount owed for the upcoming month. There is a $5 late fee after the 1st of the month and a $10 late fee after the 7th of the month. Tuition is the same each month regardless of the number of lessons, some months may have 3 lessons, some may have 5. Payments are accepted via cash, credit card or check.

**Office Hours:** The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 4pm-6pm for payments. If you are making a payment outside of office hours, you can drop your labeled envelope in the tuition box outside of the office. Credit card payments can also be made over the phone.

**Shoe Orders:** I will be putting a shoe order at the end of each week in September. All shoes, other than pointe, can be ordered through the studio. Shoes will not be ordered until full payment is received.

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| Tan Slip-On Tap | $20.00 |
| Pink Stretch Ballet | $18.00 |
| Canvas Ballet | $22.00 |
| Hip Hop Sneaker | $28.00 |
| Tap Boot | $56.00 |
| Jazz Boot | $28.00 |
| Paws | $12.00 |

**Dress Code:** All female dancers must wear either a leotard or spandex dance separates for class. Shorts/leggings may be worn over the leotard. Male dancers must wear a fitted shirt and stretch shorts or pants. Hair needs to be neatly pulled back and no jewelry other than stud earrings may be worn. No sweatshirts, sweatpants, jeans, pajama pants, etc. will be permitted. Dancers are to wear proper shoes for each class!

**All competition combo students (combination iv, v, vi and vii) are to wear solid black dance clothes EVERY class. This consists of a leotard or top and bottom spandex separates.**

**Code of Conduct:** Dancers and parents are expected to act respectfully towards staff, students, and families always! Bullying, foul language, bad attitudes, eye rolling, etc are NEVER OKAY!

Dance Connection is committed to creating a safe environment for young people to learn and grow in their skills and confidence!

**Monthly Newsletters:** All newsletters from October through June will be emailed instead of printed and handed out at class. Please make sure you have updated your email with us if anything has changed! Tuition envelopes will still be sent home with dancers.

**Solos/Duets:** Solos and duets will start in October. If you are interested in your dancer taking a solo or duet, please sign up ASAP! We have the following slots available: Tuesday 8:45-9:15 with Miss Krista, Thursday 3-3:30 with Miss Julianna, Friday 3:30-4 with Miss Barbie, Saturday 11:30-12 with Mr Alex, Sunday 11:30-12 with Mr Troy. Solos are $60 per month and duets are $44 per month per dancer.

**Showstopper Convention:** Sandusky, Ohio at Kalahari resorts October 19-21. Dancers ages 6+ with experience are able to participate. Dancers will take class from industry professionals in a variety of styles. Cost is $225 per dancer and registration is due by September 29th.

**Dance Connection Apparel:** Apparel forms are attached and due back with full payment by September 24th.

**Double Good Fundraiser:** Previously Popcorn Palace! Same delicious popcorn, different name! Fundraising materials are attached. Dancers will receive 30% of total sales to their costume accounts. If funds raised are more than costume costs, funds can be used for competition, conventions, or tuition. Order forms and full payment are due back by October 6th. Popcorn takes approximately two weeks to come in.

**Questions or Comments:** Feel free to call/email/text me at anytime! It’s very important to have an open line of communication. I will respond to you as quickly as possible (unless I’m teaching of course! 😉)

Please do not interrupt classes to ask questions or make payments. Every minute of class time is valuable!

**SOME TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL DANCE SEASON**

- Read the monthly newsletters to stay informed!

- Send your dancer with a water bottle.

- Dancers use the bathroom before class!

- Dancers with long days should bring homework to work on during their breaks.

- Encourage your dancer to stretch and practice.

- Take advantage of fundraisers to help with costume/competition costs.

- Like our Facebook page to stay in the loop!

Let’s get dancing!

Miss Krista

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