



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Students and Parents,

Happy Fall! Thank you for a wonderful start to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Dance Me! Thank you to everyone who helped make Harvest Festival a huge success. We had a ton of fun and we brought the joy of dance to the streets! We are well underway with the first semester curriculum. All students seem to be catching onto everything and having fun while they learn. We have spent September reviewing the themes "Respect" and "Class Etiquette". We will continue to focus on these themes as we move into October. Students are working on respecting each other, their teachers, and the studio. I hope you see them showing the same respect outside of the studio.

### Dates to Know

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Costume down-payment due (\$35)

Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> – No Classes (Columbus Day)

**\*Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – SWITCH WEEK\***

Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – Wear your costumes to Class all Week! Please wear something that you can still move in.

Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> – No Classes (Halloween)

### Tuition/Costume Fee

Please remember that tuition is due at the *first* class of each month. Thank you to everyone who paid tuition on time. (Recital DVDs are available and will be distributed as accounts become current). If you still need to make a payment, please remember that there are many options for making this payment:

1. Make an online payment through your portal (see initial email for Log in credentials).
2. The Tuition Box in Studio A. Please put cash or checks into an envelope with student name – envelopes can be found on top of the refrigerator. If you require a receipt, just make a note on the envelope and it will be emailed to you.
3. Credit payments may be made at the desk ONLY if a teacher is attending it.

A costume down payment was due on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Each student should have paid \$35 which will go toward the total costume charges. This refers to the costumes students will wear on stage for the June recital. Costume payment balances will be available by the end of November. The final amount is due by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to make partial payments between now and then. The totals will be added to your accounts over the next week. Please note that only one deposit is due per dancer no matter how many costumes we will be ordering for that student.

### Studio Organization

Thank you to everyone for being patient as we figured out how to use Studio B as a full time space. We have a great flow going now that we are bringing shoes into the studio.

*Please remember to keep talking in waiting areas to a whisper during classes.* Since we are not able to have a permanent wall separating the waiting area and studio, we ask that all waiting room attendees keep in mind their role in providing the best learning environment for the students.

**Switch Weeks:** October will begin our switch weeks. This means that during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> all classes will take place in the opposite studio. From now on switch weeks are every 3<sup>rd</sup> week. A blue sign will be posted in the studio windows as a reminder. Also please remember that switch weeks are highlighted in blue on the annual calendar (this can be downloaded on the current student page of the website)

### Communications

There are many ways that we will be communicating important information throughout the year:

1. All members of competition teams are *required* to download the "REMIND" app. Instructions are available at the desk.
2. Are you receiving email from Dance Me? If not, please contact Miss Kathy!
3. Do you follow Dance Me on Facebook? If not, please do!
4. Check the Current Student Page regularly!
5. Always read the newsletters. Thank you!

**Holidays/Snow Delays and Closings**

Dance Me will announce school closings due to snow on the Dance Me Facebook page and the Current student page on the website. Please check this if you suspect classes are cancelled. In most cases, if Niskayuna School District closes then we will close. If there is a delay we will most likely still hold class; however, we will announce the closings on a case-by-case basis.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME.

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