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Dear TDH families,

I hope this email finds you all staying healthy in the comforts of your home, social distancing, and adjusting to what we hope to be a very temporary new normal. As an educator, parent, and studio owner, I know that these are challenging and somewhat scary times, in many ways, but I am encouraged to see so many students and families who are doing all they can to remain positive, tapping into their inner creative selves, and doing their part to keep our communities safe.

WE MISS DANCING and WE MISS YOU! Every day we are brainstorming and evaluating strategies, based on the guidance of the governor, health departments, and CDC, that we can use to continue to engage with our dancers. Our faculty and many of our senior level dancers, have been working at home, or individually at the studio, to record videos of the recital dances that have been taught thus far, as well as other videos to help each of dancers to keep dancing. We now have an active YouTube channel where most of these videos are now uploaded. Eventually, as technology cooperates, all of the classes will have their recital dance uploaded on this platform. You can find The Dance House Ohio YouTube channel by utilizing this link:

[The Dance House Ohio](#)

Some of these videos so far include preschool songs/dances that are typically done in class, warm up routines, mini classes and combinations that can be done at home. We are also in the process of putting together a schedule of live classes that will be broadcast over our YouTube channel or other platform such as Skype. We will be posting the online classes as they are scheduled on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and our website www.thedancehouseohio.com

DanceWorks, our online scheduling/payment system, has just added a new feature in your parent portal that allows me to add a virtual class link. While this is in the very beginning stages, I am in the process of adding a link for each class that will take you to our YouTube channel. Right now I can only link one "class" per studio class at a time. To begin, your dancers recital video will be there for them to review at home. Over time, I will be changing the links to move to new class content to keep them moving and learning. Even as the links are updated in your parent portal, you will always be able to utilize our YouTube channel link for full access to ALL of the videos that we are able to post. Below are directions for you to access the recital routine/virtual class from your DanceWorks Parent Portal:

Accessing the Online Class from the Parent Portal:

Ages: 1 - 21 Room 4 (Key 30038)		
ARCO - 1-2 - Acrobats Tue - 12:00am - 11:00am Ages: 5 - 7 Room 2 (Key 30029)	sarah ison	Enrolled ATTEND VIRTUAL CLASS
CREATV - BEG - Creative Dance Tue - 4:00pm - 5:00pm Ages: 3 - 4 Room 2 (Key 30008)	Johnny Saunders	Enrolled ATTEND VIRTUAL CLASS
NOTES/REQUIREMENTS		
CREATV - INT - Creative Dance		

- Log into your parent account.
- Click on the student.
- Click on the Classes tab.
- Click the button on the right to access the Online Class.

Again, with the technology moons aligning for me, I am hopeful that all classes will have their recital dance linked in the Parent Portal by 3:00 today. If you have any trouble accessing these virtual “classes”, please let me know. I encourage all of you to also check us out directly via The Dance House Ohio YouTube channel as there are some great opportunities for all of our dancers there right now.

Stayed tuned to our social media platforms and our website for information regarding live classes coming soon! We would love to see how you are keeping dance a part of your daily life. Parents and Dancers, feel free to send us (or tag us) pictures, videos, messages etc...of you doing your groove thing. We really do miss our dance family terribly!

On a final note, we will continue to monitor the need to suspend in person classes on a week to week basis. At this time, as I’m sure you are expecting, we will not be opening the studio again next week. We will use our second calamity day in our tuition plan and evaluate the need to move up our Spring Break as next week progresses. While these weeks are built into our calendar for emergency situations (usually weather related), we are discussing ways in which we can also offer makeup classes in the coming months, as well. For those dancers who have class on Thursday, we will now be officially scheduling a makeup class for you, as we used one of your calamity days during the winter months.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, phone, text, or social media messaging. Wishing you all good health and perseverance as we forge through this uncertain time. We will be collectively stronger on the other side!

Sincerely,

Amy Wilson, owner