



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



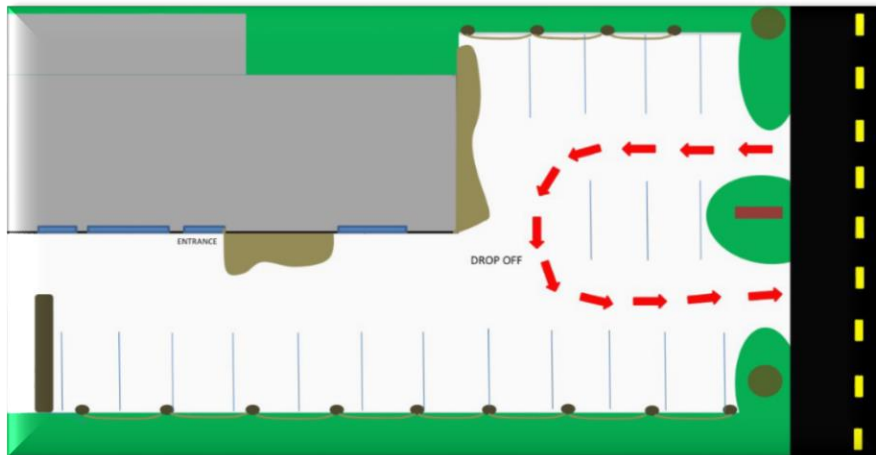
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Welcome

We would like to welcome back our returning students and give a warm welcome to our new students and families. Thank you for choosing Steppin' Out Dance Center. We have an exciting year ahead! This is our 25th Season! Big things are planned for this year and we are so glad you have decided to be a part of it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone. We look forward to a great year!

Parking & Drop Off

Below is a diagram that shows how to enter and exit the parking lot safely. Please make sure to be careful as you enter and exit. The beginning of the season is always very hectic as we figure out the flow of the parking lot. Also, please remind your children to stay close to the building as they walk in and out and to NOT play in the parking lot. This is for the safety of all. Please be patient as we work out the kinks. We ask that children ages 9 and up be dropped off in the drop off area. Our lobby is very small and reserved for parents of young dancers to be able to bring their children.



Lobby

When arriving, students are asked to wait in the lobby. All students are asked to arrive on time and be completely ready to begin class, (proper attire, hair and shoes). The lobby is meant for the students who are waiting before and after class. The lobby area tends to get very congested with two studios so we ask that students ages 9 and up are dropped off in the drop off area. Students must remain in the lobby area until they are picked up after class. Younger students are not allowed to leave the studio without a parent, guardian, or older sibling.

Studio Communication

We have many ways to keep in contact. Our studio website is updated frequently and the current calendar is displayed with all of the current and upcoming events. The website address is www.steppinoutdancecenter.com

IMPORTANT: We also have a Facebook Fan Page, look us up and "Like" us. Make sure you go to our page, click "Like", then click "See First". If you do not click "See First" you may not see our most recent posts. The monthly newsletter will be posted at the studio and copies will be available inside the door in the lobby as well as available on the website. The customer portal will also have available papers. Our Facebook Page is always the quickest way to gather information.

CURRENT EVENTS

September 5, 2017

Classes Start

September 5, 2017

Pampered Chef Fundraiser Begins

September 10, 2017

Tuition Due

September 10, 2017

Late Fee Applied

September 20, 2017

Pampered Chef Fundraiser Due

September 25, 2017

Thirty-One Fundraiser Starts

October 10, 2017

Tuition Due

October 11, 2017

Late Fee Applied

October 15-19, 2017

Costume Measurement Week

October 23, 2017

Thirty-One Fundraiser Due

October 19-25, 2017

SODC Costume Party Week

October 26, 2017

Studio Closed for Local Trick-or-Treat

October 27, 2017

SODC Costume Party 7:00-10:00 pm

November 10, 2017

Tuition Due

November 11, 2017

Late Fee Applied

**Dates are subject to change*

Tuition

Tuition is due on the 10th of every month. Check your account through the online portal on the website for information. At this time, we accept cash and checks. Please place your student's name in the memo space. If you are late, \$10.00 will be automatically charged to your account on the 11th of each month. This policy will be strictly enforced. Returned checks will be charged a \$30.00 fee. September payments will be accepted at your first class.

Account inquiries can be made to the Office at: steppinoutdancecenter@yahoo.com

There is a payment box in the lobby right inside the door, or mail them to the studio at: SODC, 4444 East Road, Lima, OH 45807

Being Prepared – Class Attire & Shoes

It is necessary that we are prepared when we come to class. Please make sure that your child uses the restroom before they enter their class and that their shoes are fastened. Please make sure they arrive on time. This helps us use the entire dance class for dance. Make sure to put your dancer's initials inside each shoe. Attire for class is a leotard and tights, tutu/skirt, unitard/biketard, or sports bra and booty shorts. For hip hop class, they may wear comfy clothes such as sweatpants and a tank top or their regular dance attire. Hair is to be secured out of the dancer's face in a ponytail or bun.

Creative Movement	Any Pink Ballet Shoes
3/4 Combo, 5/6 Combo	Black Bloch Merry Jane Taps (Buckle type) & Any Pink Ballet Shoes
7/8 Combo, 9/10/11 Combo	Tan Slip On Tap Shoes, Tan Bloch Spark Jazz Shoes
12 & Up Classes	Tan Slip On Tap Shoes, Tan Bloch Spark Jazz Shoes, FootUndeez
Hip Hop Classes	TBD – They can wear tennis shoes until decided
Ballet Classes	Any pink ballet shoes
Boys Class	TBD - They can wear tennis shoes until decided
Pointe Class	Any brand European Pink Pointe Shoes
Petite Company	Tan Bloch Tap On, Tan Bloch Spark Jazz Shoes
Mini & Junior Company	Tan Bloch Tie Tap-Flex, Tan Bloch Spark Jazz Shoes, FootUndeez, Hip Hop TBD
Teen & Senior Company	Tan Bloch Tie Tap-Flex, Tan Bloch Spark Jazz Shoe, Nude Bloch Eclipse, Hip Hop TBD
Large Senior Jazz	Black Bloch Splitflex Heel

Cancellations

We report any cancellations to WLIO's website and the SODC Facebook Page. With most days starting at 4:30 pm, we will try and post these cancellations by 3:30 pm based on the weather and the future forecast. The safety of our dancers and their family is the most important thing. If canceled, makeup classes will be scheduled. **Please remember, just because school is canceled does not mean classes are. Sometimes the roads/weather clear up and we are able to have classes. Please check to be sure before coming.

Attendance

Attendance in class is very important. By having good attendance, you will get the most out of this learning experience as well as be prepared for the annual recital in April. Those who have perfect attendance will be rewarded at the conclusion of the year.

Lost & Found

There is a lost and found box in Studio B. If you leave something behind and someone finds it, it will most likely end up in there. Please check there for missing items.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Our first OPTIONAL fundraiser is Pampered Chef with Nicole Siefker. If you are interested in partaking in this fundraiser, there will be packets at the front desk in the lobby. Please remember, you are NOT required to participate in this fundraiser. The money you earn can go towards your tuition, costumes, or competition fees! The orders will be due on September 20th.

Fundraiser

Our second OPTIONAL fundraiser for the season is Thirty-One with Valerie Vondrell Stumbaugh! It will start on September 25th and will be due by October 23rd. Packets will be available at the studio and a link for ordering will be provided.

Costume Measuring Week

We will be measuring for our Spring Recital Costumes the week of October 15th through the 20th. If you are unable to attend that week, please let us know and we will make sure to measure you at another time before or after. These are preliminary measurements since we have to order costumes by November to ensure we receive them in time for studio pictures and recital. We will order accordingly. If they are on the bubble for sizes, we will size up to make sure they fit.

Costume Party Week

The week of October 19th through October 25th is our Annual Costume Party Week at dance. During this time we dress up and enjoy fun games during class such as freeze dance and limbo. Wear your favorite costume to class!

Local Trick-or-Treat

Each year we close our studio so our families who choose to participate in their local trick-or-treats can do so. The studio will be closed on Thursday, October 26th to participate in this.

Costume Party

On October 27th we will host our Annual SODC Costume Party! From 7:00-10:00 pm we will be partying and having a blast! Cost is \$5.00 plus ONE canned good for donation. Bring a friend! There will be activities, fun games, limbo contest, costume contest and so much more! Plus, prizes, prizes, PRIZES! Eat dinner before you come, snacks and drinks are provided.

Give Thanks Week

The week of November 12-17th is our give thanks week at SODC. We will be sharing the reasons we are thankful. At this time, we will be taking donations for local food pantries. More details will follow.

Fall Break

The studio will be closed from November 20th through the 25th for Fall Break.

Spirit Week

December 6th through the 12th will be our Annual SODC Spirit Week. Wear lime green, black and silver or your favorite SODC gear this week to show your spirit! This is one of our favorite weeks!

Pajama Week & Watch Week

December 13th through the 19th is our pajama week. Wear your favorite PJs to dance this week. We will also be having our Watch Week for our 8 & under classes with a special holiday presentation. More information will follow.

Winter Break

The studio will be closed for Winter Break from December 20th through January 2nd. Classes will resume on January 3rd. Enjoy your break and your family time!

Show the Love Week

From February 11th through the 16th we will be having "Show the Love Week" at SODC. Wear your favorite outfit with hearts or red and pick. We will be doing some awesome community service projects during this week. More information to follow.

Picture Day

In March, we will be having our Annual Studio Picture Day. Date/Time slots will be announced at a later date.

Ticket Day

In April, we will be having our Annual Ticket Day. More information will follow.

Easter Break

The studio will be closed on March 31st and April 1st for Easter Break.

Rehearsal & Recital Dates

This year is a BIG year! We have three important dates to remember for our 25th Annual Recital.

Wednesday, April 25th is our Staging Rehearsal from 5:00-9:00 pm
(each class will be scheduled for a specific time slot, not the whole time)

Thursday, April 26th is our Dress Rehearsal from 6:00-9:00 pm
(we will run the show straight through doing the finale first, you will be allowed to leave after you finish your last number)

Saturday, April 28th is our Recital.

More information will be handed out in a packet in January 2017.

2017-18 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5TH	FIRST DAY OF DANCE
SEPTEMBER 5TH	OPTIONAL PAMPERED CHEF STUDIO FUNDRAISER BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 20TH	PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER DUE
SEPTEMBER 25TH	OPTIONAL THIRTY-ONE STUDIO FUNDRAISER BEGINS
OCTOBER 15-19	SPRING RECITAL COSTUME MEASUREMENT WEEK
OCTOBER 19-25	SODC COSTUME PARTY WEEK (WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME)
OCTOBER 23	THIRTY-ONE FUNDRAISER DUE
OCTOBER 26TH	STUDIO CLOSED FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND LOCAL TRICK-OR-TREATS
OCTOBER 27TH	ANNUAL SODC COSTUME PARTY – 7:00-10:00 PM
NOVEMBER 12-17	SODC GIVES THANKS WEEK
NOVEMBER 20-25	FALL BREAK – STUDIO CLOSED
DECEMBER 6-12	SODC SPIRIT WEEK (WEAR LIME/BLACK/SILVER)
DECEMBER 13-19	SODC PAJAMA WEEK & WATCH WEEK (8 & UNDER CLASSES)
DEC 20-JAN 2	WINTER BREAK – STUDIO CLOSED
JANUARY 3RD	DANCE LESSONS RESUMES
FEBRUARY 11-16	SODC “SHOW THE LOVE” WEEK (WEAR PINK/RED, ACTIVITIES PLANNED)
MARCH	SODC STUDIO PICTURES
APRIL	SODC TICKET DAY
MARCH 31-APRIL 1	EASTER BREAK – STUDIO CLOSED
APRIL 25TH	STAGING REHEARSAL @ THE CIVIC CENTER – 5:00-9:00 PM
APRIL 26TH	DRESS REHEARSAL @ THE CIVIC CENTER – 6:00-9:00 PM
APRIL 28TH	24 TH ANNUAL RECITAL @ THE CIVIC CENTER

***Dates are subject to change at any time by the Director*

REFERRAL PROGRAM

1. To receive credit for a new student that you referred, please complete this form and return it.
2. You are eligible for a referral award only when you are current on your account.
3. The new student you refer must stay for three months and be current on their account for you to receive the credit. You will receive a referral credit of one month's tuition only after the new student has met all of these requirements.
4. Siblings are not included or eligible for referral awards.
5. Only eight referral awards can be given per student. If a new student is referred by more than one current student, the first referral received will be the one rewarded for the new student's registration.

Your Dancer's Name: _____ Class: _____

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#2 Name _____ Class _____

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#8 Name _____ Class _____

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