



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome

Our first month went so well! We are so excited for the crisp fall weather and changing leaves! This is such a wonderful time of year. This month is full of happenings going on at the studio. Make sure to read the full newsletter for all of these events! Happy fall!

## Reminder of 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.

## Reminder of 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](http://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.

## Reminder of 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.

Account inquiries can be made to the Office at: [steppinoutdancecenter@yahoo.com](mailto: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

## Reminder of 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.

## CURRENT EVENTS

**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*

**November 12-17, 2017**

*SODC “Gives Thanks” Week*

**November 20-25, 2017**

*Fall Break – STUDIO CLOSED*

**December 6-12, 2017**

*SODC Spirit Week*

**December 10, 2017**

*Tuition Due*

**December 11, 2017**

*Late Fee Applied*

**December 13-19, 2017**

*SODC Pajama Week*

**December 20-January 2**

*Winter Break – STUDIO CLOSED*

## Reminder of 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. Please message us if you are unable to attend class. Thank you.

## Fundraiser

Our second OPTIONAL fundraiser for the season is Thirty-One with Valerie Vondrell Stumbaugh! It started on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will be due by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Packets are available at the studio and the link for ordering is:

<https://www.mythirtyone.com/valeriestumbaugh/info/category/all>

## Reminder of Costume Measuring Week

We will be measuring for our Spring Recital Costumes the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Reminder of Costume Party Week

The week of October 19<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Reminder of 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 26<sup>th</sup> to participate in this.

## Reminder of Costume Party

On October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Reminder of Studio Etiquette

- No student is allowed to enter the classroom without teacher supervision.
- Parents are not permitted in the classroom unless it is an observation period.
- No eating, gum chewing or drinking is permitted in the classroom. Water bottles are permitted.
- No cell phone use in the classroom, phones must be silenced and kept in dance bag. Class Assistants must deposit cell phones in the office prior to entering the classroom.
- Children must be supervised in the lobby at all times.
- Please keep noise to a minimum in the classroom and in the lobby as to not disrupt class.
- No running in the classroom, lobby or parking lot. This is for your safety and the safety of others.
- Consider not bringing siblings who are not enrolled in classes. We don't have a lot of room and it tends to bring unneeded chaos and noise to the lobby.
- Please clean up after yourself in the classroom/lobby.
- Remember to listen and be respectful of your teachers at all times, they are here to help you learn.
- Remember to be kind to everyone at all times.

Thank you for understanding. These rules are for the safety of all of our students and families.

We are so excited for our 25<sup>th</sup> Season and are so glad that you are here to share it with us! Get ready for some amazing activities and excitement throughout the studio!

*Ms. Shifawn, Ms. Karin, Ms. Kealey & Ms. Shelly*