WELCOME TO DANCE CONNECTION

2019-2020 SEASON

We are so excited for what's sure to be our best season yet! Please review this packet and keep for your reference.

Contact Information:

Phone: (716) 220-2679 Email: <u>derbydanceconnection@gmail.com</u> Website: derbydanceconnection.com Like us on Facebook & follow us on Instagram! **Teachers & Assistants:**

Our teachers this year are: Miss Krista, Miss Crissy, Miss Julianna, Miss Meghan, Miss Destiny, Miss Kara, Mr Troy, Miss Barbie, Mr Alex.

Our assistant teachers this year are: Miss Hannah, Miss Savannah, Miss Ava, Miss Aubrey, Miss Eryn, Miss Paige, Miss Angel, Miss Jewell, Miss Caitlyn, Miss Shauna, Miss Lauren, Miss Aubrey, Miss Jenna, Miss Zoey.

All our staff is fully committed to bringing your dancers the best possible dance education while building their confidence and passion for dance!

Dance Rooms:

- We now have three dance rooms! Room 1 is the largest dance room in the front downstairs. Room 2 is the middle room downstairs. Room 3 is the upstairs room.
- Dancers will wait in the lobby for their teachers to bring them to class and will bring their dance bags, shoes, and water into class with them.
- Dance rooms are for dancers only. Parents will be invited into our tiniest dancers classes throughout the year to see what we're working on but ultimately we want to eliminate as many distractions as possible!

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.
- Proper shoes must be worn for each class. No street shoes!

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!

Parent Portal Instructions:

If you haven't already, please create an account in the parent portal: <u>https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/danceconnectionregistration</u>

There is also a link on our website!

Newsletters, reminders, and music will all be sent through the portal. You'll also be able to pay your monthly tuition this way!

Payments & Fundraisers:

- Tuition is due by the 1st of each month (September excluded). Statements will be e-mailed out with your balances. If received after the 1st, there will be a \$5 late fee. If received after the 7th, there will be a \$10 late fee. Tuition can be paid in the office via cash, check or credit card or in your parent portal. There is also a dropbox outside the office for your convenience.
- Costume deposits are due November 15th (\$15 per costume), December 15th (\$15 per costume) and January 15th (costume balance).
- Competition fees are outlined in the schedule.
- Recital fee is due April 15th and is \$50 per dancer or \$75 per family. This includes two tickets to the recital and a digital download of the recital video.
- Optional fundraisers will be offered throughout the year to defray costs. Profits will be used towards costume fees first, then competition or convention fees, then tuition.

2019-2020 Schedule

September 2019:

9: First day of class!23: Tupperware fundraiser starts

October 2019:

 Showstopper convention fee due (optional for dancers age 7 & up)
 Tupperware fundraiser ends
 Velocity Dance Convention fees due (optional for dancers age 5 & up)
 Regular classes held
 P-20: Showstopper convention (optional for dancers age 7 & up)
 Double Good Popcorn fundraiser starts
 Halloween Party week! Wear your costume!
 No class! Happy Halloween!

November 2019:

2: Double Good Popcorn fundraiser ends

2-3: Empire Dance Challenge
Convention (optional for dancers age
11: Regular classes held
11: Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins
15: Costume deposit #1 due
15-17: Velocity Dance Convention
(optional for dancers age 5 & up)
23: Yankee Candle Fundraiser ends
27-29: No class! Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2019:

 1: 24seven Dance Convention fees due (optional for dancers age 5 & up)
 15: Costume deposit #2 due 17-23: Holiday Party week! 24-31: No class! Happy Holidays! January 2020:

No class! Happy New Year!
 3-5: 24seven Dance Convention
 15: Costume balance due
 20: Regular classes held

February 2020:

15-21: No class! Closed for Winter Break. (makeups held this week)

March 2020:

2: Zap a Snack fundraiser starts 14: Zap a Snack fundraiser ends

April 2020:

10-13: No class! Happy Easter! 15: Recital fee due

May 2020:

9: Summerdanse fees due
(optional/class dependent)
24: Memorial Day Party &
Performance at Evans Town Park
25: No class! Happy Memorial Day!

June 2020:

1-3: TENTATIVE Dress Rehearsal
4-6 TENTATIVE Recital
7: Picture Day
12-14: Summerdanse Competition (optional class dependent)
15-20: Spirit Week! Last week of dance!

July 2020:

11: Picture Pick Up Day/Registration