

**Handbook for
Students & Parents
2015 - 2016**



*We, the Staff, at oohm
would like to Welcome...*

*Our returning students
and their families as well
as those new students and
their families who are
joining us this year!*

*We are looking forward
to a great year at our
studio celebrating our
25th year of dance!*



Parents and Students:

We at OOHM Dance are striving to give

each of you the experience of an artistic discipline.

We believe strongly in the value of self-discipline and

self-expression. *Dance is a balance of each of these qualities.*

To gain real mastery and freedom of expression, one must first be disciplined. For that reason the following are very important!

- A respectful attitude of teachers and fellow classmates.
- A respectful attitude of the property.
- Behavior that represents the best you can be.
- Cell phones do not belong in class.
(They represent a lack of concern for what is happening right now and right here.)
- Chewing gum is unattractive & intolerable.
- Distracting jewelry is undesirable.

If at any time you are displeased with something you see or hear in the studio or waiting room, please speak to a staff person at the earliest possible time.



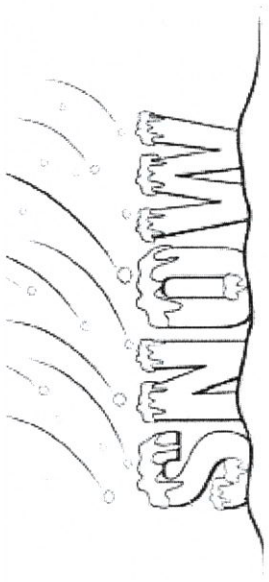
CLASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

❖ Here at the studio we do our best to stick to the schedule allotted for class. To do so requires that students **arrive on time and are ready to go**. It is important for the students to begin class together. We give a class designed to properly warm up the student for the exercises to follow. Without proper warm up the risk of injury increases. As parents and leaders we need to do our best to show the most responsible attention to these details. While we cannot prevent the student from leaving class early, we do discourage it. When this occurs frequently it hampers the students' development.

❖ We do understand that your children are involved in many activities, however, if your child is enrolled in a class they have a certain obligation to that class

❖ **In the event that you are late** please remind your child to enter the classroom in a respectful manner with as little distraction as possible when the next break in activity occurs. **A student entering the classroom late should enter quietly and take a place at the back.**

❖ Additionally, when the **required dress code** is ignored the child will be asked to sit and watch the class. Please refer to our **'Required Dancewear Policy'**.



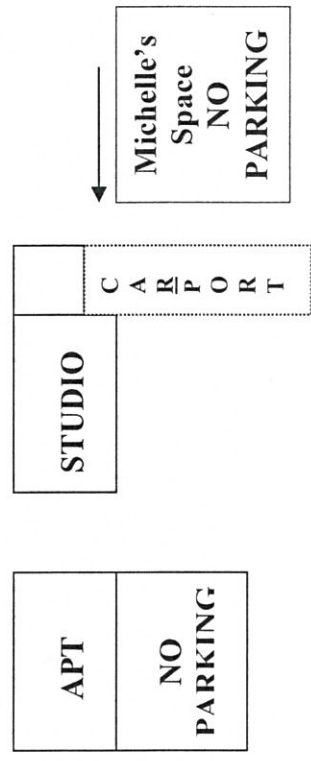
When the weather is bad the studio will make a decision about cancelling classes around 3:00 pm (8:30 am for Saturday classes). At that time a posting will be made on our Facebook page. **The studio does not automatically close because the schools close.**

Classes missed for snow cancellations can be made up like any other missed class.



PARKING AT THE STUDIO

When parking at the studio please use the **Stonycreek Township lot** which is the safest place to park. There are only a few places behind the studio building. Please **DO NOT** park in the lane behind the carport as this is for Michelle's family. Also **DO NOT** park in the area behind the home to the left of the studio. This area belongs to those persons who rent at that building.



REQUIRED DANCEWEAR POLICY

The student's appearance in class is very important to the overall sense of order and discipline in dance education. When the student prepares for class the teacher is aware that the student is thinking of what is about to happen and is ready to give his or her all to the experience. It is inappropriate to wear a basketball uniform for swimming lessons.... Etc.... therefore students are NOT permitted to wear soccer clothes, cheerleading uniforms, boxer shorts and t-shirts to class. We highly recommend that the older students purchase good dancewear. It will hold up for several years. Younger students may get away with less durable garments.

- **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO WEAR OVERSIZED T-SHIRTS, BAGGY SHORTS AND PANTS IN CLASS. THEY WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE THEM!!**
- **A NOTE TO ACRO STUDENTS: YOU WILL BE UPSIDE DOWN AND TIED IN KNOTS.... BE PREPARED...!**
- **STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT PREPARED FOR CLASS WILL BE ASKED TO OBSERVE RATHER THAN PARTICIPATE.**

Listed below are places to purchase the *Required Dancewear*.....

Locally....

- ❖ **out of his mind DANCE -- The studio carries ALL required styles of dancewear at discounted prices!**

Online...

www.discountdance.com
www.liberts.com



Note: If ordering from *Discount Dance Supply* use studio #TP76065& receive 10% off 1st order & 5% off all other orders.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT & INTRO TO DANCE CLASSES

Solid color leotards. May have attached skirt and decoration on leotard. Tights must be pink or nude tights... no runs. Hair in a ponytail or bun, or if short held off of face with headband. Pink ballet slippers and black or tan tap shoes.

COMBO CLASSES 1-4

Solid color leotards. May have *removable* skirts for ballet portion of class. **NO SHORTS AND OVERSHIRTS.** Tights must be convertibles in pink, nude or black...no runs. Hair in a ponytail or bun, or if short held off of face with headband. Pink ballet slippers and tan tap shoes.

BALLET LEVEL 5-8 & POINTE

Solid color leotards. May have a removable skirt or practice tutu. **NO SHORTS AND OVERSHIRTS.** Tights must be pink or nude... no runs. Hair must be in a bun. Pink ballet slippers and pointe shoes.

JAZZ, MODERN & TAP - LEVEL 5-8

Solid color leotards and tights or crop tops and leggings. Bootie shorts may be worn over tights. **NO LOOSE TOPS OR CAMISOLES.** Hair must be in a ponytail or bun. No shoes are required although you may wear foot undies.

ACRO CLASSES ALL LEVELS

Solid color leotards and footless tights. Bootie short unitards also accepted when worn with footless tights. **NO SHORTS OR T-SHIRTS.** Hair in ponytail, pigtails or braids.

HIP HOP - LEVEL 1-7

Students may wear a loose top over a crop top or leotard. All leg coverings must go below the knee. A dedicated pair of tennis shoes is required. **NO outside shoes may be worn in the studio room.** Hair may be down but should be secured out of the face with a headband or a hat.



BE PREPARED TO DANCE!!

Each dancer should come prepared for class.

A *Dancer's Bag* is a great way to make sure you are ready for any situation. What should be packed in your bag...?

- ✓ **Shoes**
- ✓ **Extra Tights and/or leotard**
- ✓ **Hair brush, gummies and extra clips**
- ✓ **Deodorant**
- ✓ **Snacks**
- ✓ **Water Bottle**
- ✓ **Band-aids and tape**



Place everything in a bag that is devoted to dance class. It is always packed and ready to go!!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

UPPER LEVELS 5-8 ONLY

- It is the policy of the studio regarding the upper level classes that a minimum of 80 % of classes is attended and 'made-up' prior to the Holiday Break for the student to participate in the year-end recital.
- All upper level students are aware of this policy, as it has been in place for many years. It is the student's responsibility to check on their attendance, which will be posted on a monthly basis, and make sure it is meeting the standards of 80%.
- Furthermore, good attendance should be maintained after the Holiday Break. The last time to have classes made up for inclusion in choreography is the end of April.
- Understand that consistent absence will result in you being pulled from missed sections of the choreography.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy please speak to me earlier than later.

What to do..... When I miss a class???

Please use the following guide to make-up classes missed for any reason. It is not necessary to call ahead of time. Simply inform the instructor of the child's regular class so they may be marked in attendance. The classes are grouped in the most compatible way. It is best to move up or down one level only.

Consult schedule on website for actual times.

Creative Movement	Intro to Dance I
Intro to Dance I	Intro to Dance II
Combo 1	Combo 2
Combo 3	Combo 4
Ballet 5	Ballet 6
Ballet 7	Ballet 8
Pointe 1	Pointe 2
Jazz 5	Jazz 6
Jazz 7/8	Jazz 9
Acro A	Acro B
Acro C	Acro D
Hip Hop 1 & 2	Hip Hop 3
Hip Hop 4	Hip Hop 5
Hip Hop 6	Hip Hop 7
Modern 5	Modern 6
Modern 7	Modern 8
Tap 5	Tap 6
Tap 6	Tap 7/8

TUITION

- Classes are offered on a yearly basis broken into monthly payments, regardless of how many weeks are in a month.
- Tuition is based on the year – September through June – not on the individual class.
- Tuition is due by the 10th of each month for that month's classes.
- Please make checks payable to OOHM.
- A Late Fee will be charged to your account if payment is not received by the 10th of each month.
- Tuition is due whether a student is in class or not.
- Tuition will be charged unless and until you notify the office that a student has dropped a class.
- All Account Balances MUST be paid in full by June 6, 2016!

Important contact info:

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VACATION SCHEDULE 2015-2016

Sept 9 (Wed)	Classes Begin
Nov 24 - Nov 30	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 14 & 15	Holiday Party
Dec 16 - Jan 6	Christmas Break
March 23 - 29	Easter Break
May 27 - 30	Memorial Break
June 11	Recital