



**2023-2024**

**Classes Begin: September 11, 2023**



## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

For over 50 years, our school has been a leader in dance education. We believe that our success comes as a result of providing solid training and quality service, as well as our underlying belief in the strength of our organization. We have created this handbook to offer our students and parents a clear understanding of their commitments and responsibility to the school.

### Mission Statement:

To impart the knowledge and training of traditional and contemporary dance forms and to foster a dance spirit that promotes personal growth, creativity, respect, responsibility, and teamwork within a caring and nurturing environment.

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Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm  
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Thursday 4:30-9:00 pm

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# FAIRPORT DANCE ACADEMY | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

## AUGUST '23

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- 9 Summer Classes End
- 14 Production Intensive begins & tuition is due (Aug. 14-Sept. 7)
- 28 Production Competition Deposit Due
- 29 Fantasy Dance Class 5:00-6:30 pm

## FEBRUARY '24

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- 5 Production Team Competition Payment #2 Due
- 19 Tuition #6 Due (Feb. 19-Mar. 14)

## SEPTEMBER '23

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- 4 Labor Day-CLOSED Production classes will be made up on Nov. 20
- 11 Tuition #1 Due (Sept. 11-Oct. 5) & Classes Begin

## MARCH '24

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- 4 Recital Fees Due
- 18 Tuition #7 Due (Mar. 18-Apr. 11)

## OCTOBER '23

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- 9 Tuition #2 Due (Oct. 9-Nov. 2)
- 23 Production Costume Deposit Due
- 31 Halloween-CLOSED. These Tues classes will be made up Nov. 21

## APRIL '24

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- 1 Costume Rental Fee Due
- 15 Tuition #8 Due (Apr. 15-May 9))

## NOVEMBER '23

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- 6 Tuition #3 Due (Nov. 6-Dec. 7)
- 20 Prod Labor Day Make Up - No regular classes
- 21 Halloween Make Up
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break-CLOSED
- 27 Holiday Costume Rental Due

## MAY '24

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- 6 Make Up Madness & School Spirit Week
- 13 Tuition #9 Due (May 13-June 6)
- 27 Memorial Day-CLOSED These Monday classes will be made up in May

## DECEMBER '23

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- 4-7 Holiday Showcase Week
- 11 Tuition #4 Due (Dec. 11-Jan. 18)
- 18 Production Team Competition Payment #1 Due
- 25 Winter Break Begins CLOSED Dec. 25-Jan. 5

## JUNE '24

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- 3-9 Recital Week

## JANUARY '24

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- 1-5 CLOSED - Winter Break
- 8 Classes Resume
- 15 Costume Balance Due
- 22 Tuition #5 Due (Jan. 22-Feb. 15)

Payment Due Date

Production Team Due Date

School Closed

Holiday & Annual Recital Dates

## HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration is now open: Please register as soon as possible as classes will fill quickly.

**Registration Fee of \$25.00 per family is due at the time of registration.**

**NEW:** If you register online, you will be required to submit a credit card. Your Registration Fee of \$25.00 per family will be automatically charged to your card when you register.

**Classes begin September 11, 2023**

- Registration is open through December for most classes.
- Toddler & Me and Creative Movement accept new students through April
- You may only register for classes that are in the appropriate age range.
- **Students must be the class age by October 1, 2023**
- Registration for an account with an outstanding balance will not be processed until the balance is paid.
- Students should not register for Ballet and Pointe on the same day of the week.

### Online Registration:

- 1) Go to [www.fairportdanceacademy.com](http://www.fairportdanceacademy.com)
- 2) Select the "Registration" tab at the top of the web page and click on the link for online registration.
- 3) Either create a new account/student or select current student log in. Follow the prompts and be sure to fill in all information.
- 4) After you request your classes, we post the registration and tuition charges to your account and send you a confirmation. **NEW: We will automatically charge your credit card for the \$25.00 Registration Fee. If you would like to sign up to Auto Pay Tuition and Fees. Email Nicole to authorize Auto Pay or turn in the Auto Pay Form on page 19. Otherwise, we will not automatically charge your credit card for tuition or any other fees.**

**Mail-In Registration:** Mail your completed registration form, along with your registration payment of \$25.00 per family, to the Fairport Dance Academy as soon as possible. Classes fill very quickly.

**Register in Person:** When you come for your shoe fitting <https://calendly.com/fairportdanceacademy/shoe-fitting-appointment>

**CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**CORE CLASSES: BALLET, TAP & JAZZ**

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
1-2	Toddler & Me	Tuesday 4:30-5:15 pm	Kelsey
3-4	Creative Movement	Tuesday 4:30-5:15 pm	Kelly
3-4	Creative Movement	Thursday 4:30-5:15 pm	Dayna
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	Kelly
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Dayna
4-5	Ballet & Tap Combo age 4-5	Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	Desiree
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Kelly
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Nicole
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm	Desiree
5-6	Ballet & Tap Combo age 5-6	Thursday 5:00-6:00 pm	Kelly
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Tuesday 5:30-7:00 pm	Annah
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm	Kelly
7-8	Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo age 7-8	Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm	Desiree
9-10	Ballet age 9-10	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Desiree
9-10	Jazz age 9-10	Monday 6:30-7:00 pm	Katie
9-10	Tap age 9-10	Monday 7:00-7:30 pm	Katie
9-10	Ballet age 9-10	Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm	Dayna
9-10	Jazz age 9-10	Tuesday 5:30-6:00 pm	Kelsey
9-10	Tap age 9-10	Tuesday 6:00-6:30 pm	Kelsey
11-13	Tap age 11-13	Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm	Desiree
11-13	Jazz age 11-13	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	Kelly
11-13	Ballet age 11-13	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	Robin
13-18	Tap age 13-18	Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm	Nicole
13-18	Ballet age 13-18	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	Robin
13-18	Jazz age 13-18	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	Rick

**ELECTIVE CLASSES**

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
13-18	Teen Belly Dance	Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Nicole
13-18	Teen Belly Dance	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Nicole
13-18	Contemporary	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	Natalie
6-8	Hip Hop age 6-8	Tuesday 4:45-5:30 pm	Nicole
9-12	Hip Hop age 9-12	Monday 4:30-5:30 pm	Nicole
13-18	Teen Hip Hop	Thursday 5:00-6:00 pm	Nicole
11-12	Lyrical	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Kelly
13-18	Lyrical	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Natalie
13-18	Teen Modern	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Erin
12-13	Pointe 1	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Cheryl
13-18	Teen Pointe	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Cheryl
17-18	2024 Senior Class	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Kelsey & Rick

**ADULT CLASSES**

See class description for details!

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
ADULT	4 Weeks Rotating Class	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Various
ADULT	Adult Belly Dance	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	Nicole

### PRODUCTION PROGRAM REQUIRED CLASSES

Classes for students enrolled in our competitive dance program

See Program Description on page 8

**Production classes begin August 14**

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
Junior	Junior Pro Ballet	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Cheryl
Junior	Junior Pro Choreography	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	Desiree/Kelsey
Junior	Junior Pro Tap	Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm	Nicole/Desiree
Junior	Junior Pro Jazz	Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Desiree/Kelsey
Teen	Teen Pro Tap	Monday 6:30-7:30 pm	Nicole
Teen	Teen Pro Jazz	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm	Erin
Teen	Teen Pro Ballet	Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm	Cheryl
Teen	Teen Pro Choreography	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Annah/Nicole
Senior	Senior Pro Ballet	Monday 6:30-8:00 pm	Levian
Senior	Senior Pro Choreography	Monday 8:00-9:00 pm	Pro Staff
Senior	Senior Pro Jazz	Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm	Rick
Senior	Senior Pro Kick Line	Thursday 8:00-9:00 pm	Pro Staff

### PRODUCTION ELECTIVES

**Production classes begin August 14**

Age	Class	Day/Time	Teacher
Senior	Senior Pro Tap	Monday 5:30-6:30 pm	Nicole
Senior	Senior Pro Modern	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm	Erin
Senior	Senior Pro Lyrical	Wednesday 8:30-9:30 pm	Erin

**Private lessons for teen advanced dancers can be scheduled with a variety of staff members, based on availability. Each 45 minute Private Lesson is \$60.00. Contact Nicole to schedule.**

### **Class Attendance Policy**

All students are expected to attend their regularly scheduled classes. Each class offers a step forward in the educational process. A missed class could leave a child one step behind the other students. It is important for children to feel completely confident with the choreography at the year-end performance. Missing class could result in frustration for the students and their teachers and classmates. **Please schedule your other activities around your scheduled class times.**

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

**Adult Classes** (Age 18+): Adult classes will have a new format this season: Each Tuition period (4 weeks) will be a different subject/instructor. Class styles offered may include: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Modern, Musical Theater Dance, Belly Dance, Hip Hop. We will announce the Adult schedule monthly. If a subject/teacher is very popular we can always extend the session. Tuition is \$60 per four week Tuition period or Drop In for \$20. Perfect for recent alumni and busy adults!

**Toddler & Me** (Age 1 ½ -3 with Adult): This is the perfect introduction to movement and dance for your child. In this class, you and your child will learn to love dance together. Students and adults should wear comfortable clothes and bare feet or ballet shoes. This class has open enrollment throughout the school year. This class is open for registration September – May and does not participate in the recital. Last week of classes is May 6, 2024 – unless a make up class is scheduled for Winter weather

**Creative Movement** (Ages 3-4) Is a Pre-Ballet and Modern dance program that offers a new experience for the young child in learning body awareness, self-assurance, self-esteem, coordination, flexibility, and more! Pre-Ballet technique, skipping, leaping and movement concepts like: fast/slow, high/ low, etc. and fun class themes like: “Beach Day” or “Seasons” that tie the classes together. This class does not participate in the recital. There are 2 informal “performances” for friends and family at the dance school. Usually in December and May. This class is open for registration September-May and does not participate in the recital. Last week of classes is May 6, 2024 – unless a make up class is scheduled for Winter weather. Students can wear bare feet or ballet shoes.

**Ballet & Tap Combo** (Ages 4-6): 30 minutes of tap and 30 minutes of ballet

**Ballet, Tap & Jazz Combo** (Age 7-8): 30 minutes of tap, 30 minutes of ballet & 30 minutes of jazz

**Ballet:** is a highly technical form of dance with its own vocabulary based on French terminology. It has been globally influential and has defined the foundational techniques used in many other dance genres and cultures.

**Tap:** is a type of dance characterized by using the sounds of tap shoes striking the floor as a form of percussion. The sound is made by shoes that have a metal "tap" on the heel and toe.

**Jazz** (Ages 7 & Up) is a performance dance technique and style that emerged in the early twentieth century. Jazz dance may refer to vernacular jazz or Broadway or theatrical jazz that emerged with jazz music.

**Belly Dance** (Ages 13 & Up) Learn muscle control and fluidity while toning the core, encouraging good posture, improving flexibility, and gaining body confidence. In this class you will learn the basic movements and isolations as well as the posture and styling of belly dance. Have fun and discover muscles you never knew you had! No previous dance experience necessary. We will begin each class with a comprehensive warm up, review and develop belly dance technique, work on travelling movements and brief sequences of choreography.

**Contemporary** (Ages 13 & Up) Contemporary dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet. Contemporary dancers strive to connect the mind and the body through fluid dance movements.

**Hip Hop** (Ages 6 & Up) refers to street dance styles primarily performed to hip-hop music or that have evolved as part of hip-hop culture. It includes a wide range of hip hop styles.

**Lyrical** (Ages 11 & Up) Lyrical is a fluid and graceful style of jazz that incorporates ballet and modern techniques.

**Modern** (Ages 13 & Up) Modern dance is often considered to have emerged as a rejection of, or rebellion against, classical ballet. Modern dance pioneers disregarded ballet's strict movement vocabulary, the particular, limited set of movements that were considered proper to ballet, in the search for greater freedom of movement.

**Pointe** (Ages 13 & Up) Pointe technique is the part of classical ballet technique that concerns *pointe work*, in which a ballet dancer supports all body weight on the tips of fully extended feet within pointe shoes. Pointe work is performed while wearing pointe shoes, which employ structural reinforcing to distribute the dancer's weight load throughout the foot, thus reducing the load on the toes enough to enable the dancer to support all body weight on fully vertical feet.

**Pointe Requirements:**

Students ages 13 and up who are interested in taking Pointe classes for the following dance season should:

- Have progressed to the Intermediate level of Ballet.
- Understand that you must take a Ballet class plus the additional Pointe class. Both classes cannot be scheduled on the same day.
- Attend all classes with a serious attitude.

Pointe dancing is not for everybody. Sometimes your physical anatomy will prevent you from going on pointe. It is imperative that pointe students make a serious commitment and have a positive mental attitude, which allows them to take constructive criticism. The student should also be responsible for demonstrating these corrections consistently throughout her training.

**Production Program:** The FDA Production Program is designed for serious dance students ages 8 and up, with good attendance, great attitudes and a strong desire to learn. These classes challenge the more serious student, and concentrate on the execution, perfection and precision of dance technique advancement. These classes participate in local dance competitions. Students are required to take Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and also have an additional "Choreography" class that focuses on choreography for competitions. To join the program, students need to be experienced in Ballet, Tap and Jazz and to have been enrolled at FDA for one year or more.

**Senior Class** (Graduating Class of 2024): This class is for our graduating Senior students who have been dancing with us for several years. To take this class you must also take at least one technique class in: ballet, jazz, lyrical or modern. Class will learn: a Senior class dance for the recital and additional dances for possible community performances. These Seniors should submit a Senior Biography and Senior Photo for the Recital Program, and a baby photo and senior photo for the recital slide show by May 1, 2024.



## TUITION RATES PER STUDENT

Tuition does not include the registration fee, recital fee, dancewear, shoes, costume rentals, purchased costume, or recital tickets

Tuition Rates for each student are determined by the following scale:

Class Hours Per Week	Monthly Payment
45 minutes	\$50.00
1	\$60.00
1½	\$90.00
1¾	\$105.00
2	\$116.00
2¼	\$130.00
2½	\$140.00
2¾	\$154.00
3	\$162.00
3½	\$189.00
4	\$208.00
4½	\$234.00
5	\$250.00
5½	\$275.00
6	\$288.00
6½	\$312.00
7	\$322.00
7½	\$345.00
8	\$352.00
8½	\$374.00
9	\$387.00

A Family Discount of 10% will be applied to each child's monthly tuition rate if your children take a total of 6 to 9 dance classes per week. If they take a total of 9½ to 12 hours per week, the discount will be 15% per child. If they take 12½ hours or more, the discount will be 20% per child.

Missed Classes: Tuition is not refundable for missed classes.

Dropped Classes: Tuition is not refundable for the payment period during which a student chooses to drop a class.

## **Tuition Payments**

Tuition payments can be made online, in person at the dance school or mailed to: Fairport Dance Academy, 1 Victoria Place, Suite 140 Painesville, OH 44077

We accept cash, checks and all major credit cards.

Check payments should be made payable to: Fairport Dance Academy.

A \$35.00 fee will be charged to your dance school account for any checks returned to the school for insufficient funds.

Monthly statements will be mailed out each month at least one week before tuition is due.

Any student with an overdue balance of more than 60 days will not be allowed into class until payment in full is received. Contact Nicole for payment issues.

**AUTO PAY: Families can choose to automatically pay their tuition fees and other fees each month with a credit or debit card set up. You need to sign up for Auto Pay each year. If you had signed up for Auto Pay last year, and want to continue Auto Pay, please sign up again this season. Either submit the Auto Pay form on page 19, or email Nicole to authorize Auto Pay for this season.**

## **ADDITIONAL FEES**

### **1. Registration Fee**

The registration fee of \$25 per family covers the cost of printing, mailing and processing of mail-in and online registration, insurance, and hand props for class. Registration fees are not refundable.

### **2. Recital Costumes**

Costuming our students for the spring recital a huge expense. To make this more affordable for our dancers, we require each student to buy only one costume (which they keep). Additional costumes will be provided by the dance school, and a small rental fee will be charged for each borrowed costume. The dance school will also do the fitting, altering, steaming and bagging of all costumes and accessories for each student. Recital tights will be included with costumes that students purchase at a discounted price. Students who rent costumes only will be responsible for purchasing their tights from the dance school before the recital. Costume balances are due January 15, 2024. **Average Costume Price \$70-\$90**

### **3. Costume Rental Fee**

To help cover the huge expense of costuming our dancers for the spring recital, students will be charged a rental fee of \$15.00 for each borrowed costume owned by Fairport Dance Academy. Costume rental fees will be due by April 1, 2024. Rental fee covers costume alterations, steaming and accessories of borrowed costumes. **Students MUST return all borrowed costumes after their last recital performance.**

### **4. Recital Fee**

Each recital participant will be charged a \$40.00 recital fee. The recital fee covers the purchase of extra recital costumes, props, set materials, music copywrite dues, sound technician, lighting, etc. Recital fees are due by March 4, 2024.

### **Production Students ONLY Costume Deposit**

A \$50.00 costume deposit for Junior Pro and a \$100.00 Costume Deposit for Senior Pro is due by October 23, 2023. This deposit is for the competition costumes we need to order in the Fall for the Spring competitions, and will go toward the costume you will purchase.

## DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS

Fairport Dance Academy sells all dance shoes, dancewear, tights, and dance bags at our studio throughout the year.

We have an onsite dance shop for your dance shoe and apparel needs. Dance shoe and dancewear fitting appointments can be scheduled online through Calendly at: <https://calendly.com/fairportdanceacademy/shoe-fitting-appointment> or by contacting Nicole to schedule at (440) 488-7692 or [fairportdanceacadmy@hotmail.com](mailto:fairportdanceacadmy@hotmail.com). Please be sure to schedule an appointment so we have shoe fitting staff available. Used shoes will not be available at shoe fittings.

If a student buys new shoes at the beginning of the dance season and outgrows their shoes during the dance season, we have a shoe exchange program that allows them to trade their used shoes for another pair of used shoes in a larger size. If you don't want to trade your old shoes, the cost for used shoes is \$5.00 per pair.

The shoes that we sell are quality shoes at an economy price.

### REQUIRED APPAREL FOR CLASS:

<b>Female Dancers:</b>	Dancers should wear a leotard and tights (any color) for all classes.  Attached skirts, fitted dance shorts (not gym shorts) also okay.  Production Students: black leotards only and pink, tan or black tights  Appropriate shoes for class – see list below
<b>Male Dancers:</b>	Comfortable, athletic clothing. Shorts and t-shirt, etc.  Contact the studio or Nicole for shoe requirements.
<b>Adult Dancers:</b>	Comfortable, athletic clothing.  Appropriate shoes for class – see list below
<b>Hip Hop:</b>	Comfortable clothes that are easy to move in and clean or new sneakers (not shoes that are worn outside)
<b>Belly Dancers:</b>	Form fitting tank top and pants/leggings Hip Sash/Scarf optional. No shoes required
<b>Toddler &amp; Me: &amp; Creative Movement:</b>	Comfortable clothing or leotard and tights (any color). Dance skirt/dress okay. Pink Ballet Shoes or bare feet

## REQUIRED SHOES FOR CLASS:

### **BALLET SHOES:** Required for all ballet classes

Price Range: \$25.00-\$42.00

Ballet Students Age 3-13	Bloch "Dansoft" Leather Full Sole Ballet Shoes Color: pink S0205 Revolution Ballet Shoes in Classic Pink
Ballet Students Ages 13-18	Bloch "Prolite II" Leather Split-Sole Ballet Shoes Color: pink S0208

### **TAP SHOES:** Required for all tap classes

Price Range: \$48.00-\$86.00

Tap Students Age 4-10 and Pre-Production	Capezio 3800 "Mary Jane" Buckle Strap Tap Shoe Color: Black Leather <b>(NO SHINY PATENT LEATHER TAP SHOES)</b> Bloch 302 Black Leather Mary Jane tap shoes
Tap Students Age 11-18	Capezio "Cadence" Tap Shoes Color: Black CG19

### **JAZZ SHOES:** Required for all jazz classes

Price Range: \$32.00-\$43.00

Jazz Students Age 7-18	Bloch "Pulse" Jazz Shoes S0470 Color: Tan Revolution Jazz Shoes in Dark Tan
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### **LYRICAL & CONTEMPORARY SHOES:** Required for all lyrical and contemporary classes

Price: \$TBD

Age 13-18	Tan Leather or canvas half soles \$28.00-\$32.00
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### **MODERN SHOES:** Required for all modern classes

Age 13-18	Bare Feet
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### **POINTE SHOES:** Required for all pointe classes

Age 13-18	<b>New</b> pointe students should wear their ballet shoes to class until Pointe shoe fittings are scheduled in the late Fall. <b>Returning</b> pointe students can either visit Dancer's Pointe to be fitted in new shoes or wear their ballet shoes until Pointe shoes fittings are scheduled in the late Fall.
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**Please do not purchase Payless, Target or other discount store shoes made of vinyl, patent leather, or synthetic materials.**

Students should carry their dancewear, shoes, and other belongings in a dance bag. Please print your child's name on the bag, or on a luggage tag, as well as on all of its contents.

Dancewear is to be kept in good repair and laundered on a regular basis.

Watches, jewelry, and safety pins should not be worn to class.

Dance shoes should never be worn outside.

Female students should wear their hair tightly secured and styled away from the face. A neat bun, braid or pony tail is preferred.

Students are expected to observe good personal hygiene habits. Deodorant is required for students age 10 and older. When hormones start to kick in, many times it is the younger students whose body odor is the most offensive. To prevent an embarrassing situation, please supply your child with deodorant for dance class.

## HOLIDAY SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

We are planning to have an informal Holiday Showcase performance for our classes at the dance school in December.

During the week of December 4-7, 2023, each core group of classes (core = Ballet, Tap, Jazz, including Combo classes, Creative Movement and Toddler & Me classes) will perform one dance, in costume, in our lobby performance space, during their regular class time. Some elective classes will also be performing. I will send out the exact performance time and details as we get closer to December.

We will have our performance lobby set up with chairs for the audience. We will also have gift tables and raffle baskets set up in the white gazebo lobby.

There will be no charge for audience members for the Holiday Showcase performance, however, we will be charging a costume rental fee of \$15.00 per costume for the dancers. This \$15.00 helps us cover fees for steaming, alterations and accessories for each costume. The Holiday Costume Rental Fees will be posted to accounts at the beginning of November and will be due by November 27.

We will be putting together a DVD of all the class performances. Order forms will be emailed out and will also be available at the Front Desk in December. Last year, we were able to have the DVD ready to pick up before we went on Winter Break.

## RECITAL INFORMATION



### Location TBA

- We typically have 3 different recital shows. Each show is approximately 2 hours long and includes an intermission.
- Most students are only in one of the three Recital performances. Teens who take both core and elective classes, may be in more than one recital.
- Performances have reserved seating and recital tickets will go on sale online in May.
- Dress Rehearsals are very important. They help your child get used to dancing in a different space with stage lighting. Dress rehearsals begin at 5:30 pm.
- A detailed Recital Bulletin will be sent out in mid-late April 2024.
- **Please do not schedule family vacations during recital week.**

## **STAYING INFORMED**

We work hard to make the dance experience organized and fun. Keeping you informed is one of our primary goals. Please read all emails, handouts, and other school information.

If you have any questions regarding the information distributed, we encourage you to contact Nicole at (440) 488-7692 before 3:00 pm or [fairportdanceacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:fairportdanceacademy@hotmail.com), or the front desk staff (440) 354-5062.

Please let us know if your e-mail address, mailing address, or phone number changes.

Website: [www.fairportdanceacademy.com](http://www.fairportdanceacademy.com)

## **Facebook Page**

Fairport Dance Academy's official Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Fairport-Dance-Academy-139304812876996/>

"Like" the Fairport Dance Academy page on Facebook to receive updates on school events. Please invite your family and friends to "like" the school.

## **Join the BAND APP**

The Band app group is a closed group, available only to our dance families – it is not visible to others online.

- I will send out an invite code the first week of class to invite students and families to join. If you already joined the app last year, you do not need to join again.
- This app works on phones, tablets and computers.
- If you would like the app invite texted to your phone, let me know at (440) 488-7692 (text is fine-include your name/student name since this is a closed group).
- We will post school announcements and information here
- For teen and Production classes, we will be creating additional BAND groups specific to their class for choreography, class notes and music.

## **Medical Information**

Parents must notify the front desk and/or teachers regarding students who use an inhaler or who may require medications during their time at Fairport Dance Academy. It is also important to inform the front desk and/or teachers about your child's existing medical conditions, allergies or learning disabilities at the time of registration and throughout the school year. Our teachers are trained professionals who are anxious to work with all children and personalities, and the more we know about your child, the better the dance experience will be for all involved. All information about your child is confidential.

## **Discipline Policy**

In order to maintain a happy, healthy, professional environment, students are taught the importance of being part of a group. We encourage students to have respect for other students, the teachers and staff, and studio property, and we foster the development of good habits and compliance with rules of conduct.

Our staff and faculty are trained to use constructive techniques of discipline to maintain class control and handle individual misbehavior.

- Children who exhibit unacceptable behavior or attitudes are told what is wrong and directed to a positive alternative approach or behavior.
- Children who are disruptive will be respectfully asked to stop the behavior. If the behavior is repeated, they will be reminded of it and told how it affects others. If the disruption continues, the children involved will be asked to sit down for a short period of time (usually three to five minutes) before rejoining the class.
- If a child's misbehavior continues to disrupt the class, the parent or guardian will be called to pick up the child.

## **Student and Parent Use of Social Media**

Use of Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, blogging, and other online social-media vehicles is commonplace. This policy is intended to provide Fairport Dance Academy students and parents with guidelines to eliminate any confusion concerning the use of social media.

- Never post anything that could compromise the self-esteem of students who attend Fairport Dance Academy.
- If you post videos of class or rehearsals, don't post any choreography in its entirety.
- Respect the law, including those governing all defamation, discrimination, harassment, and copyright and fair use. As stated in this handbook, parents and students should never post negative comments about other schools or teachers. Also, please do not post negative comments about school activities such as competitions, conventions, and performances or about the directors of those events.
- Ensure that your social networking conduct is consistent with all of the policies contained in this handbook.
- You DO NOT have permission to reveal any information that compromises Fairport Dance Academy. By that we mean you are forbidden to share personal information about the director, other students or their families, or anything that is proprietary and/or confidential to them or Fairport Dance Academy.
- Students and parents should neither claim or imply that they are speaking on behalf of Fairport Dance Academy.
- Improper use of social media could result in dismissal.

## **Termination of Enrollment**

In certain circumstances, when it is in the best interest of one or more students, it may be necessary for the school director to terminate a student's enrollment. Every effort will be made to correct a problematic situation before terminating enrollment. Reasons for termination of enrollment include the following:

- Disruptive or dangerous behavior by students or their parents
- Abuse (including verbal) of other children, staff, or property
- Inability of Fairport Dance Academy to meet the child's needs



## **FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **CAN I TRY A CLASS BEFORE REGISTERING?**

Yes, you just need to contact the school to let us know the day/time you are interested in. You will also need to submit the waiver on page 19.

### **HOW LONG IS THE DANCE SEASON?**

Our dance season runs the length of a regular school year: September-June, ending with the Annual Recital. Registration for the 2023-2024 dance season will be open through December. In January, students age 4 (if they are in the Ballet/Tap Combo class) and up will begin to prepare for our annual recital and registration will close. Costumes need to be ordered in January to receive them in time for our recital in June.

### **WHAT KIND OF FEES CAN I EXPECT?**

**Shoes** for Class: See Shoe Requirements on page 12 for prices

**Dance Apparel** for Class: Apparel price range \$9.00-\$30.00

**Tuition:** see tuition rates on page 9

**Costume Fee:** Average costume price: \$70-\$90. See page 10 for details

**Costume Rental Fee:** \$15 per rented costume. See page 10 for details

**Recital Fee:** \$40 per recital participant. See page 10 for details

### **HOW DO I DROP OR ADD A CLASS?**

Please let us know if you need to drop a class by calling or emailing the dance school/Nicole to avoid any billing issues.

Adding a new class can be done through the online registration system or at the front desk, and will be based on class size and age/level appropriateness.

### **WHAT DO I DO WHILE MY CHILD IS IN CLASS?**

After dropping off your child for class, you are welcome to wait in the gazebo common area at Victoria Place. You can also leave and come back when class is over to pick up your child.

### **WHERE SHOULD I PARK?**

There is free parking available around the Painesville square/park and on Main St. Parking meters are not enforced. There is also a paid parking lot in the back of the building off S. St. Clair St. \$2.00 to park. Pay by card or exact change.

### **WHO SHOULD I TELL IF I KNOW I AM GOING TO BE ABSENT?**

Please call or email the school to let us know that you will be missing class due to illness, a school event or vacation. If you know in advance, you can sign the "Going to be Absent" sheet at the front desk.

## **CAN I MAKE UP A MISSED CLASS?**

Make-up classes will be offered, as a courtesy, from September through December when all classes are working on fundamentals and technique. Students can attend a similar class on a different day or time for a make-up. **Make Up Madness Week:** Students can attend any class for their age group to make up any snow days or missed classes. Details will be sent out in the Spring. Other than Make Up Madness Week (May 6-9, 2024) no make-up classes will be offered after winter break—this is when each class begins to learn its own recital choreography. Make-up classes can be scheduled with Nicole at the front desk.

## **CAN PARENTS OR VISITING RELATIVES OBSERVE A CLASS?**

Parents and family members are often distracting inside the classroom. Classes often come out to dance in our Lobby Performance Space where families can watch.

## **WHAT ABOUT PERFORMANCES?**

All of our Core classes will have a short performance in our Informal Holiday Showcase at the dance studio. Elective classes may or may not have a holiday performance.

All classes, except for Creative Movement and Toddler & Me will perform in the Annual Recital.

Some classes may be asked to perform at additional performances listed here:

City of Painesville Fall Fest

City of Painesville Spirit of the Season Tree Lighting

Fairport Harbor's Harbor Holidays

[Holiday Showcase \(all classes\)](#)

Competitions (Production Students Only)

[Recital \(all classes except Creative Movement and Toddler & Me\)](#)

Creative Movement & Toddler & Me usually have separate Informal Showcases at the dance studio.

## **HOW DO I KNOW IF THERE IS A SNOW DAY?**

The school will send out an email, post in the BAND app and post on Facebook if classes are cancelled due to severe weather conditions. Usually by 2:00 pm. We will also post the information on News channel 5, WKYC-TV3, and News Radio WTAM 1100 AM

**2023-2024  
AUTO PAY SIGN UP FORM**

**You need to sign up for Auto Pay each year.  
If you were signed up for Auto Pay last year, and want to continue Auto Pay,  
please be sure to either email Nicole to authorize or complete this form.**

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card:   VISA     MASTERCARD     DISCOVER     AMEX

Card Number   \_\_\_\_\_ -   \_\_\_\_\_ -   \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

3 Digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from your account address)

\_\_\_\_\_

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I am authorizing Fairport Dance Academy to automatically charge my credit card for:

- ☐ Tuition, Costume & Recital Fees (if applicable)
- ☐ Production Team Fees & Competition Fees
- ☐ Tights & Dance Apparel

If you need to make any special arrangements to split the auto pay fees, or set up a payment plan, contact Nicole.

Account Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fairport Dance Academy  
Waiver of Liability and Media Release**

On behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, agents, assigns, and representatives, hereby indemnify, release and forever hold harmless FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy, as well as its directors, employees and instructors, from any and all claims of liability arising from any accident, personal injury, death, or property loss or damage sustained by my child/myself/the minor child for whom I am a legal guardian, while that person is participating in activities connected with FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy, including dance classes, rehearsals, performances, parties, camps or other activities. I understand that dance activities have inherent risks of injury, and, being fully aware of all risk, I consent to have my child/myself/the minor child for whom I am a legal guardian, participate in the programs and activities offered by FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy, and I accept full responsibility for providing adequate health and accident insurance coverage for the protection of all of the following who participate in these programs/activities: my child/myself/the minor child for whom I am a legal guardian. By signing this statement, I declare that the aforesaid participant is in good health, with no physical conditions that might prevent his/her/my participation in dance classes, rehearsals, performances, parties, camps or other activities at FDA Dance and Wellness, LLC DBA Fairport Dance Academy.

Further I understand and acknowledge that because of the physical nature of dance, there may be physical contact between instructors and students during classes or other activities. I understand that at times, for proper instruction and safety, physical contact is required and necessary.

I further acknowledge, understand, appreciate and agree that my participation may result in possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, MRSA, Influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation and exposure.

I hereby release respective owners and contractors irrevocable and unrestricted rights of production and/or reproduction of any images and/or videos taken of me in connection with any Fairport Dance Academy activity on the business's premises or off for the purposes of promoting, advertising, publishing, or illustrating, in any manner or in any medium. I further waive rights or claims to compensation.

I have carefully read this Waiver, Release, & Assumption of Risk and fully understand its contents. I understand that this is an assumption of risk and release of liability, and I sign it of my own free will.

Dated: _____	Dated: _____
Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____	Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

One parent/guardian signature required.

## Tuition & Fees Schedule / Personal Payment Record

Production Team Additional Fees Listed in Red

	Date	Amount	Payment Method
Registration Fee (\$25.00 per Family) Due at time of Registration			
Production Intensive Tuition - Due August 14 (Aug. 14-Sept. 7)			
Production Competition Fee Deposit - Due August 28			
Tuition #1- Due September 11 (Sept. 11-Oct. 5)			
Tuition #2 - Due October 9 (Oct. 9-Nov. 2)			
Production Team Costume Deposit - Due October 23			
Tuition #3 - Due November 6 (Nov. 6-Dec. 7)			
Holiday Showcase Costume Rental Fee - Due November 28			
Tuition #4 - Due December 11 (Dec. 11-Jan. 18)			
Production Competition Fee #1 - Due December 18			
Costume Balance Due January 15			
Tuition #5 - Due January 22 (Jan. 22-Feb. 15)			
Production Competition Fee #2 – Due February 5			
Tuition #6 - Due February 19 (Feb. 19-Mar. 14)			
Recital Fee - Due March 4 (\$40 per student)			
Tuition #7 - Due March 18 (Mar. 18-Apr. 11)			
Costume Rental Fees – Due April 1			
Tuition #8 - Due April 15 (Apr. 15-May 9)			
Tuition #9 - Due May 13 (May 13-June 6)			