

Art of Dance September Newsletter 2011



IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept 16th– Centre Stage Auditions

Oct. 15th - Costume Deposits due

Nov. 23rd– 28th Studio Closed Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22nd- Jan 2nd Studio Closed for Holidays

Spring Break—TBA

May 25th-28th Studio Closed Memorial Week-end

AOD does not follow the school calendars and we will be closed on the above dates only. For inclement weather, please check our website

www.artofdance.us

Don't forget about having your child's next birthday party at AOD. See the receptionist for more information.

We are looking forward to another exciting year!

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back! As we kick off the 2011-12 dance year, we are so happy to see all of our returning students and also all the new faces here at AOD. First, We would like to congratulate and thank all our students, staff and parents for making the recital a huge success! You all worked so hard to make "Don't Touch that Dial" a truly amazing show that was enjoyed by all! We would also like to thank all the AOD families for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts and as always, your kindness has touched our hearts.

The 2011-12 season will continue to bring new and exciting things! As you can see there have been many changes made around AOD! New carpets, fresh paint, new flooring, updated lobbies and reception area (which is now located to your right as soon as you come through the front door). Although all these changes look wonderful, it is still a work in progress. The summer went so quickly and we were not able to finish all that we had planned. Please bear with us as we finish painting and other renovations over the next month or so. Our website is also getting a makeover! Over the next few months you will notice some great changes to our site and don't forget to become a fan on Facebook!

As always, we will strive to provide our students with the best possible dance training with a strong emphasis on technique. It is our goal that each student leave our class feeling excited about what they have learned and accomplished. Please keep in mind that it is only the first week of classes and it may take a few weeks to fairly evaluate each student and make any necessary changes. We thank you in advanced for your patience and as always we will have your child's best interest in mind.

Newsletters: This will be the only hard copy newsletter that will go home besides in May when we hand out recital packets. From now on you will receive newsletters by email only. Copies will be posted on our website as well as the main bulletin board. Extra copies will also be at the front desk. A test email will be sent out on September 17th. If you do not get an email from us by that date, please see Miss Jenna at the reception desk.

New Classes!!!! We have added several new classes and will continue adding classes as needed.

The following classes have been added and are still open:

Advanced Workshop: Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm, **Lyrical 8-9** Tuesdays 6:45-7:45,

Hip-Hop 10-12 Thursdays 7:45-8:30, **Teen Ballet** Wednesdays 7:45-8:45

If you would like to add or switch to any of these classes, please let us know.

Costume Deposits: A \$30.00 deposit per class is due by October 15th. Costumes will not be ordered without a deposit. **DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER DEC. 1st.**

Shoes and Tights: If you need shoes or tights, please see our receptionist to be sized and place your order. Orders must be prepaid. After September 30th, all orders will be charged a \$3.00 shipping and handling fee.

Lobbies: We took great pride in the renovations that have been done to the lobbies and we are asking for everyone's help in keeping our studio looking beautiful and clean. We have installed a counter where students can eat and do homework. **PLEASE DO NOT EAT ON THE FLOOR OR LEAVE DRINKS ON THE CARPET! PLEASE clean up after yourself!** Also, please remind students that they are take all their belongings into the classroom with them. Do not leave dance bags, coats, shoes etc. in the lobby. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS OTHER THAN WATER IN THE DANCE STUDIOS.** Please talk to your children about not defacing pictures or the bulletin boards.

Credit Cards: We now accept Visa and Mastercard. There is a 2% handling fee added to all purchases. You may also have your tuition automatically charged to your credit card each month. If you are interested, please pick up an authorization form at the front desk.

Parking: Parking on Tuesdays and Thursdays is definitely an issue. It will be worse the first couple of weeks until everyone is settled into their classes. If you cannot find a space in the main lot, please use the lots on the side of the building. Please drive slowly and watch for children when pulling in and out of the lot.