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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Dance Alliance Parents and Students,

We hope that all of you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to the beginning of the dance season. The DA faculty joins us in welcoming all of the new and returning Dance Alliance dancers. Here's to an enjoyable dance experience and a rewarding year!

FALL CLASS SCHEDULE & TUITION STATEMENT: Enclosed you will find your tuition statement and Fall class schedule. To assure a smooth beginning to our year, please send your tuition payment by mail by the September 1, 2012 due date. You may pay by cash, check or Visa/Mastercard. Please see the enclosed tuition statement. Classes begin September 4, 2012. If you have registered and know that your dancer is not returning, please call or email to let us know so that we can give your dancer's spot to someone on the waiting list.

DRESS CODE: Parents, please remind your dancer that there is a studio dress code. Girls are to wear a leotard and pink tights for ballet classes. Proper dancewear such as leotards, booty shorts, capri pants and jazz pants may be worn for jazz, tap, and other classes. Just be sure that all dancewear is close-fitting and shows the dancer's form and alignment. Proper shoes are also required for all classes, see below. Hair should be properly fastened off of the neck and out of the eyes. A bun works best for ballet and a bun or ponytail fastened down with a barrette is acceptable for all other classes. Your dancer may not be allowed to participate if he/she is not properly dressed and groomed.

DANCE ALLIANCE REQUIRED SHOE LIST: Ballet, Pre-Ballet and Creative Movement-pink (when available, preferably split-sole) leather ballet shoes for girls and black leather for boys; Jazz-black Bloch, slip-on jazz shoe #S0401L (leather without laces); Lyrical-tan Bloch, slip-on jazz shoe #S0401L; Hip Hop-All levels need black and white low-top sneakers of the dancer's choice; Kickline-Beg. and Int. need tan character shoes with 1 1/2" heel, Adv. needs tan T-strap character shoes with 2" heel; Modern-no shoes required; Tap-Tap I Beg/Int. and Tap I Int/Adv. classes need the black Mary Jane style buckle shoe (no lace-up styles and no shiny patent), girls in Tap II Adv. and the Tap III Int/Adv. levels need the Leo's Giordano black lace-up oxford tap shoe, boys all levels will also wear the Leo's Giordano black lace-up oxford tap shoe; Stretch-no shoes required; Musical Theater-TBA.

Dancewear and shoes are available at The Dancer's Boutique: 2414 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, (734)973-1178. The Dancer's Boutique is located in the Lamp Post Plaza, next to Trader Joe's. The Dancer's Boutique has been given the Dance Alliance required shoe list; however, if you are not sure that you have purchased the correct shoes, please check with the Dance Alliance faculty before your dancer wears them. Shoes that have been worn will not be accepted as a return. This shoe list is to ensure that we achieve a uniform and cohesive look onstage; consider it part of the costume. Dancers are allowed to wear shoes from a previous year in class. By the Spring Concert, however, everyone is required to have the proper shoes from the shoe list.

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS: We will be holding auditions for our 15th annual Nutcracker production on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Dance Alliance ballet students age 7 and up are encouraged to audition. Please see the enclosed audition registration form. Hope to see you there! The performances will be on December 16, 2012 at the Saline High School Auditorium.

STUDIO OPEN HOUSE: We are hosting the studio open house on August 20, 2012 between 12:00pm and 7:00pm. Our Dance Alliance Repertory Company dancers will be hard at work with our first guest artist of the season, Becca Sweitzer. Becca currently resides in LA but is one of our many successful Dance Alliance alumnae. Feel free to stop by and observe the action or just peak your head into the office to say “hello” to Adam.

STUDIO REFURBISHING: By fall, there should be some fresh paint at the studio. Among his various talents, Adam is also handy with a paint brush. We thank you in advance for your efforts in keeping the studio immaculate. We understand that there will always be unavoidable wear and tear but a little consideration goes a long way in keeping things nice for everyone! Thank you again for that little extra attention.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF: We are very excited to welcome Michaela Wood and Stacey Zielinski to our faculty. Both Michaela and Stacey are Dance Majors and Dance Alliance alumni. We are pleased to be adding such talented and accomplished dancers to our staff. Be looking for their resumes to be added to the website. Very impressive!

PARKING: In the past, there have been some complaints about parking. Please be careful not to block other cars when parking and try to avoid parking in front of other businesses. We are aware that the parking lot gets quite busy at times and truly appreciate your cooperation with this matter, thank you.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

August 20	Studio Open House, 12:00pm - 7:00pm
August 22	Nutcracker Auditions
September 1	Fall tuition due
September 4	Classes begin
October 31	Happy Halloween! Studio closed
November 20-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 15-16	Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal and Performance weekend
December 23	Holiday Break begins
January 7	Classes resume
January 13	End of 1st semester and 2nd semester tuition due
February 15-21	Mid-Winter Break
March 2	DARC Benefit Concert for Amity
April 1-7	Spring Break
May 18-19	Dance Alliance Spring Concerts

Adam and I hope that you are all able to enjoy the remainder of your summer and we look forward to seeing you next month!

Until then,

Lisa