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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 Dance Alliance 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, 2013 due date. You may pay by cash, check or Visa/Mastercard. Please see the enclosed tuition statement. Classes begin September 3, 2013. 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, Creative Pre-Ballet and Creative Movement - pink (when available, preferably split-sole) leather ballet shoes for girls and black canvas for boys; Jazz and Lyrical - tan Bloch, slip-on jazz shoe #S0401L (leather without laces); 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. need the black Mary Jane style buckle shoe (no lace-up styles and no shiny patent), girls in Tap III Int/Adv. 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; 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 16th annual Nutcracker production on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. 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 15, 2013 at the Saline High School Auditorium.

DARC SUMMER PERFORMANCES: Members of our Dance Alliance Repertory Company performed at the Saline Summerfest and the Summerfest Teen Block Party earlier this month. There were some fabulous pictures of the dancers on The Saline Post's facebook page. Superb job ladies! Also, come support our Dance Alliance Repertory Company dancers at the Saline Community Fair on Saturday, August 31, from 7:00pm - 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces.

STUDIO REFURBISHING: By fall, there should be some fresh paint at the studio, new chairs, a few new photos and a couple other updates. 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.

OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER: We are very excited to welcome Honora Wood to our faculty. Honora is both a Dance Major at U of M and a Dance Alliance alumnae. We are pleased to be adding such a talented and accomplished dancer to our staff. Be looking for faculty resumes and photos to be updated on the website shortly. 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:

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| 08/21/13 | Nutcracker Auditions |
| 08/31/13 | DARC performs at the Saline Community Fair |
| 09/01/13 | Fall tuition due |
| 09/03/13 | Classes begin |
| 10/31/13 | Happy Halloween! Studio closed |
| 11/26/13 - 12/01/13 | Thanksgiving Break. Studio closed |
| 12/14/13 - 12/15/13 | Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal and Performance weekend |
| 12/22/13 | Holiday Break begins. Studio closed |
| 01/06/14 | Classes resume |
| 01/12/14 | End of 1st semester and 2nd semester tuition due |
| 02/14/14 - 02/20/14 | Mid-Winter Break. Studio closed |
| 03/01/14 | DARC Benefit Concert for Amity |
| 04/07/14 - 04/13/14 | Spring Break. Studio closed |
| 04/18/14 | Good Friday. Studio closed |
| 04/20/14 | Easter. Studio closed |
| 05/17/14 - 05/18/14 | 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,

Adam & Lisa