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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 August 31, 2014 due date. You may pay by cash, check or Visa/Mastercard. Please see the enclosed tuition statement. Classes begin September 2, 2014. 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: 355 S. Zeeb Road, Ste C, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, (734)973-1178. 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 17th annual Nutcracker production on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. 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 14, 2014 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. Their high-energy performances were enjoyed by very receptive audiences!

STUDIO REFURBISHING: By fall, there should be some fresh paint at the studio, new furniture, new carpet, 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 MEMBERS: We are very excited to welcome Kendall Buie, Dorrie Milan and Caty Raupp to our faculty. We are pleased to be adding such talented and accomplished instructors to our staff. Be looking for faculty resume and photo updates on the studio website.

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. Also, be sure to avoid making a third row on the south side of the building. We are aware that the parking lot gets quite busy at times and truly appreciate your cooperation with this matter, thank you.

STUDIO NEWS AND INFORMATION: We utilize newsletters (such as this one) to cover necessary studio information throughout the dance season. We also utilize social media for additional reminders of upcoming events and studio news. Studio events and class cancellations will be posted on the home page of our website, www.dancealliancesaline.com, and on facebook. "Like" our page and follow us at www.facebook.com/DanceAllianceSaline. When classes are cancelled due to weather, we will change the announcement on the studio phone answering machine to additionally announce the cancellation.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

08/20/14	Nutcracker Auditions
08/31/14	Fall Tuition due
09/02/14	Classes begin
10/31/14	Happy Halloween! Studio closed
11/25/14 - 11/30/14	Thanksgiving Break. Studio closed
12/13/14 - 12/14/14	Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal and Performance weekend
12/21/14	Holiday Break begins. Studio closed
01/05/15	Classes resume
01/11/15	End of 1st semester and 2nd semester tuition due
02/13/15 - 02/19/15	Mid-Winter Break. Studio closed
03/28/15	DARC Benefit Concert for Amity
04/03/15	Good Friday. Studio closed
04/05/15	Easter. Studio closed
04/06/15 - 04/12/15	Spring Break. Studio closed
05/16/15 - 05/17/15	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