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# NEWSLETTER

## LATE AUGUST 2018

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 dancer's tuition statement and fall class schedule. Please remit your tuition payment by the September 15, 2018 due date. You may pay by cash, check or Visa/Mastercard. Payments may either be mailed to the studio mailing address (see above) or placed into one of the payment boxes in either studio lobby. Please see the enclosed tuition statement for the current amount due. Classes begin September 4, 2018. 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. We prefer that girls wear a leotard and pink tights for ballet classes. Proper dancewear such as leotards, booty shorts, capri pants and other tight fitting athletic wear 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 is acceptable for all other classes.

**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 - Bloch tan leather slip-on jazz shoes for girls and black for boys (such as Bloch #401 or Bloch #470, leather without laces); Hip Hop - All levels need black and white high or low-top sneakers of the dancer's choice (Int. and Adv. Hip Hop may need specific shoes for performance); Kickline - Beg. and Int. need caramel character shoes with 1 1/2" heel, Adv. needs caramel T-strap character shoes with 2" heel; Modern - no shoes required; Tap - Saturday Tap classes need the black Mary Jane style buckle shoe (no lace-up styles and no shiny patent) for girls, Thursday Tap classes need the black lace-up oxford tap shoe for girls, boys all levels will also wear the 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.

**DANCE REVIEW CLASSES:** This fall, we are very excited to add *Ballet Review* to our schedule. Our *Jazz Review*, *Tap Review* and *Ballet Review* classes run for 8 weeks total starting 9/5 and ending 10/25. These classes are geared toward helping individuals that have taken a break from dance and are hoping for a review of the basics in their chosen discipline so that they can ease their return to a class at their age level. *Jazz Review*, *Tap Review* and *Ballet Review* are to be taken in conjunction with a class on the Dance Alliance schedule in the corresponding technique. The *Jazz Review*, *Tap Review* and *Ballet Review* are also open to dancers that have consistently been attending classes at Dance Alliance but would like to have structured time to work on certain technical aspects of any of the three disciplines. Dancers may register for the full 8 week course of classes or they may take a class or two and pay the individual class rate of \$12.00 per class. Please either call and/or email if you would like your dancer to join us for some "Dance Review" this fall.

**NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS:** Auditions will be held for our 21st anniversary production of the Nutcracker on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Dance Alliance ballet students age 7 and up are encouraged to audition. The performances will be on December 15th and 16th at the Saline High School Auditorium. Be looking for our Nutcracker performance reminder postcard in the mail in late November/early December with event ticket information. We are looking forward to another magical holiday production.

**MOM TO MOM SALE:** Saturday September 8th from 8:30am - 1:30pm is the "Mom To Mom" sale at Dance Alliance. The "Mom To Mom" sale will be held behind Dance Alliance which is the side opposite of the gas station on the side of the building that faces the Baker's Nook. If you would like to sell items or just donate to the cause, please contact Kim Bryant for details at (734)645-9691. If you plan to sell, just label items with your last name and the price: costumes, dance shoes, leotards, booty shorts and all things dance related! This is open to the public.

**DARC SUMMER PERFORMANCES:** Members of Dance Alliance (DA) and Dance Alliance Repertory Company (DARC) performed at the Saline Summerfest earlier this month. Their high-energy performance was enjoyed by a very receptive audience. Many thanks to Stacey and Kyleigh for their assistance with the event and a heartfelt thank you to the DA and DARC dancers that participated. We are honored to have you representing Dance Alliance!

**STUDIO MAINTENANCE:** We thank you in advance for your efforts in keeping the studio well maintained. 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. Please explain to your children that they should not pick the paint off the walls nor jump on the furniture. Also, parents, please keep an eye on the younger siblings in the lobbies. There has been some studio destruction the last several seasons that could have been avoided with a little supervision. Thank you again for that little extra attention. We truly appreciate it!

**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 such as Trinity Day Care and the Village Party Store. Also, be sure to avoid making a third row on the south side of the building by the Trinity Day Care. We are aware that the parking lot gets quite busy at times and truly appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**STUDIO OPEN HOUSE:** Our studio open house is August 21st and 23rd from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Feel free to come by and visit.

**STUDIO INFORMATION:** We utilize newsletters (such as this one) to cover necessary studio information throughout the dance season. These newsletters often contain vital studio information so please be sure to read them carefully. For the most up-to-date information, 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](http://www.dancealliancesaline.com), and on facebook. "Like" our page and follow us at [www.facebook.com/DanceAllianceSaline](http://www.facebook.com/DanceAllianceSaline). When classes are canceled due to weather, we will change the announcement on the studio phone answering machine to additionally announce the cancellation.

**FAREWELL, MISS STACEY:** It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we thank Miss Stacey for her many valuable contributions to Dance Alliance over the years. Miss Stacey, on behalf of the Dance Alliance students, parents and staff, we wish you the very best as you continue to pursue your dance career in Los Angeles, California.

**WELCOME, MISS KYLEIGH:** We are so excited to welcome Kyleigh Terris to the Dance Alliance teaching staff! Kyleigh, a former Dance Alliance student and Dance Alliance Repertory Company member, will be taking over Miss Stacey's Saturday classes with occasional help from Miss Kim. Kyleigh is currently a senior at Western Michigan University and will be graduating in April of 2019 with a BFA in Dance and a BS in Child and Family Development. After graduation, Kyleigh will be getting married and moving back to the Saline area permanently to continue teaching and sharing her love for dance with the students at Dance Alliance.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

08/21/18	Studio open house. 4:00pm - 8:00pm
08/22/18	Nutcracker Auditions. 4:30pm - 6:00pm dancers not en pointe; 6:15pm - 7:30pm dancers en pointe
08/23/18	Studio open house. 4:00pm - 8:00pm
09/04/18	Classes begin
09/15/18	Fall Tuition due
10/31/18	Happy Halloween! Studio closed
11/20/18 - 11/25/18	Thanksgiving Break. Studio closed
12/15/18 - 12/16/18	Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal and Performance weekend
12/17/18	Holiday Break begins. Studio closed
01/07/19	Classes resume
01/19/19	End of 1st semester
01/21/19	MLK Jr. Day. Studio open, dance classes as usual
02/01/19	Tuition due for 2nd semester
03/25/19 - 03/31/19	Spring Break. Studio closed
05/18/19	Matinee Dress Rehearsal, 8:00am; Evening Dress Rehearsal, 10:30am
05/18/19	Dance Alliance Spring Concerts, 3:00pm and 7:00pm
05/19/19	Dance Alliance Spring Concerts, 1:00pm and 4:00pm

Adam and I hope that everyone has had a superb summer and that you are all able to fully enjoy these final remaining days. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Until then,

*Adam & Lisa*