

2017 Team Parent Information/ Agreement

Classes

Some classes your dancer is in are required for company participation. However, other classes are your choice. Attendance in required classes is **mandatory**. If you miss more than one of any required class you will need to attend an alternate as a make- up. Choreography rehearsals are also required. Missing rehearsals could result in the dancer being **removed** from a number.

Summer 2018 Requirements

In addition to our Northeast Intensive which will be held **August 13-17**. Dancers will also be required to participate in summer classes. These will be handled as they have the past two years. A 12 class requirement-doing ballet, tap and jazz where able. **Note: Intensive and these classes will be required!!**

Classroom Behavior

After another amazing year in Intensive, it is apparent that we rarely will need to enforce this policy as we have a very respectful group of dancers most days. However, it is best to have a policy written in the event this does change. If a dancer is not in dress code or hair is not appropriate they will be asked to leave the room and adjust the situation. If an instructor needs to ask you more than 2x to quiet down you will be asked to leave class as we cannot have any individuals affecting the progress of the classroom. Respect to fellow dancers is a must! We believe the dancers should have fun while learning, but also be respectful of the teacher and fellow dancers.

Code of Ethics for Parents

As with classroom behavior we find this issue does not come up often, but when it does it is best to have a policy in place. It is our belief that it is simply not human to be bad mouthing any child. Therefore, we will address any issue in this regard directly with the person responsible. There are many decisions and policies we have in place at the studio that you may not understand or agree with. If you have a direct question about any of these please ask...if not, we ask that you do not make it waiting room banter. Because, the reality is until “you have walked a mile in our shoes” you could not possibly know the “best way” to handle situations. To keep all of this to a minimum we have a **no waiting policy for team parents**. We ask that you drop off and pick up your dancer.

Though rumor has it, I can be intimidating, I am actually quite open to discussion if handled in the proper manner-in other words if you attack me , I am likely to be defensive-simply human nature. For this reason I will have specific office hours on **Thursdays 4-6pm** if you are in need of speaking to me in person-otherwise you can email me and I will do my best to get back in a timely manner. You are paying for a service therefore if you have a question feel free to ask-the answer may not be what you want to hear, but it will be honest.

*****at competitive events:** it is important that we all conduct ourselves in the proper manner. We are there to see our dancers perform and view other dancers who love the same thing as our children. It is not customary to scream and yell or make comments about other schools unless positive. The most important part is to congratulate your child no matter what color the medal! Please refrain from saying things like “the judges didn’t know what they were doing” our dancers will always follow our lead.

Contacting Teachers: If you have questions regarding anything **other than a** rehearsal for special choreography with a certain teacher please do so through the office. And, if you are accustomed to contacting teachers via text or Facebook please remember that our down time is precious as is yours. Therefore, unless there is something that simply cannot wait, avoid contacting them in off hours...this is their personal time and they will not answer until such time they are working.

Financial Commitment

Tuition must be kept up to date in order for dancers to participate in class. Please do not allow your accounts to get in arrears. If, at any time, you are in need of arrangements please see Michele-do not wait until you are so far behind catching up will be hard. ******reminder we do not accept credit cards as form of payment for entry fees*****

Annual Assessment Fee-due December 1: this fee will be to cover the cost of doing competition entries, teacher stipends, props etc. The fees will be as follows.

Intro to Team: \$10
Teen Open: \$20
Mini: \$25
Petite, Preteen/Junior: \$40
Senior: \$55
Maximum per family: \$75

Costume Deposits-due October 1

There will be a \$75 deposit required on the following

Mini Tap and Jazz
Intro to team one deposit-the other may be for recital
Petite Tap, Jazz and Lyric
Preteen/Junior Tap, Jazz and Lyric
Teen Open
Senior Music Theater, Jazz/Open, Lyric and Tap
Adv Hip Hop
Hip Hop Team (10-12)

Shoes

All dancers on team are required to have a pair of Phantom jazz shoes by Bloch in tan. Adv Tap A, B and the Int tap and petite need black oxford tap shoes. All other tap is Capezio 3800 in Caramel. Senior level will be getting Pedinis-more on that once costume has been selected.

Competition Fees

Please refer to the team calendar for the due dates. I have listed fees so that you have an estimate of what will be due. Competitions are now filling quickly and our entries are not safe until paid for 7 weeks prior. Fees must be paid in cash or check. Those unable can speak to

Michele directly. Please, if you feel you need to budget this over the year set that up with Michele now.

Team Warm up suits

Please be watching your email for the forms as the jacket has once again been discontinued. They will be due to November 1 to assure on time delivery.

Team Earrings/Makeup

Team members will need team earrings that we will have available for \$12. For makeup, please be watching for a form to come. You can visit www.S2SMakeupStudio.com to see how to apply the makeup.

Choreography Fees

Solos: \$400 paid to choreographer

Duos: \$200 per dancer to studio

Trios: \$150 per dancer to studio

Groups: \$100 per dancer to studio

Communication

Most of the information you receive will be in the form of emails. Therefore, be sure our emails are not going to spam-I have also found our emails are going to promotions in gmail. We will also have a Facebook page again for each group-I will update these in the upcoming couple of weeks. If you do not have Facebook let us know. This is the perfect place to ask questions about hair, costume pieces upcoming events etc. I have also asked Katie to create a Team tab on the website that I will be posting each rehearsal that goes out as well as any forms needed.

Solo Rehearsals

In order to best run completed solos we will be rolling out a new solo rehearsal policy to assure everyone has the same opportunity to rehearse. This will include assigned individual rehearsals as well as open rehearsals. I will be working hard on fine tuning that and getting the info to everyone while my mom and dad rehab in the next two weeks!