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Welcome 2011-12 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!!! I am looking forward to another great year. I'd like to say Welcome Aboard to our new families. I am very excited that you chose to join our studio this year. If you have any questions about how things work with this studio please feel free to ask my office staff. They will be happy to explain how the dance year flows or answer any questions you may have.

I will put a newsletter out at the beginning of each month to help keep everyone informed. Since this is the 1st for the year there is a TON of information, rules and reminders so please don't feel overwhelmed...they won't all be this long I promise!

Welcome back to our teachers...Miss Sheri is back for her 5th yr, Miss Nikki for her 4th yr and Miss Karissa for her 2nd yr. Please join me in welcoming Miss Nina to our dance family this year. She will be spending most of the year in my classes learning my method of teaching and she will be a substitute teacher when necessary.

REMINDERS: September & June Tuition is now due. Beginning with October there will be a 10% late fee for any tuition not received by the 10th of each month. If you have any questions please check with the office to be sure you are current.

October also marks the 1st payment for costume deposits. This is \$20 per costume and is due by 10/31. Be sure to use the payment coupon that will be placed in your mail boxes shortly. This deposit is offered as a way to help spread out the cost of costumes for the production so you do not get a huge invoice in January. There will be a 2nd deposit due end of November.

There are no classes 10/27 for the Halloween Parade.

We have moved Bring A Friend to Dance Week since we were still getting so many registrations coming in so it will now be 10/10-15. Any student can bring a friend to classes with them and the student will be entered into a drawing for the week to receive a free ballet class for the month.

Our first fundraiser is a Shultz's sub & pizza sale. Our fundraisers are not mandatory and are only there as a way for students to raise money for their accounts and to help the studio award a scholarship each year. 85% will be deposited into your individual accounts and that credit can be used towards anything payable to the studio...like tuition, costumes deposit, Master teachers etc. Please sign up to help unload and distribute the subs that evening...sign up sheet will be on the corkboard wall.

Please know that ANY & ALL studio business is to be directed to/through my office staff. I ask that my teachers and I NOT be interrupted from class or between classes. I want to be sure the teachers are available for the entire class time for which you are paying. Every teacher checks in with my office staff each evening to receive any messages from parents or for anything that may need their attention.

Please bear with us as we "tweek" the schedule to make everything run smoothly for the rest of the year and adjust class sizes to maximize your child's dance education and experience. Reminder that you have until 10/31 to finalize the classes you want to be in for the balance of the year after that point you are committed through June's production as costumes will be ordered and choreography will begin.

Every family has a mail slot just inside the front doors to the studio and it is your responsibility to check it each week for important information. **However**, our main mode of communication is email. Nothing is mailed to your homes. Please take the mail that is **ABOVE** your name. If you do not have a mail slot please let the office know. Competition Team members & a few older students...your mail can be picked up outside the office.

Please remember it is Studio Policy that hair is ALWAYS back and out of the face for all classes and in a BUN for your Ballet or Kinderdance class.

Please consider participating in our "Parents Night Out" Spooktacular event too. Information is on the cork wall. It's a great way for Parents to spend just a few alone hours to shop, have dinner with friends or even sleep knowing your kids are having a great time.

TDA clothing orders will be due no later than September 29th. And we just completed the final edit from last year's production so the DVD's will be here within a week and can be picked up in the office.

One last thing, if you have food please use the lounge and be sure to clean up after yourselves. My office staff & I are having to clean up every night before we leave. If you as the parent are not up here with them then please instruct them to ask for assistance in the office with spills etc. and to throw their garbage away. Please also accompany little ones to the bathroom and be sure messes are cleaned up.

Thank you.

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