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Welcome to our 2016 – 2017 Season with Studio One's - Southwest Dance Academy

This season will run from Monday, August 8, 2016 to Saturday, June 24, 2017.

The Southwest recital shows will be on Friday June 16th & Saturday June 17th, 2017 and the dress rehearsals will take place from June 12 - 14 at the Cashman Center Theater.

Placement Week will be held the week after recital June 19 – 24, 2017.

Please post this newsletter on your refrigerator as a reference to use throughout the year.

Dates that we will be CLOSED this year (subject to change):

September 5 - Labor Day

October 31 – Halloween

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 22 - 26 for Thanksgiving

December 18 - Jan 1 for Winter Break

April 10 - 15 for Spring Break

May 27 - 31 for Memorial Day

May 19 - 20 for Picture Day at studio (no classes)

June 12 - 17 (studio closed for dress rehearsals and recitals)

Last Day of Classes is Saturday, June 24, 2017

Listed below are a few questions that are frequently asked to help for better understanding of our program:

Why do we pay for a full month of tuition when there are holidays and our children do not attend a full month? Your monthly tuition is based on a full dancing season, which includes 42 dance days, which include the dress rehearsal and recital. Some months will have 5 weeks and those months will balance out the months in which you only receive 3 weeks of instruction. Without paying for each class individually, it is the only fair way to keep our records straight. No one ever seems to complain when their child receives 5 weeks of classes in a month, only when they are receiving 3. It really does all balance out.

What is the policy on missed classes and make-ups? Please call the studio if you will be missing a class. All make-up classes should be taken within 30 days of the missed class. Make-up classes should be only that, do not substitute classes on a regular basis. Make-up classes are subject to availability only. If you show up to make up and the class is full, you will not be allowed to take it. We do not pro-rate or give refunds for missed classes. It is your responsibility to attend class and do your make-ups.

When is tuition due? *Tuition is due on or before the 1st of each month.* A \$15 late fee will be charged for payments received after the 5th of the month. **No exceptions.** If you know that you will not be here then you will need to mail, pay online or pay early. You will **not** receive a bill in the mail or a phone call to remind you. After the 10th you will be notified that your tuition is late and your child may be dropped from class in order to open the spot for another student. We accept cash, personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. **A \$25 fee will be charged for returned checks.**

Registering for Classes (Levels & Ages) - We encourage you to register for a class that is the same age and level of your dancer. The instructor will evaluate each dancer to make sure the class is appropriate in age, level and attention span.

Full Classes - *We cannot hold a place in a class unless tuition is paid in full.* This means, that if you make the decision to take a month off, we cannot guarantee you a spot in your original class and you may not be able to join that class again when you return. Students whose tuition is not paid in full by the 10th of the month will be dropped from full classes in order to open the spot for another student.

Drop – Add – Transfer Classes - If you would like to Drop, Add or Transfer into a class, it is required to complete a form at the desk by the 25th of the current month. Please see the desk for more details.

Dress Code

For all classes, girls must have hair in ponytail or bun if hair is long. A bun is required for ballet classes.

Combo: Girls: any color leotard, pink tights. Pink ballet shoes and black tap shoes. Boys: wear something comfortable, ex: t-shirt and shorts. ***(Please let your child know to NOT run in their tap shoes, the floor is slippery and we would like to avoid them from getting hurt)***

Ballet: Girls: black leotard, pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. NO skirts

Boys: black shorts/pants and a form fitting T-shirt.

Musical Theater: Girls and boys wear all black form fitting attire. Jazz shoes are best for this class.

Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, and Modern: Modest dancewear such as leotards, tights, sweatpants are required. Street clothes and/or baggy clothes are NOT permitted. Make all dance apparel purchases from a retail store which stocks those brands that are acceptable for the proper and modest dress for dance studies. Off-brands often do not fit properly and can be a source of pain and frustration. A cover-up should be worn entering and leaving the studio no matter what the season or weather. Shoes for these classes: (see the Dance Shoppe)

Tap & Irish – Black Tap Shoe

Jazz, Lyrical or Modern – Black Jazz shoe or Foot Thongs. *Never wear dance shoes outside.*

Hip-Hop: Baggy clothes and sneakers are permitted in these classes. Absolutely no jeans!

The Dance Shoppe - (702) 202-6161 right next to the studio and has a list of all the shoe and dance wear requirements for all of our classes.

Private Lessons -Private lessons are an excellent way to improve technique and to help student's progress quickly. Most of our teachers are available for private lessons. If you would like to schedule a private or semi-private lesson, please schedule it with the appropriate teacher. Students must purchase vouchers, for ½ hour or 1 hour lessons, from the front office prior to their scheduled lesson (you may purchase multiple vouchers at a time). No student will receive a private lesson without a voucher. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** In addition, ***STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SCHEDULE PRIVATES IF THEIR TUITION IS NOT PAID UP.***

2017 Spring Recital

The date for this season's recitals will be Friday June 16th & Saturday June 17th, 2017 with our dress rehearsal scheduled for June 12 – 14. We will be holding the dress rehearsal and recital at the Cashman Center Theater. Select classes will participate in the recital. **Please let us know if you do not want your child to participate.** We will order costumes at the end of December (Winter Break). Costumes can range anywhere from \$80 - \$125 per costume. We will measure each student in class during December. Please note that costumes are not ordered to custom fit your child. The sizes are general and alterations may need to be made. There is a \$50 deposit due in November. Costumes must be paid in full by December 15, 2016. Once a costume is ordered there are **NO REFUNDS**. A second order will be done the end of January 2017 and the costumes will be an additional \$20. Tickets for the recital will need to be purchased and will go on sale in May. The price per ticket is \$12 - \$17. All seats are assigned seating. There is usually a parking fee of \$5.00 that Cashman charges.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LOBBY WEEKLY FOR NEW NOTICES!

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to the front desk or feel free to call us at (702) 897-5095 or email us at info@southwestdanceacademy.com

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC 2016-17 SEASON!