



September-October 2018 Newsletter

Dear Students & Parents,

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students! We are looking forward to a exciting new year of dance. Parents, please be aware that it often takes a few weeks to get all students properly placed in the correct class according to age level & ability. If you have any questions regarding your child's placement, please call (248)476-7074 or email the studio: barbarahatch@bhdance

Dress Code – All dancers should arrive on time and dressed for class with their hair in a ponytail or bun.

- **Ballet** - Black or pink leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers. (No shorts)
- **Tap** - Leotard & tights. Combo students – white tap shoes; Trio students & dancers to age 10 – tan maryjane style tap shoes; Teen dancers – black tap shoes.
- **Jazz** - Leotard & tights, tan jazz shoes.
- **All** - Every dancer should have a zip-lock bag with the following items in their dance bag: hair ties, bobby pins, band-aids & safety pins.
- **ALL**- Please label all dance shoes with your dancer's name. We cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced items. Dancers should check their bag before leaving the studio to confirm that they have all their belongings.

Tuition & Payments – Lesson fees are due the first week of every month. If you pay for the year in full by September 30th you will receive a 5% discount if paying by cash or check, or a 2.5% discount if paying by credit card. **A late fee of \$25 will be charged for payments received after the 10th of the month.** Fees can be paid by cash, check or credit card. For your convenience, we can also set up your account to charge your credit card the 1st week of each month for lesson fees. Checks returned by the bank will be charged a \$25 fee. A credit card must be kept on file for each family.

Recital 2019 – Our annual dance **Recital** will take place on **Saturday June 8th** at West Bloomfield High School **Dress rehearsal** will be held on **Thursday, June 6th at 4:30.** Complete details and times to follow.

Recital Costume Deposits – All of our students participate in a Spring Recital, and will require a costume for each class they are performing with. Costume deposits are due by Tuesday, October 30th. Deposits for non-competition classes are \$70 each, competition classes \$85 each, Combo classes \$70 and Trio classes \$130. The deposit amount generally covers the full cost of costumes; occasionally there may be a small added fee for accessories/props.

Recital DVD's -We have several DVD's from Recital 2018 available for purchase at the front desk. Matinee DVD \$15, Solo Showcase & Evening Show \$35.

Snacks – **Water is the only drink students may bring into the studio.** No juice boxes or sodas please! Snacks are to be consumed in the café area only & table/floor must be cleaned up promptly afterward.

Studio Closings – Our weather policy: If the Farmington School System cancels classes due to snow or ice, the studio will be closed. If schools are closed solely due to cold temps, the studio may still be open. Please check our website (bhdance.com) or call the studio (248)476-7074 for the latest information. Students can make up any classes cancelled due to snow days.

BHSOD will be closed on the following dates:

- **October 31st –Happy Halloween!**
- **November 20th -25th - Thanksgiving Break**
- **December 23rd – January 6th - Christmas Break (Classes resume January 6th)**
- **January 21st – Martin Luther King Observance**

Bring a Friend to Dance Week -Sept. 24th-29th-All dancers are invited to bring a friend to a class this week! Whether the friend dances elsewhere, was a former dancer, or has never danced before they are welcome to come in & take a FREE class! All dancers who bring a friend will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 costume credit.

Adult Classes – Beginning in October we will offer the following classes:

- Yoga – Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am
- Adult Tap – Wednesdays 7:30-8:00pm
- Adult Ballet – Thursdays 7:45-8:30pm

