

D.O. DANCE NEWS

**** September Edition ****

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU ON THE FIRST WORK DAY OF THE MONTH AND CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE HOMEPAGE OUR WEBSITE!

WWW.DANCERS-ONLY.NET

Welcome to Dancers Only and thank you for joining our Studio for the 2020-2021 Dance Season!!!

For those of you who are new to our dance family, we want to extend a warm welcome and we look forward to getting to know you and your dancers. Thank you for entrusting in our studio for your child's dance education.

We are excited for the start of the new year and can't wait to see all of you soon!!

September Tuition - Due the first day of dance

(Late fees ensue 10 days after the due date)

Note: *If enrolled in **AutoPay** (through the parent portal), your tuition will withdraw on the first business day of the month. Please make sure your credit cards are up to date in autopay or your tuition will not go through.*

We are excited to welcome one new Faculty Member to our Staff & Welcome back all our Returning Instructors!

RETURNING FACULTY:

Ms. Lindsey Esquerre (Owner/Artistic Director/DOCC Director)

Ms. Kat - Head Instructor / DOCC Asst. Director

Ms. Jessica - Lead Instructor

Ms. Peppy - Lead Instructor

Ms. Megan - Lead Instructor

Ms. Amanda Y - Lead Instructor

Ms. Crystal - Lead Instructor

Ms. Amanda F - Lead & Asst. Instructor

NEW FACULTY:

Ms. Sydney - Lead Instructor

Our **2021 Recitals** are scheduled for:
Sunday, June 13th @ The Pontchartrain Center
(Stage Rehearsal - TBA at a later date)

Covid-19 Release Forms - These will be emailed out the week before dance starts. All parents will be asked to print, sign and return this form to us the first week of classes. You may email or bring to us in person. A list of guidelines and protocols will be included in this email in an effort to keep the dancers & teachers safe.

~ September Points of Interest ~

Student Handbook: We would like to direct all Parents to our Student Handbook, which is readily available to at all times on our [Rates & Policies Page](#) of the website. We do encourage you to read through and familiarize yourself with how our studio functions. If you are a parent of a registered student, please pay special attention to our **Dress Codes** as we do enforce them. Our [2020-2021 Season Calendar](#) can also be found as a link at the top of the Schedule and Classes Page.

Correspondence: In addition to our monthly newsletter located on the website homepage and emailed out to you, you will also receive automated texts, emails & voice message alerts/reminders from us from time to time containing important information and/or announcements.

Perfect Attendance: In order to achieve perfect attendance and be awarded a trophy at the end of the dance year, you must not miss class for any reason. We do not have excused absences when it comes to achieving perfect attendance. You must also be dressed in proper dance attire and not be tardy for more than 3 classes throughout the year. We do take roll at the beginning of each dance class.

Dancers Only Apparel Orders: Order forms will be available at the office and on our website the first week of October and will be due by Oct. 30th. We offer a variety of logo items every year. Some of the items we have offered in the past include Dancewear, Sweatpants, Hoodies, Water bottles, Blankets, Shoe bags, Backpacks, Long Sleeve shirts, Dry-Fit Golf Shirts, etc. We do have some items in stock or on Clearance right now so please take a look!

Parking: Please refrain from parking in the spots directly in front of our building. These spots are reserved for our faculty & staff. We have an extended parking lot to the Left side of our building that we are recommending all parents use if you plan to stay at the studio during your child's classes.

NOTE: Please do not park in the lot for the dance studio located to the right of us. We are trying to keep a very friendly working relationship with their owners.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Thanks!

“PRE-SCHOOL NEWS”

Welcome to the new dance year with your Pre-Schooler! You will receive a Welcome letter by email from us on the first day of classes that will contain what to expect and all important dates for the Pre-School level. Pre-School also has its own monthly News Section on our website to keep you well informed.

Tips:

- Please make sure your child is dressed properly & has the correct shoes according to our Dress Codes (located on **Rates & Policies page**) for this level and their hair is secured. It is important for them to feel prepared...they notice the little things and it will upset them.
- Please label the INSIDE of your child's dance shoes and their dance bag so the teachers can help them change their shoes quickly & efficiently.
- When arriving, please have them in their tap shoes and the teachers will come out and escort them into the dance studio. It's best that the parents do not walk them into the room.
- We will be giving the children name tags the first couple weeks of class so the instructors and assistants can get to know them.

We are eagerly looking forward to getting to know and working with your little dancers! Please let us know if you have any questions headed into the new year, otherwise we look forward to seeing your children in class!

If you haven't setup your Parent Portal yet....please do so.

Dancers Only - PARENT PORTAL

Located in the Welcome Box on our website Homescreen

WHAT IS THE PARENT PORTAL?

The Parent Portal is designed to be a customer self-service system. You will be able to perform the following functions through the Parent Portal.

1. Make Online Payments
2. Enroll in Auto-Pay (if desired)
3. View Weekly Schedules
4. Contact the Studio
5. Access Shared Files and Music (if provided to you by instructor)
6. View Events
7. Accept Waivers
8. View our Studio's Google Calendar

*NOTE: If you are new to using the Parent Portal, **you should have received an Email link to Setup your Portal as of last week.** Please contact us as soon as possible if you did not receive this link...there may be an issue with your email address that we need to fix!*

LOOKING AHEAD...

COSTUME DEPOSITS

- **\$30 PER COSTUME** - Deposit due **October 1st**. Will be posted to your account by start of the dance season along with tuition.

- All Revue classes are required to purchase a costume for each recital routine they are in.
- All Pre-School I & Elective classes will perform 1 routine, all combo classes will perform 2 routines.
- Students will be measured during class for their costumes in NOVEMBER.

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE YEAR AHEAD...

- **The D.O. Dance News** will post on our website Homepage newsfeed the 1st working day of each month. We do encourage all parents to head to the website and stay informed of all important information and upcoming events. All Important Documents, such as our newsletter, will appear on the homepage as a link to click on so please check for updates regularly.
- We advise everyone to make our website easily accessible on your phone...

How to Save Our Website as a Quick Link on your Smart Phone Homescreen...

IPhone: Launch the Safari browser on Apple's iOS and navigate to the website or web page you want to add to your home screen. Tap the Share button on the browser's toolbar – that's the rectangle with an arrow pointing upward. It's on the bar at the top of the screen on an iPad, and on the bar at the bottom of the screen on an iPhone or iPod Touch. Tap the Add to Home Screen icon in the Share menu

Android Phone: Launch Chrome for Android and open the website or web page you want to pin to your home screen. Tap the menu button and tap Add to homescreen. You'll be able to enter a name for the shortcut and then Chrome will add it to your home screen

- **Tuition** - Due the 1st week of the Month...it is considered late by the 10th of each month
- **Costume Deposits** (per costume) - \$30 Due **October 1st**
- **Costume Balances** (per costume) - Due no later than **December 1st**
(If not paid in full by this date, costumes will not be ordered)
\$35 (Ages 2-5)
\$40 (Ages 6-9)
\$45 (Ages 10+)
- **Revue Fee** - Can be paid in 2 Installments (**Feb. 1st & Apr. 1st**)
(IF not paid in full by 2nd installment, late fees will apply)
\$110 - 1 child (includes Recital T-shirt)
\$210 - 2 children (includes Recital T-shirt)
\$285 - 3 or more children (includes Recital T-shirt)

This is the first of many newsletters...once again we welcome you all to the studio and look forward to a great year ahead!