



December 2023 Newsletter

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER TUITION - Tuition is due on the 1st of every month. A \$10 late fee will be added on **Monday, 12/4** & additional fees will be added each week that fees are unpaid. Thank you for paying on time!

WATCH WEEK/DRESS UP WEEK - **December 17-21st**. Only 1 family member may watch per family due to the size of most classes. Another parent may switch out halfway through the class or you are also welcome to record the class to share with other family members. **Team students: Please do not share any videos on any source of social media until after comp season has started.** No food or drinks on the dance floor. Students may also wear Christmas outfits or pajamas to class this week. **NO DRESSES PLEASE!**

COSTUME DEPOSITS: Recital costume deposits are due by **December 21st**. These deposits are for all recreational classes and are \$35 per costume. Yes, tumbling students perform in recital and will need a costume! Forms are being handed out soon! Tights and shoes will be ordered in the spring closer to recital.

CHRISTMAS BREAK: We will be closed from **December 22nd - January 6th** for Christmas Break. **Classes will resume on January 7th!** Enjoy your break!

WINTER WEAR: Our floors tend to get cold in the winter so we encourage all tumbling students to wear gripper socks so they can keep their feet warm but not slide and get hurt. Students are welcome and encouraged to wear tights or leggings, leg warmers, sweatshirts as they start into class. Be sure they have clothes underneath in case they want to take these items off. No Winter Coats during class.

PLANNING AHEAD! Picture day: TBD. Rehearsal for recital: May 10th 6:00pm @ EPCHS in the auditorium. Recital: May 11th at 6:00pm also in the auditorium at EPCHS. Everyone must have a ticket to attend. Dancers and babies under 2 years old will receive free tickets to keep track of the number of seats sold. All schedules and information packets will be distributed some time in April.

CONTACT US: If you need to contact us during classes, please use our texting service or FB Messenger. Our phone number is Sara's personal phone and she isn't available to answer it while she's teaching.

CLOSINGS: We don't close often but if we are forced to close due to weather conditions, it will be announced through our texting service, on our FaceBook page, online at CINEWSNOW/closings and on WEEK-TV & WHOI-TV. Announcements will be made no later than 4:00. Please check all those sources before contacting our teachers. You'll know as soon as the decision to close has been made.

WATER BOTTLES & FOOD: Please send water bottles with your students or they can be purchased for \$.25 a bottle. Gatorade/Propel are both fine also. No soda. **FOOD** is not allowed on the dance floor!

DRESS CODE: Dancers/tumblers must have their hair pulled up and/or back off their face. Please wear comfortable, stretchy clothes. No jeans, jean shorts, jean skirts, jeggings, dresses or any other items that don't stretch. Students need to be able to move! Jewelry needs to be removed. Students need to wear the appropriate shoes for the classes they are taking. **DO NOT WEAR DANCE SHOES OUTSIDE!**

PARKING LOT: Our lease states that we agree to have our parents park in the middle of the lot and **not directly in front of the building**. If you are picking up or dropping off, we do want you pull up in front of the building for a couple minutes for the safety of your child. A lot of traffic goes through the lot quickly.

Our website, SaraKatesDanceStudio.com, has all the necessary information that you could ever need and is updated frequently.