



September 2021 Newsletter

Welcome back to all our returning students and
Welcome to our new families!
We're so glad to have you all here!

SEPTEMBER TUITION - All tuition and annual registration fees are due this first week of class to avoid any late charges on your accounts. A \$10 late fee will be added on **Friday, September 9th** and additional fees will be added each week that fees are not paid. Thank you for paying on time!

SHOE ORDERS: Please see the front desk to submit your orders with payment by Thursday, **September 15th**. We use pink ballet shoes, tan tap & jazz shoes (also used for pom). Hip hop students can wear their jazz shoes or clean tennis shoes (not ones that are worn outside) for classes. Tumbling students tumble in bare feet for classes but can wear gripper socks if they get cold feet especially in the winter.

REMIND: We send all important messages out by our texting service provided by Remind. It is very important that you accept the text to be included. If you have not gotten an invitation message, changed your phone number or are not getting our text messages, please talk to us and we'll set you up. All class cancellations are delivered by Remind. Additional parents/grandparents may be added to the list.

CLASS ATTIRE: Please come dressed, ready to start class with hair pulled up away from your face. Appropriate clothes are comfortable with plenty of stretch. Jeans (or anything else made of denim) are not to be worn as well as dresses/skirts as both make it hard to see body positions. Dancewear, t-shirts, knit/stretchy shorts, leggings (not jeggings) are all fine. A sweatshirt or pants may be worn to warm up with dance clothes underneath as students get too warm. **All jewelry must be removed!** Stud earrings are fine.

NEED HELP PAYING FEES? We will be hosting fundraisers that can help all our participating students pay any and all of their student fees, including costumes, shoes and tuition!! Watch for more information soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All our important dates are on our Google calendar. The link is on our website. You are welcome to link our calendar with your own! Recital costume deposits are due by **December 16th**. This is a deposit of \$35 per costume. Forms will be handed out a couple weeks prior to the due date. **FOR TEAM MEMBERS ONLY: Your deposits are due on October 21st!**

WAITING ROOM: It's very small so sitting and waiting is unfortunately, very limited. Most of our parents enjoy shopping & running errands while kids are in classes since we're so close to the Levee District. 😊

WATER BOTTLES: Please send water bottles with your students especially if they're taking more than one class! They work hard and get very thirsty! We do have cold water bottles available for \$.25 each.

WATCH WEEKS: We don't allow spectators in classes as students don't learn well with an audience so we schedule watch weeks. The first watch week of this season is scheduled for the **week of December 12th**. Only 1-2 parents may watch at one time (depending on class size). You are welcome to record your students if you'd like. Please turn sound off on phones and keep talking to a minimum as to not distract students. If you must have a conversation (phone or otherwise) please take it to the waiting room or outside. This includes facetime. **TEAM STUDENTS: PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH VIDEOS ANYWHERE UNTIL AFTER COMPETITION SEASON STARTS FOR PRIVACY ISSUES.**

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 that goes through the lot quickly.

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