

TODDLER, YOUTH, & TEEN PROGRAM 2017-2018 INFORMATION & POLICIES

Classes begin the week of September 5, 2017.
PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE SOME CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR.

Mission Statement:

SG Danceworkz and Fitness Studio, LLC and our instructors strive to differentiate ourselves by offering a positive, warm, and nurturing dance community that focuses on technique, self-esteem building, and fun. Students will be taught to demonstrate respect, responsibility, and commitment in an environment that everyone feels welcomed, valued, and inspired.

Class Descriptions/Offerings:

- Creative Movement: 45 Minute Class!
 - Introduces rhythm, music, movement, and counting. Strengthens coordination and helps create agility. Ages 2-4
- Combo 1: 45 Minute Class!
 - A combination class that introduces basic stretching, rhythm, music, movement, counting, and basic ballet and tap steps. Class is to provide a positive start and introduction to the dance world. Tap and ballet shoes required. Ages 3-4
- <u>C</u>ombo 2:
 - A combination class that introduces basic stretching, the grace of ballet, and the rhythm of tap. Class will begin to incorporate more discipline and barre work. Tap and ballet shoes required. Ages 4-5
- <u>Combo 3:</u>
 - A continuation of Combo 2 introducing additional steps and discipline. Tap and ballet shoes required. Ages 5-6
- Combo 4: 1.5 Hour Class! ***New this year***
 - A continuation of Combo 3 introducing additional steps and discipline. Tap and ballet shoes required. Ages 6-8
- Junior Jazz/Hip Hop Combo: ***New this year***
 - A combination class that introduces basic stretching, center work, across the floor, and combinations in both the jazz and hip hop class setting. Ages 4-7

Tap:

 Using the feet as an instrument, the footwork begins with simple rhythms advancing to more complex combinations using syncopation, rhythm, and timing. Tap shoes required. Ages 6-Adult

• Ballet: Classes vary from 1 hour – 1.5 hours!

The foundation of all dance forms. This format provides strength, posture, grace, and discipline. Ballet is not required, but is STRONGLY recommended for all dancers. Ballet is required if student is taking: Pointe, Pointe Prep, Lyrical, is a part of the Assistant Dance Teacher Program, or is a part of the Traveling Performance Company. Classes include barre, stretch, center floor technique, and across the floor. Ballet shoes required. Ages 6-Adult

Lyrical:

 This format of dance incorporates the beauty and fluidity of ballet and the strength and emotion of jazz. Ballet must be taken at the same time. Ages 6-Adult

• Musical Theatre:

 A fun combination of jazz and acting to create numbers similar to what you might see on Broadway or in the movies. Ages 6-Adult

Jazz:

 This format emphasizes the control and motion of the body with freedom of style and expression. Classes include a full body warm-up, stretching, center, across the floor, and combinations. Ages 6-Adult

Hip Hop:

A popular format of dance. This style is often used in street dancing and music videos.
 Ages 6-Adult

Pointe/Pointe Prep: Classes vary from 30-45 minutes!

Students must be selected for this class and must also be enrolled in a ballet class. Ages
 11+

• Dance Technique: ***New this year***

 This class will focus on basic technique, primarily ballet. We will work on turns, progressions, stretching, ballet technique, cardio/conditioning, centering work, and much more! Highly recommended for assistants, traveling performance company, and anyone else looking to improve their technique, abilities, and advanced progressions. Ages 8+.

Policies and Procedures

Attire/Dress Code:

Proper dance attire enables the student to participate fully in class. Incorrect attire will hinder the instructor's ability to monitor muscular and skeletal development.

Creative Movement/Combo 1-4:

Leotard and tights or dance shorts/pants. Hair must be pulled out of the student's face.
 Dance dresses and skirts are allowed.

• Ballet/Pointe/Pointe Prep:

 Leotard and tights are required. Pink ballet shoes must be worn. Leg warmers and warm ups may be worn for the first 15 minutes. Hair MUST be in a secure bun.
 Gentlemen are to wear a tank top and shorts/pants with black ballet shoes

Tap:

- Leotard and tights or dance shorts/pants. Hair must be in a secured pony or bun. Black tap shoes.
- Jazz/Lyrical/Musical Theatre/Dance Technique:
 - o Leotard and tights or dance shorts/pants. Hair must be in a secured pony or bun.
- Hip Hop:
 - o Moveable clothes. No jeans. Clean shoes that have not been worn outside.

Class Etiquette:

Classes are meant to be fun for the students while teaching them the skills and discipline of dance. Besides asking that you follow dress code, we do have rules of etiquette that we expect all dancers, instructors, and parents to follow at all times:

- Please have your child go to the restroom before class begins. Water bottles can be kept outside of each studio, but class will not stop for them to get drinks and use the restroom.
- No food or drink allowed in the studios.
- ABSOLUTELY no gum during class or in the studio.
- NO street shoes inside the studios. Do not wear your dance shoes outside.
- Dancers must be on time to class (15 minutes or more late will result in student observing class only).
- Negative comments about peers/other studios/dancers will NOT be tolerated.
- Keep talking during instruction to a minimum.
- Keep an open mind and be willing to try new things.

Holidays/Closures:

- Labor Day:
 - o September 4, 2017
- Thanksgiving Break:
 - November 22, 2017 November 24, 2017. Classes resume Monday, November 27, 2017.
- Winter Break:
 - o December 22, 2017 January 1, 2018. Classes resume Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- Spring Break:
 - March 5, 2018 March 9, 2018. Classes resume Monday, March 12, 2018.
- Memorial Day:
 - o May 28, 2018
- Last Day of Regular Classes:
 - o May 31, 2018

Weather Related Closures:

• In the event of inclement weather, we will send an email, post on Facebook, and indicate any closures on our voicemail. We do not always follow the school systems decision to close or remain open.

Payment Policies and Summary of Optional Fees:

Registration:

- There is a \$15.00 nonrefundable registration fee due at the time of registration. \$25.00 nonrefundable registration fee for families with more than one student.
- Completed registration form, registration fee, and current and last month's tuition must be received prior to being placed in a class.
- We will send an email confirmation of your schedule a few weeks prior to classes beginning.
- Classes that do not reach minimum students required to be held will be cancelled.
- Class size is limited. You will be added to a wait list if the class you are looking to enroll in is full.

Discounts Available:

- Family discount
 - 10% off tuition for multiple siblings. 1st sibling (who is enrolled in the most classes) pays regular tuition rate and additional siblings receive the family discount rate.
- Early payment
 - o 5% off if the entire year is paid in full by September 15th
- Referral Program
 - Current students who refer a new student to join our studio will receive a referral bonus. For every new referral you get to enroll at the studio, you will receive a \$10 credit on your account. Credit can be used for Tuition, DVD's, Shoes/Tights, Studio Apparel, Costume Deposits, Costume Balance, Conventions, etc. Cannot be used for any payment that doesn't go through studio, i.e., Pictures, Recital Tickets, Cupcakes, etc. We will also hold a quarterly drawing for all students who had a referral during that quarter for additional studio credit and prizes!

Tuition Payments:

Tuition payments are due the 1st day of the month. Please note that invoices are not sent out. Payments may be dropped at the studio, mailed to the studio, or processed online. We accept cash, check, or credit card (online or at studio). **There is a small fee for the online or credit card payments.** Please indicate your dancer's name in the memo of the check and note what the payment is for (tuition, costumes, etc.). For instructions on how to pay online, please visit our website.

Please note that we do have a late payment policy:

- A reminder email will be sent on the 7th of the month for anyone who has not submitted tuition.
- A \$5.00 late fee will be added after the 10th of the month.
- If payment and late fee has not been received in full by the 20th of the month, your student will be asked to sit out of class. If the class is full and there is a wait list, their spot will be given to someone on the wait list.
- Students will not receive costumes or be allowed to participate in the recital if account is not current.

Returned checks will incur a \$30 service charge.

• <u>Tuition:</u> Tuition rates are for a full season (September through May), paid monthly including studio holidays, not by class. You are able to make-up classes for any month that you do not get 4 classes in (whether due to weather, illness, holidays, etc).

• Regular Class Tuition:

o 45 minute class: \$35.00/Month

1 Hour: \$45.00/Month1.5 Hours: \$55.00/Month

2 Hours: \$70.00/Month2.5 Hours: \$80.00/Month

o 3 Hours: \$90.00/Month

o 3.5 Hours: \$100.00/Month

o 4 Hours: \$110.00/Month

4.5 Hours: \$120.00/Month5 Hours: \$130.00/Month

o 5.5 Hours: \$140.00/Month

o Unlimited: \$150.00/Month

• <u>Additional Tuition:</u>

Drop In Classes: \$15/Class

Private Instruction:

\$25/half hour or \$40/hour

Personal Training:

See Sheena for Personal Training Packages!

Withdrawal must be in writing or tuition will continue to be charged, and must be at least 30 days in advance. Upon turning in withdrawal form, last month's tuition received at registration will be applied to account. Tuition will continue to be charged until notification has been received. Tuition is not refunded or credited for any reason.

Additional OPTIONAL Fees:

- Recital Pictures
- Conventions
- Lock In Slumber Party
- Locker Rental
- Performance Company Fees
- No School Studio Days
- Studio Apparel

Studio Rental Options:

- Rehearsal Space Rental:
 - o \$50.00/hour
- Birthday Parties:
 - Party Packages Available!

Danceworkz In Motion 2018

Please note that participation in Danceworkz In Motion is optional.

Our recital is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018, with our mandatory dress rehearsal being Friday, May 18, 2018.



Recital Fee: ***New This Year***

There is a recital fee that is assessed for any student participating in Danceworkz In Motion 2018. These fees assist us with recovering some of the costs associated with putting on the show such as: program costs, videographer, time for costume process, backstage kits, etc. The fee is \$45/individual or \$50/family. With this fee you will receive one Danceworkz In Motion 2018 DVD and Practice CD, and Video Choreography. The fee will be due by March 15, 2018 and must be received prior to costumes being distributed.

Costumes:

Costume Deposits are required for all classes if you are doing the recital. Costume deposits are \$50.00/costume. We will try to keep all costumes between \$50-\$65.

Please note that costume payments must be received by the dates indicated:

- The first costume deposit will be due by October 15th.
- o 2nd costume deposit will be due by November 15th (if your student is in more than one class).
- o 3rd costume deposit will be due by December 15th (If your student is in more than two classes)
- The remainder of the costume deposits will be due before December 20, 2017 (if your student is in more than three classes)
- Combo 1-3 classes and Junior Jazz/Hip Hop Combo classes only submit one costume deposit.
- Combo 4 classes submit two costume deposits.
- o Pointe/Pointe Prep and Dance Technique do not submit a costume deposit.
- Costume balances will be posted shortly after returning from Christmas break and the remainder of the amount will be due by January 31st.

• Additional Costume Information:

- Once costumes are ordered, we are both obligated. We cannot cancel costumes.
- If you do not have your deposits in and get them in after break, <u>IF</u> we are able to get a costume still, you will be responsible for any additional fees such as rush fees, and separate shipping.