



Celebrating 25 Seasons!!

“Back To Dance Newsletter”

Welcome to DSD (Devon School of Dance) we're so very glad that you have chosen to be apart of our 25th season of celebration.

As the school year starts to creep up on us we find ourselves starting to prepare for activities for the fall. We have been busy at DSD preparing for our new season and are so very excited for the upcoming events this year. To start as you enter the building you will notice the renovations that happened over the summer holidays. To help keep the studio looking fresh and new we ask that everyone please remove all outside shoes (including flip flops) and place them on the racks provided. Dancers are asked to please hang up all jackets/sweaters on the hooks in the dressing room and place all dance bags under the benches.

Please help us keep everything organized this year by putting your dancers name in all of their belongings. Each year we have loads of items left behind – if your dancers name is on all of their dancewear etc we'll be able to notify you that we have it and get it back to you quickly.

Communication

Each month a newsletter will be posted online at www.devondance.com to provide information about the upcoming month. This newsletter will also be posted on the bulletin board at the studio. Please have a good read of it and if you have any questions please feel free to stop by our front desk at anytime or send us a quick email at kim@devondance.com and we'd be more than happy to help you out.

Our **website** is updated on a regular basis so please always have a look on there as well as most likely the answer is posted online.

Facebook – Devon School of Dance/DSD is our facebook page, we also use this social media site to keep our families up to date – please head to our page and “like” and follow us.

Summer Camp

Our annual summer camp is running **August 21st - 24th**. This is a great opportunity for all of our dancers to learn new disciplines and style with new teachers. The 4 days of summer camp are packed with classes starting early morning and going into the evening, the camp is geared for dancers from the age of 6 and up. A full list of classes is listed on our website. We ask that all of our competitive dancers attend the entire camp so that they are given the opportunity to become a more rounded dancer, interact with their class mates and start building those relationships. And besides all of this it's a great week with lots of fun to be had. Dress code for the camp is bodysuit and ballet tights for all ballet/pointe/character classes with hair in a proper classical bun. For all other classes active wear is acceptable - **NO STREET CLOTHING** will be allowed at any time.

Dress Code Requirements

The new dress code requirements are now posted online. **NEW** this year we are working directly with a company by the name of Johnny Brown to provide you an online shopping experience, with the hopes of making finding your dance wear an easier experience. Shortly we will provide our families with a link to shop online, all of the class requirements will be listed online you can shop and then have all of your requirements shipped directly to your home. For shoes we will have sample sizes at the front desk at the studio, hopefully in time for the first day of summer camp (we will send an email confirmation when we have them in hand), so that you know exactly which size to order. Tights and bodysuits are little easier as they are done by size charts - these are also listed online under our requirements tab. We have also listed the local stores, you are more than welcome to shop them as well, however I would strongly recommend that you call first to see if they stock the required items. All dancers **MUST** have the stated dancewear by **October 1st**, please do not sway from the list as these requirements are used as a base to costumes.



At no time are dancers allowed to wear street clothing to class, this includes tank tops, sweats, t-shirts etc. Hair is also a part of dress code – all dancers must have a proper clean classical ballet bun in for ballet classes (no pony buns will be allowed), and in all other classes dancers must have their hair neatly pull back into at least a ponytail.

At the studio we have a NO GUM/NO POPCORN/NUT FREE snack rule. No gum – as it's dangerous and it always ends up on the floor, no popcorn because it makes a huge mess, nut free because we have dancers with severe allergies. Your co-operation with these rules are greatly appreciated.

CLASSES

Classes this season will begin the week of **September 11th**. This will allow everyone to settle into the school schedule before adding the dance schedule to it. During the first month of dance instructors will be assessing all of the dancers to make sure that they are in the correct level for their ability – this is especially true of our competitive dancers. Our Future Stars Dancers (ages 3,4,5) are placed by age. During classes if the instructor has closed the curtains please respect this and do not ask to have them opened. The curtains for the most part remain open, if the dancers become distracted then the instructor may close the curtains. For Future Star classes I would suggest that parents do not sit on the carpet outside of the classroom. It's way easier for the dancers to focus if parents are sitting in the chairs in the waiting area. If at anytime you have a question/concern please send us an email message as instructors do not have a break between classes and must start the following class immediately. You may also leave us a message at the front desk.



FEES/TUITION

All of our account cards at the studio are run through an online program called JackRabbit. At any time you will be able to log into your account and view the charges/payments/balances etc. From your account you are also able to print your own receipts.

To access your account head to our website at www.devondance.com and on the home page at the bottom there is a button “View My Account” – click on this and you will be directed to the log in page for your account.

All dance fees are charged on a monthly basis. To make things easier we charge dance tuition 3 months at a time. In the following manner:

Tuition #1 - Due by August 24th *

(September Fees, May Fees and October Fees)

Future Star Families and Recreational Families are allowed to provide this on the first lesson.

*** Competitive Family Must Provide Tuition Payments At Summer Camp**

Tuition #2 - Dated November 1st

(November Fees, December Fees and January Fees)

Tuition #3 - Dated February 1st

(February Fees, March Fees and April Fees)

All tuition payments must be paid by post dated cheque - we do not accept debit or credit card. You may also pay for your tuition all in one payment (either in cash or cheque). ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT POST DATED CHEQUES ON OR BEFORE THE 1ST LESSON. We do not allow a month to month payment system or for you to drop off tuition by the due dates. There will be no exceptions to this unless you are paying for the entire season upfront in one single payment.

If at any time you wish to withdraw from the studio we have a 2 week (14 day) written notice policy before the following month. If your account is up to date you will receive a refund on all monies submitted. Please note that Registration Fees, September Fees, Festival Fees, Costume Fees are non-refundable should you wish to withdraw from the studio at any time. (a full outline of policies is located online at www.devondance.com).

** families are responsible to make sure that accounts are kept up to date*

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Being that we are celebrating our 25th season this year we have presented a travel opportunity to our families. There was an information meeting and letter that went home in June, if you missed this information and are interested please let me know and I would be happy to send this to you.

All families who would like to take part in this opportunity just a reminder that your information sheet is due to the studio no later than **Monday August 21st.**

WAIVER

At the beginning of each dance season every family **MUST** send in a copy of the waiver. If this is not received by SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th, your dancer will not be allowed to attend class until we have it. You can access your waiver by doing the following:

1. Head to our website www.devondance.com
2. Click on “View My Account”
3. Log Into Your Account, using the email that you registered with and the password you created – if you don’t know your password click on “forgot your password” to reset it
4. Once in your account click on “Policies” button, fill in your full name and click on the button that reads “I have read the below and agree”. This will send your waiver directly to us.

I can hardly believe that the studio has been in operation for 25 years WOW!! Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the past and to those who continue to support us. Devon School of Dance has had so much success, we work with the best people and are so excited to spend the next year celebrating our success with all of you. There are so many choices in society today and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for choosing dance and for choosing us. Dance provides so much more than just dance steps to these children as they grow and we are so excited to have the opportunity to work with each one of you.

Enjoy the balance of your summer and we’ll see you all at summer camp or in September.

Miss Kim & Staff