Abigail Francisco School of Classical Ballet



<u>Important Dates to Remember</u>

- November 14 _____2nd Tuition Payment Due
- November 20 _____Administrative fee due for late tuition payments
- November 25-30_____ Thanksgiving Break
- November 30 _____ School Reopens
- December 21 January 4_____Winter Break
- January 4 ______ School Reopens
- January 14 ______ 3rd Tuition Payment Due

Office Hours:

Monday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: OFFICE CLOSED

Studio Hours of Operation:

Monday: 3:45 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday: 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Wednesday: 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday: 4:30 – 9 p.m. Friday: 4:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: STUDIO CLOSED

Please note that school newsletters will be available on our website. Remaining newsletters will come out on January 14 and March 14.

Leaping Right in to the Second Session

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It is in the second installment that we typically begin seeing students become comfortable in class. In light of all that is going on in our world right now, I think this is true now more than ever. Not only have students spent the first session adjusting to new classes, exercises and combinations, but also adjusting to the "new normal" that even now continues to change with each passing day. As a teacher, the second session is dear to me as it is when student's personalities really begin to shine more and we as teachers have the chance to get to know the full strengths and capabilities of our students. It is truly a pleasure to see the students learn and grow, not only as dancers but also as young men and women.

The holiday season is right around the corner! I remind everyone to check the Important Dates on the left side of this page. All dates are also on the Calendar on the website.

We hope your dancer is enjoying the year so far as much as we are. If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to email or call us and we will be happy to help! I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Abigail Francisco

Artistic Director



Tuition & Payments

<u>Credit Card Payments</u>: Credit card payments can be made online on our website, during office hours, in person or via phone.

Any payments made online or via telephone will incur a \$3.00 convenience fee that must be added to your payment total.

<u>Payment Drop Box</u>: We have a payment drop box, in the North Beach studio lobby (under the office window). Please write your child's name and what the payment is for on your check or money order so we may correctly credit your account.

<u>Cash Payments</u>: If you are making cash payment, please see the North Beach office during office hours so that a receipt can be issued.

A grace period of 5 consecutive days will be honored. Payments received after that 5-day grace period will result in a \$25 administrative fee.

Uniform

We ask that students arrive and depart the school covered in street clothing, not their dance uniform. This is for their safety and comfortability, especially now that it is getting cold outside. Please also do not come to the studio with the dance shoes already on as it ruins dance shoes and brings in dirt/debris from outside into the studio.

Weather:

We usually follow the Calvert County Public School system for inclement weather; due to the current change in school schedules, studio closure is at the discretion of the Artistic Director. We will email, post on our Facebook page and our website if the studio will be closed due to inclement weather.

All dates that the studio will be closed are posted on our website on the Calendar. Our school is not in the North Beach flood zone.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are strictly prohibited in the studio. If a student should need to contact a parent, they may ask the School Administrator to call using the office phone.

Studio Lobby:

Per our Covid-19 protocols, parents are not allowed to wait in the lobby while their dancer is in class. Please wait outside in one of the multiple designated waiting areas we have set up.

Staff and Students only are allowed in the hallway. Parents are not allowed to enter the studios. If a parent needs to pull a student from class for an emergency, please speak with the School Administrator or Artistic Director.

Questions:

Please direct any and all questions concerning your dancer, tuition, uniforms, attendance, classes, etc. to the School Administrator or Artistic Director. Teachers should not be approached with questions at drop-off or pick-up, as it impacts the teacher's ability to take temperatures, students ready for class and to start the class on time.

Covid-19 Update:

If Governor Hogan moves to shutdown Gym & Fitness Centers (this is how our business is classified in the state of MD), we will offer classes online, through Zoom. Additional details will be sent out immediately, if needed.

