SECOND

NEWSLETTER

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE BUT WARM IN THE STUDIO

DEAR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Temperatures may be dropping outside, but the studio is warm & full of life!

We've moved past the new year jitters, students are settled into their class schedule, teachers are getting to know their dancers. Production information has been released - teachers have their music, students have seen their costumes. Classes start to become more technical & focused and choreography will start in this second session. It's an exciting time for everyone!

Please review the important dates below especially with upcoming holidays. Remember, we follow CCPS for inclement weather only!

As always, thank you for trusting us to pass our love for dance to your children.

Gratefully, Becky Arden Executive Director

OFFICE HOURS & STUDIO HOURS OF OPERATION:

Office Hours:

Mon: 5 - 8 p.m. Tues: 5 - 8 p.m.

Wed: 10 - 11:30 a.m.; 5 - 8 p.m.

Thurs: 5 - 8 p.m.

Fri: 5 - 7 p.m.

Sat: 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Sunday: Office Closed

Hours of Operation:

Mon: 4 - 9:15 p.m. Tues: 3:45 - 9 p.m.

Wed: 9:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 4:30 - 9 p.m.

Thurs: 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fri: 4:30 - 8 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sunday: Office Closed

All newsletters are available on the studio website.

IMPORTANT Dates

NOVEMBER 8 2ND TUITION DUE

NOVEMBER 14 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE DUE (UNPAID TUITION)

NOVEMBER 26 - 29 THANKSGIVING BREAK STUDIO CLOSED

JANUARY 4
WINTER BREAK
STUDIO CLOSED

JANUARY 5 STUDIO OPEN - RESUME NORMAL CLASSES

TUITION:

Payment can be made via cash, check, and credit card. **A grace period of 5 consecutive days** will be honored. Payments received after result in a \$25 administrative fee. *Automatic payments are available - contact the office if interested.*

<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 incur a \$3.00 convenience fee.

<u>Payment Drop Box</u>: Located 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.

<u>Cash Payments</u>: Visit during office hours so that a receipt can be issued.

WEATHER:

Any weather-related closures will be emailed, posted on the studio website, and social media accounts. *The studio is not in the North Beach flood zone.*

We follow the Calvert County Public Schools for inclement weather only!

SOFTWARE UPDATE:

The process of moving into Dance Studio Pro has taken longer than originally planned, however, is close to being live and ready for use. Stay tuned for more details!

PARKING:

Please park in designated areas only. <u>Do not block</u> the driveway or park in the front parking spots.

The town of North Beach has launched a parking painting and parking enforcement project. The initiative includes repainting roadways, installing standardized signage, and enforcing regulations, with a focus on fire lanes, crosswalks, and no-parking zones.

The curb of the driveway in front has now been painted red, indicating a **no-parking zone**. We have been lenient with letting people <u>temporarily</u> block the driveway in front i.e. pulling up to drop off or <u>not exiting your vehicle</u> while waiting for your dancer to exit on their own (with authorization - see box to right) for pick up. Unfortunately, some parents have taken advantage of our leniency.

Parents have been blocking the driveway for upwards of 20 minutes. Not only is this unfair to other parents who may be pulling up to drop off or pick up, it now runs the risk of police enforcement and ticketing.

Parking in available at the North Beach community center, on 3rd Street, and along Bay Avenue. *There are ample parking options available outside of blocking or using the driveway.*

CELL PHONES:

Cell phones are strictly prohibited in the dressing room & studio. Students may use their phones in the lobby or ask to the studio phone.

UNIFORM:

All uniform requirements can be found on <u>our website</u>.
Students must be in the proper uniform for class. We ask that students arrive and depart with street clothes overtop of their dance uniform. Dance shoes should not be worn outside of the studio as it will ruin the shoes.

STUDENT SAFETY:

Students are not allowed to leave the studio without adult supervision, unless a current, signed authorization form is on file. The electronic form can be found here.

PRODUCTION SIGN UP!

Production sign up deadline was October 27th
There is still time to sign up - contact the office to let us know your dancer will be participating!

If you have signed up - here is your checklist of necessary items:

- signed Contract
- Electronic Costume Order Form
- 1st production fee (\$100) paid
- Costume fee (\$95/each) paid

Did your dancer start after our September start of classes? They can still participate in the show. Students must be enrolled & attending class prior to January 1st to be able to participate.

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCI

We will be provided and the property

We will be performing Holiday-themed numbers including excerpts from the Nutcracker at a free, family-friendly Christmas Wonderland event, hosted by Emmanuel Church in Huntingtown.

Dates:

Thurs, Dec 4 & Fri, Dec 5 from 5-8 pm Sat, Dec 6 from 4-7 pm

We will definitely be performing Friday & Saturday. Thursday TBD.

NBSD MERCH!

Visit our <u>online apparel stores</u> for NBSD merch. Makes a great gift for the upcoming holidays!

PARENT WATCH WEEK

Parent Watch Week is February 2nd to the 13th.

Family members are invited to attend their dancer's classes - it's a great chance to see their regular class, all that they have been working on, and maybe even get a sneak peek or teaser of their production dance!

It is also a great opportunity for younger students to attend higher level classes & see what they are working towards.

It is spread over 2 weeks to accommodate spacing, seats, etc. so a schedule of the 2 weeks with participating classes each day will be released closer to the week.



DID YOU KNOW?

We have a <u>private Facebook group</u> for parents & students. It's an opportunity to post reminders & information as well as a place parents can ask questions to other parents & the studio.

Thank You for Reading!

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