

August 2023

Dear Studio Dancers and Families,

I sincerely thank you for committing to this year's dance season at The Studio. This document outlines some very important information that will help shape your experience into a successful one. Please read everything carefully, and do not hesitate to ask questions if anything is unclear.

The Studio Etiquette

It is incredibly important that the dancers who train at The Studio develop an appreciation for and an understanding of the discipline of dance. Whether a student takes one or five classes, it is our intention to instill positive lessons that will help each and every student cultivate a respect for what it means to be an intentional and disciplined performing artist.

Please observe the following:

- Please no gum chewing anywhere in the Studio.
- Students should always treat one another with respect inside and outside of the dance room.
- Please respect our beautiful studio space.
- Please throw all trash in the trash bin.
- Please be respectful of those around you by not loud talking or yelling in the dressing rooms or waiting areas. Many students take multiple classes at the studio and use their break time to study, eat dinner and do homework.
- We have a third studio space downstairs " Studio C". Please be cautious passing in between studios and remember that you are walking through a parking lot. It is imperative that we conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner.
- You may eat food in the "dressing room" area only. No food is allowed in the dance rooms or main waiting area.
- Please leave your phones in the dressing room. No cell phones are allowed in the dance room.
- Only water and dance shoes should be brought into the dance rooms.

Information Worth Sharing

Parking: There is limited parking in the front of the Studio. There are two entrances in the front and back of the building. We ask that you use as many of the parking spaces in the back to help with the flow of traffic for all businesses in our building.

Performances: June 7th and 8th 2024 : Interlakes Auditorium. Both performances will be at 6:30pm

Costumes: Costumes will be worn for the recital in June. Costume payments are required to be paid in full by Feb. 1st 2024. Dancers' will not be able to take their costumes home until they have been paid in full.

Payments: Families can choose to pay in full on registration day and receive a 5% discount for this option. For monthly payments, all payments to The Studio are due on the 1st of every month. The first month's payment is to be paid at registration on Sept. 7th.

There is a \$20 late fee for payments received after the 1st day of the month and a \$35 fee for each returned check. Payments can be dropped off at The Studio and placed in the mailbox by the front door or mailed to Ashley Meeken at P.O Box 567 Meredith, NH 03253

If you wish to pay with a CC, you must provide Ashley with all of your billing info and your card can be processed each month.

Calendar: The Studio's dance season coincides with Inter-Lakes School District's calendar. The Studio will be closed on (most) holidays and in the event of a snow day.

The Studio will be closed during the following times in 2023-2024:

Monday, October 9th : Columbus Day Holiday

Friday, November 10th: Veterans' Day

November 20th- 24th: Thanksgiving Recess

December 22nd - January 1st Holiday Recess (Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.)

February 26th - March 1st: Winter Recess

April 22nd - April 26th: Spring Recess

Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day Holiday, obsvd.

Attendance/Communication: Solid attendance is an integral part of your dancer's success at The Studio. It is very important that communication happens if your child cannot attend class. Out of respect for our teachers and for the other students, we ask that if your child repeatedly

misses, it is their responsibility to seek extra help if they need to be caught up on what they missed. There is no doubt that everyone is busy and has many commitments, it is our hope however, that your dancer's commitment to The Studio be taken seriously.

If you have any questions at any time throughout the season, please do not hesitate to ask. Please continue to check your email for important updates. If you have not been added to The Studio's email list, please notify someone. You can also "like" The Studio on Facebook and Instagram, as this is another way to get up to date notifications.

Dressing for Class

General Dress Code: It is an *ESSENTIAL* part of dance class to come dressed in proper dance attire. It is **mandatory** that **ALL** dancers wear tights and leotards to class, as this is the best way to see a dancer's form. Jazz pants, dance shorts, or ballet skirts are acceptable to layer over the basic leotard and tights. **Students may not have bare legs in class.** If students choose to wear dance shorts, they must wear tights underneath their shorts. If a student repeatedly does not follow the guidelines for proper attire, parents will be notified. Failure to meet these guidelines will result in the dancer sitting out from class and observing.

Local resources:

"Dance On" located on Messer St. in Laconia is a great resource for dance shoes and apparel.

*Ashley's favorite online dance stores: www.discountdance.com www.elevedancewear.com
www.dancewearsolutions.com www.capezio.com*

If you have any questions about what is appropriate to wear to class, please do not hesitate to ask for guidance.

Male Dress Code: Male dancers should wear fitted tanks or tees to class. Sweatpants or athletic pants are acceptable for all classes with the exclusion of ballet. Male dancers should wear tighter fitted leggings (ballet tights).

Ballet Class Dress Code: Students must wear a black leotard, pink tights, and pink split sole ballet slippers. There are no exceptions.

Hair: Hair must always be secured away from the dancers' faces. Students are not to play with their hair or wear any distracting hair pieces or accessories. Dancers **MUST** wear a bun in their hair for ballet class. It is advised to wear buns to all classes. Please send your child with their hair already done for class.

Shoes:

Ballet: All levels (Pre-K and Up): Pink split sole ballet slippers. Male: Black ballet slippers.

Tap: Pre-K thru 3rd grade: Tan Mary-Jane tap shoes

4th grade and up: Black oxford tap shoes. (Please verify with Ashley before buying new shows to ensure your dancer has the proper shoes for the class in which they are placed.)

Jazz: All levels 1st grade and up: tan slip on, split-sole jazz shoes

Street Jazz: Clean sneakers. We will specify if dancers should need a certain sneaker for the recital.

Lyrical, Modern and Contemporary: Foot undies are an option but not required. Barefeet is optimal.

Foundations of Dance: Dancers should always bring clean sneaker and ballet slippers

Musical Theatre : Jazz shoes or Character heels for Adv. Classes. (Ashley will let your dancer know)

Thank you for taking the time to read this note.

We truly look forward to a great dance season!
Sincerely,

Ashley Meeken and The Studio Team.