



Dancing Times

September/October 2023

Welcome to a new dance season!

We are excited for our 2023-2024 dance season. There are a few changes and lots that have stayed the same this year.

Drop Off and Pick up

When dropping off students you come in and the dancer gets their cubby and puts it on a spot in the hallways. They put on their dance uniform items and put street clothing in the cubby and their street shoes on top of the lid. The more you let your dancer do by themselves the more it helps prepare them for the recital.

When picking up from class your dancer should take their street clothing out of the cubby and place dance shoes and skirts in their cubby and place the cubby back in the correct shelf.

Bring a Friend to dance this fall

We are having a Bring a Friend to dance week the Week of October 16th-20th. Your dancer will come home this week with an invitation to bring a friend to each of their classes the last week of October 16th-20th. Make sure that the friend they bring is around 1-2 years older, younger or their age. We also ask that their friends come to class in workout clothing, no jeans, with hair up for the ladies and bare feet unless they have dancewear. Friends parents will need to complete the waiver upon dropping off their child at the Academy. Waivers will be emailed out per request. This is a great way for your dancer to show their classmates what they love to do!

Get to know a Staff member

Heather Cote

Ms. Heather has trained in the Cecchetti method of ballet training for the past 30 years. These years have included training under the direction of Mrs. Susan Robbins and attending many workshops and seminars with fine instructors.



She has completed six examinations that allow her to teach the Italian Classical Ballet Method under the Cecchetti Council of America. She has completed testing in ballet, tap, and jazz to become a member of the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters.

Having danced from early childhood through college, she has studied ballet, tap, and jazz from various teachers throughout America. As a student, she has passed student exams I-V in the Cecchetti method. She continues her dance education by attending workshops and taking Cecchetti exams of which she is a certified Cecchetti instructor passing her Intermediate Teachers exam. She is a graduate of Dickinson State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Music.

She is a member of the Cecchetti Council of America and a member of the Northern Plains Cecchetti Council Committee.

Office Hours

Ms Amelia's office hours are Wednesday 5:30- 6:30, any account questions please contact her or email the Academy.

Ms Denay Klein's office hours are Tuesday from 4-6 pm to answer any of your dancewear and streetwear ordering needs.

Ms. Kristen Haggort office hours are Monday 4-5 pm and Thursdays 5-6 pm.

DISCOUNT!!

Our studio offers Automatic withdrawal as a payment option. We draw between the 5th-9th of the month depending on the banking calendar. If you sign up for ACH by the end of October you will receive a \$5.00 a month discount. Forms are available in the lobby both upstairs and downstairs. Please complete these forms and have them returned to the Academy before the 25 of October if you would like to participate in this program.

Dance Clothing

Please label EVERYTHING! Many dancers wear the same size dance clothing and if the items have names then we can make sure items are returned if lost.

It is that time of year where the weather is getting colder. If your dancer is cold you can order a dance SWEATER, pink or black. We can not wear sweatshirts in class due to the fact that the teachers must be able to see what the dancer's arms, shoulders, and core is doing while dancing.

Make sure dancers wear pants and shirts/jackets in and out of the studio and not just wear their leo and tights.

We highly encourage your dancers to leave their dance shoes and skirts in their personal cubby at the studio.

Used Clothing- We love to offer this service for our families, it runs like a rummage sale. When purchasing used clothing you must pay cash for the items. If people take clothing and do not bring money and the studio has to remind multiple times we will not be able to keep this service. If you have clothing in good condition and no longer needed you can bring it to the studio to sell. The clothing must be in a bag with your name on the bag.

Sickness Procedures

1. If your dancer is ill please keep them home. Call (701)227-4970 or email academyofdance89@gmail.com to let us know they will not be in class.
2. Your dancer can make up classes. If you want to make up a class let us know so we can let the teachers know.

Recitals

Helping Hundred- When you sign up and show up to help with recitals your account will not be charged. If you do not want to help we will charge your \$100.00 and hire people to help us where needed.

Recital Packages- This year you choose a recital package depending on what best fits your family. There were a la carte options that you could add items to. The fee for these packages is due December 5th to confirm that your dancer will be participating in the recital. The link below is for the packages and a la carte. If you are unsure which or if you picked a package you can look in you parent portal. <https://forms.gle/kZeM32ZLwqcX86Xp8>

Winter Show- Beatrice's Sweet Shoppe rehearsal- January 11th, Show 12th and 14th.

Picture day is November 18th. All dancers are asked to come as these pictures are in the program.

Spring Recital- May 3rd Rehearsal, 4th and 5th show

This year is our big show where parents purchase the costumes for the May show. Costume prices will be released in November.

Leap N' Learn

We use Leap N' Learn curriculum for many of our younger classes. Attached is a link to some great articles from Leap N' Learn that can help your dancers.

<https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?u=30d355ddcfc826af15bff0dba&id=5048ed4bb7>

Star Student

At the end of the month, points will be tallied and students with the high points will be recognized.

Drawings for 3 prizes will take place every two months! ONE prize will be a customized Academy of Dance Bundle! We will keep the names each time we draw and have a grand prize drawing at the end of the year. Some prizes include Free Sweetshop Show Package, Academy of Dance Swag and More!!!!

Dates to Remember:

No Classes October 31st

Pictures November 18th