

Dear parents,

Thank you for enrolling in our Fall 2020-21 Session. **Classes start on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and the session will end on Saturday, May 22<sup>th</sup>.** If you need to drop before then, please notify Ms. Sherrie by email at least one month in advance so that your deposit can be properly applied. Failure to give proper notice before the 1<sup>st</sup> of your last month will cause your deposit to be forfeited.

The calendar can be found on our website but please make note of the following holidays. We do not close for school in service days like Presidents Day and MLK Day. Here are the dates we ARE closed: **September 5- September 7 Labor Day, November 23-29 Thanksgiving, December 20-January 3 Winter Break, March 14-21 Spring Break, and April 2 Good Friday.**

Starting in September, **an email newsletter will be sent out each month.** Please watch your inbox and read this email because it contains important reminders about recitals, costumes and other events going on at the studio. This is not just SPAM; it contains important information.

### **Monthly Fees**

**Tuition will be charged between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of each month for all accounts set up on a credit card. For cash/check accounts please drop or mail a check before the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Checks can be left in the tuition drop box or mailed to 3267 Bee Cave Rd Suite 107-95, Austin, TX 78746. August tuition is prorated to 1/2 since we meet twice in August. Tuition is averaged with longer months and performances applying to shorter months and holidays.

Also, please remember that upon registration your account was charged a registration fee of \$50 (\$65 for a family) and May 2021 tuition deposit. Registration fees are due once per school year and will cover registration from August 2020-July 2021. You will receive an email receipt when credit cards are charged. You can also access your account on our portal to see payments, charges and enrollment information.

### **Virtual Class Information**

Virtual classes offered through Synergy Dance Studio follow our regular class schedule and our full calendar. We will send out your class zoom link at least 24 hours before the class begins. The Zoom link will stay the same all year.

### **Recitals/Performances**

All student enrolled in combo 3-4 yr and up are invited to participate in our Fall and Spring performances. Dancers are not required to participate in these performances, but dress rehearsal is required for participation in the recital. Our fall performance and our spring performance is TBA.

All performances are optional and If your dancer does not wish to participate, please notify Ms. Sherrie at least 1 week before the charge date so she can remove the charge. Additional fees to be charged: **October 1 \$55 Fall performance fee (\$35 for additional siblings) and \$25 costume per dancer/per dance, December 1 \$70 Spring recital costume, and May 1 \$65 for individual or \$90 for family Spring recital fee.** The performance fees cover the cost of rental and staff for the facilities. We realize this year may be unusual because of COVID-19, so we will communicate our plans with you before any charges and payments are made. Right now, we are working on securing an outdoor performance venue and stage for the Fall performance. Dates will be TBA. Our Spring Recital is TBD and will be assessed later once we see how things are going this semester. Once again, we will not charge your recital fees till we have confirmed dates.

Combo 2-3 yr students do not participate in our Fall and Spring performances. Therefore, you will not have any charges other than tuition. These classes will have an in class performance at the end of the Fall and Spring semester. In

addition, we offer a spring nursing home performance for these youngest performers. There is no performance fee for this opportunity and the costume fee will be \$20.

### **COVID-19 Safety Measures and Guidelines**

Due to new city issued safety procedures, we are implementing new protocols to help the safety of our dancers and our staff. Please see the information below.

Here are the protocols we are putting into place:

1. Students and staff will have their temperature checked and hands sanitized as they enter the building. Sanitizer will be readily available and will be used as needed during class.
2. Entrance and exits will be conducted through the outside studio doors, not lobby. Lobbies are closed to the public until further notice.
3. Parents will not be permitted into the studio without permission from the office or staff.
4. Students and all their belongings will be kept a minimum of 6 ft apart. We will have individual taped boxes that are spaced out 6 feet on the floor for them to dance inside.
5. Students will be required to enter the room independently, without their parents. Please understand this is for the safety of all the dancers and staff. For our youngest combo 2-3 year dancers we will evaluate on a case by case basis allowing parents in the lobby.
6. Staff and assistants will wear masks at all times.
7. We are asking that all students wear masks. If your dancer is a young combo 2-3 or 3-5 year student and this is a problem for them, please let the office know. We understand this might be difficult for some younger students and are willing to work with you on this policy. If they do not mind wearing them, we definitely want the masks worn during the duration of class, including entrances and exits.
8. All school age children are required to wear masks. If your dancer has any specific health concerns that make wearing a mask difficult, please let me know. The teachers wear masks at all times, so we are very sensitive to the need to take more frequent water breaks and have "mask breaks" during class. We are working very hard to make sure your students are as comfortable as possible dancing in their masks.
9. Students should be taken to the bathroom before they are dropped off to help prevent overuse of the bathroom. Restrooms will be sanitized after every class.
10. Students should only bring in what is necessary for class and will be asked to remove their outside shoes upon entering the studio. We are also asking that students bring a water bottle with water only to class!
11. Dance shoes are not to be worn outside of the studio. This helps prevent the spread of germs both to and from the studio.
12. NON-SDC classes will dismiss 5 minutes early, so teachers have time to clean between classes.
13. Our studio schedule has built in breaks where we will do a more thorough cleaning of floors and surfaces. Barres, doors knobs, bathrooms, and surfaces the dancers touch will be cleaned between each class and floors are mopped with an anti-viral cleaner at least once per day and more frequently when we have higher traffic days.

14. Our studios have been equipped with an air purification/ionization system.
15. Windows and/or doors will be left open to allow fresh air to circulate.
16. If students need to quarantine from home, we will have zoom classes set up and accessible for your convenience. We will also have zoom meetings set up so parents can watch their dancers during class since they are not allowed into our lobbies at this time.
17. Props that are used during the class will be disinfected between each student and class.
18. We are asking that students who have traveled and/or been in contact with large groups to take our virtual classes for two weeks.
19. If there is a risk that your dancer has been exposed, please have them attend virtual classes for 2 weeks or until they have received negative test results.
20. If any family member and/or your dancer has been sick with any kind of illness at your home that could potentially be COVID (cough, fever, diarrhea, stuffy/runny nose, chills, body aches and pains) please **do not send your child to the studio until you know it is NOT COVID-19.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime. Email is the easiest way to reach me but I can also be reached at 512-327-4130. The teachers and I are looking forward to a great year!

Thanks,

Ms. Sherrie