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September 2018 newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 5TH
OPEN HOUSE
&
REGISTRATION
4-7PM

SEPTEMBER 10TH
OPENING DAY
FIRST DAY OF
CLASSES!

SEPTEMBER 19TH
YOM KIPPUR-
STUDIO OPEN

HELLO EVERYONE and WELCOME to our 2018-2019 Season.

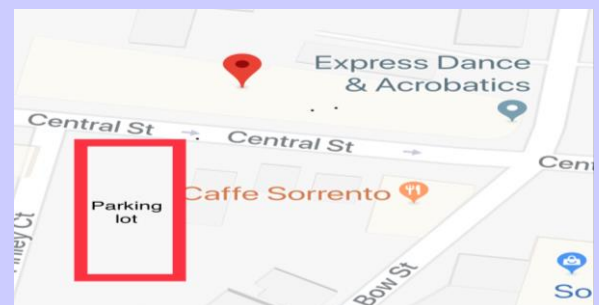
We know you have choices and are grateful that you have chosen EXPRESS for your child's dance, acrobatics and/ or cheer education.

FIRST WEEK TIPS & TRICKS

1. Be sure to arrive 5-10 minutes early to park and get settled before class
2. Write your dancer's name in all shoes and accessories inside dance bag to ensure they return home with you
3. Bring a water bottle – they are allowed in dance rooms. (put dancers name on it)
4. Print off schedule if changing classes
5. Have a meeting place for pick up

PARKING / DROP-OFF / PICK-UP:

The main parking lot is located on Central Street to right of the building. There is also street parking. The Main Entrance is at the front of the building. Please remind your dancer that under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are they to wait outside for pick up.



THE GYM & PARENT OBSERVATION



For safety reasons there will no longer be parent observation in the gym area except on parent observation days. We have found that students are distracted during class with observers. This is not only dangerous but also problematic for optimal instruction and learning.

In addition, the pathway around gym is just that a pathway and we need to keep it clear for entrances and exits to upper and lower levels There will be a video feed of gym in lower level waiting room for observation.

Tuition

Tuition is due within the first week of every month. Please be aware that tuition is based on a 9-month dance school year (Sept-May). Monthly tuition fee remains the same regardless of weeks in the month, school vacation closings, weather cancellations or the number of absences in a month. Statements will be e-mailed within the first week of the month. A LATE FEE of \$15.00 will be automatically charged if payment is not received by the 15th of the month. We offer a 5% discount on annual tuition that is paid in-full by September 30. Please be aware, however, that tuition payments are non-refundable and will not be credited back to you.

Tuition Payments

We offer online tuition bill payments for every family at EXPRESS! We hope that everyone will take advantage of this convenient system. You may check your balance or pay your tuition at any time by logging into your own "Customer Portal at expressdanceandacro.com. Tuition will be posted in our online system on the first of the month

Auto-Pay: We also offer an auto-pay option for tuition and costume fees, which will automatically withdraw your tuition and fees on the 1st of every month using a credit card of your choosing. Online tuition payments are no different than if you pay at the desk - a \$15.00 late fee will be applied to your account if it is not paid before the 15th of the month because of an expired card. We still accept traditional payments including cash, check and credit card if you wish to pay at the front desk. Please request a receipt for all cash payments. Checks only may be placed in drop box. If a problem arises, and you know that your payment will be late, please let us know so that arrangements may be made, and you will avoid the \$15.00 late fee. EXPRESS strongly suggests a credit card be put on file for back up monthly payments to be charged when tuition is not received by the 15th of each month to avoid late fees. RETURNED CHECKS will be charged a \$20.00 fee. •

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 3:45 – 9pm

Tuesday 3:45 – 9pm

Wednesday 8:45-11am/3:45-9pm

Thursday 3:45 – 9pm

Friday 3:45 – 6pm

Saturday 8:45am – 12 noon

What to Wear

GIRLS: It is required that all girls wear a leotard and tights-of her choice-**EXPRESS YOURSELF!** Transition Tights are best if a child is taking a combination of classes and needs to go to or from bare feet into tap shoes or ballet shoes. Dance skirts, shorts and leggings are optional. Stirrup tights are great if all classes taken do not require shoes

SHOES: Mary Jane Tap shoes with strap are required for Tap classes and Pink Ballet slippers are required for ballet. **Bare feet are required for all other classes.**

BOYS: Comfortable clothing appropriate for dance.
SHOES: Black Tie Tap Shoes for Tap, Black Ballet Slippers and Sneakers for Hip Hop.

Hair must be pulled up neatly

TRANSITION TIGHTS

leotard
&
hair pulled up neatly
(bun is optional)



STIRRUP TIGHT if dance classes do not require shoes (see blue box)



BOYS TIE TAP SHOES



BOYS BLACK BALLET SLIPPERS

Grades PreK I & II, K & I only



MARY JANE TAP SHOES



GIRLS PINK BALLET SLIPPERS

Grades PreK I & II, K & I only



IMPORTANT RESOURCES

OUR WEBSITE: www.expressdanceandacro.com is full of information and resources. Please check it throughout the 2018-2019 season for info, dates, closings, schedules, new offerings and recital information.

The Customer Portal: [PORTAL LINK](#) You can access your account with us at any time! Update your info, view your account balance, make payments, review policies, register for classes and more!

To use the Customer Portal, you must have a valid email on file with us.

Please understand that the first week or two of classes may be hectic, we remind everyone to be patient as we settle into the new season. We also want to answer all questions and concerns. The best way to communicate with the directors or teachers is through email.

Unfortunately, there is no time to talk between classes as students are waiting for class to begin.

Questions or concerns concerning your child: expressda5678@gmail.com

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