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DANCELETES 2019-2020

Dancer + Athlete = Dancetele

Rehearsals

- Included with your tuition. All group dances are entitled to one 30-minute rehearsal each week from September through the recital.
- Group dances will have an additional 30 minutes or more, of rehearsal each Saturday starting the third week of January and until the 3rd competition.
- Solos, Duets and Trios are entitled to 15 hours of rehearsal. That averages to one 30 minutes rehearsal each week from September through to the end of the competition season. Any additional rehearsals must be scheduled as private lessons.
- Rehearsal for group dances that are going to Nationals are covered by Nationals fees.

Attendance

- Danceteles are expected to attend all rehearsals and classes except for extenuating circumstances, which may include important family obligations, religious commitments, or illness
- We reserve the right to change casting because of missed classes or rehearsals.
- If a dancer misses 2+ Saturday rehearsals, casting will be changed.
- As indicated by the schedule, some rehearsals are mandatory. We reserve the right to change casting if a mandatory rehearsal is missed without a doctor's note.
- All parents must attend the parent meeting on Monday September 9th at 8:15p.
- The first 3 competitions are mandatory.
- No dancer will be allowed to drop out after September 30th. A \$300 fine will be issued to any dancer who does drop after this date.

Shoes, Make-Up, Attire & Team Jackets

- All dancers must have a Performance Team Jacket.
- During performance team rehearsals, dancers should wear a leotard with black jazz pants, black leggings, or black shorts.
- For performances it is important that all dancers wear the same style of shoes and tights. The following are the required brand of shoe for performances.

Dance Sneakers: DS11 Dance sneaker by Capezio.

<http://www.capezio.com/fierce-dansneaker>

Ballet slippers: Bloch Zenith S0282L in pink

<http://us.blochworld.com/product/S0282L>

Jazz shoes: Bloch Elastabootie S0499L

<http://us.blochworld.com/product/S0499L>

Pirouettes: Body Wrappers, Angelo Luzio 620A or 620C

<http://bodywrappers.com/details.php?id=703>

- Make Up – All dancers must wear the same make up. The Dance Connection will notify you of the proper make-up kit to purchase.
- Low Bun – Please make sure your bun does not have any bumps. A smooth circular bun looks professional and clean.
- Specific information on your dancer's required hairstyle will be released with costume information.

Tuition and fees

- Pricing for all competition dances includes costumes and entrance fees for 4 competitions.
- Extra fees apply for the 5th competition, nationals and World Dance Championship.
- Fees for the optional competition are as follows.
 - Solo - \$130
 - Duets/Trios - \$85 per dancer
 - Group Dances - \$60 per dancer
- Fees for Nationals are as follows.
 - Solo - \$180
 - Duets/Trios - \$90 per dancer
 - Group Dances - \$70 per dancer

At the Competitions

- No photography or video during the show or in the theater. We could be disqualified if you photograph or video. Ask a competition staff person if you have any questions about when or where it's appropriate to photograph.
- All dancers must dress appropriately for competitions. The attire guidelines are expected to be followed for the entire weekend that you are at the competition, whether your child has yet to perform or is done.
- When not in costume dancers should wear black leggings, their warm up jacket (zipped up) and black jazz shoes, Nikes, or hip-hop sneakers.
- All dancers should be presentable and well composed for the entire weekend, whether they are watching, warming up, practicing, or just hanging out.
- Dancetees are expected to arrive with make up and hair ready for their first dance.
- Dancetees wear black leggings and warm ups when travelling to the competition. Dancetees should carry their costume to competitions and should NOT wear their costume to the competition.
- We encourage dancers to watch their teammates perform either before or after their own performances.
- Please do not wear promotional attire from the competition company during the competition. However you can wear promotional clothing from the competition during class provided it's appropriate class-wear.
- Absolutely no temporary tattoos, stamps, or jewelry.
- Dancers that accept a special award, a golden ticket, or for go up on stage for any reason any must stand in 3rd or 5th position, hold the award in front of them and smile.
- Stay with your team! All dancetees are encouraged to stay together with each other.

Summer

- We know that summer vacation is important and being able to schedule in advance is necessary. When planning your vacation, the best time to go away is July after Nationals (last week of June or 1st week of July) and before World Dance Championships (usually the first week of August).
- We offer classes for our danceletes to take throughout the summer. Danceletes should be present for any and all classes they can, when they are home.



Competition Calendar 2019-2020

September 3rd – First Day of Fall Classes

September 9th 8:15pm – **Mandatory** Parent Meeting

September 29th – Last day to choose full year payment option (get 5% off, on top of other discounts)

October 7th - 12th – Bring a friend week #1 (*no guests in competition classes*)

October 21st - 26th – Observation week #1 (Everyone's invited, photos allowed)

October 28th-November 3rd – Halloween Week! (Wear your costume to dance class this week)

October 31st– Closed Halloween

November 1st – Deadline to let us know about Optional Competition and Nationals

November 28th – Dec 1st - Closed Thanksgiving break (There are classes Wed, November 27th)

December 7th 1:00 p.m. – *The Nutcracker*, Brook Arts Center, Bound Brook

December 8th 4:00 p.m. – *The Nutcracker*, Hillsborough High School

December 13th-15th – *The Nutcracker*, Kelsey Theater

December 21st – Holiday Party (All Dance Connection Families are invited.)

December 23rd – January 1st – Closed Winter Recess (Classes resume January 2nd)

(We may have some competition rehearsals during winter break)

January 14th – Last day to register for Swan Pond (This could be your first ballet adventure!)

January 13th – 18th Bring a friend week #2 (*no guests in competition classes*)

January 21st – Open Martin Luther King Day

January 25th – First day of Saturday Rehearsal for Competition Team

February 1st – Saturday Rehearsal

February 8th - Saturday Rehearsal

February 15th – Saturday Rehearsal

February 17th – Open Presidents Day

February 22nd – Saturday Rehearsal

February 29th Saturday Rehearsal

March 1st – New enrollment for 2019-2020 ends. (Last chance to register for that extra class!)

March 7th - Mandatory Saturday Competition rehearsal. (Dress rehearsal)

March 8th – Possible mandatory Dress Rehearsal for Solos, Duets, & Trios

March 13th-15th Competition #1! **Groove, Millstone, NJ (confirmed)**

March 21st – Mandatory Saturday Competition Rehearsal

March 27th - 29th Competition #2! **Royal Dance Competition, Pine Hill, NJ (Tentative)**

April 1st – No more makeups after this day . . . Recital preparations are under way.

April 4th – Saturday Competition Rehearsal

April 6th - 11th – CLOSED Spring Break (Hope you're dancing in beautiful places.)

April 17th - 19th – Competition #3! **Beyond the Stars, Somerset, NJ (Confirmed)**

April 24th - 26th - Competition #4! **(Optional) – Legacy Dance Championships, East Brunswick, NJ (Confirmed)**

May 8th - Recital tickets go on sale. (Tickets sold online)

May 4th - May 9th Observation week #2 (Who are your biggest fans?)

May 16th – Dancetele Awards Dinner

May 18th – Danceteles Award Dinner

May 24th-25th – Closed Memorial Day Weekend (We are **open** Fri 5/22 and Sat 5/23)

June 18th - 19th – Dress Rehearsal for Recital

June 20th – **Recital!**

June 25th - 27th Mandatory rehearsals for National.

June 28th – July 3rd – **Beyond The Stars Nationals**, Cape May, NJ

**Saturday rehearsal schedules will be posted in the beginning of January.*

Dance Connection contact during competition, you can reach us through the studio cell phone: (908) 829-1056.