

# Welcome Packet

2019 - 2020

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**The Dance Connection is a NUT FREE facility. For the safety of our students who have allergies, please refrain from consuming nut products at the studio.**

## How we roll...

This welcome packet contains everything you need. Please take a moment to read through it. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

### Email Communication

The Dance Connection sends all correspondences and bills via email. Please maintain a valid email address on your account. Make sure **move@danceconnectionnj.com** is on your safelist. The Dance Connection cannot be held responsible if an important email does not reach you due to an invalid email address or spam filter. We also recommend following us on Facebook and Instagram for more updates.

### Make Up Classes

Missed classes may be made up within one month of the absence in a class that is appropriate for your child's age and level. If you are unsure which class would be appropriate, please ask us. No make ups or guests will be allowed after April 1<sup>st</sup>, because of recital preparation.

### Lateness

Please be dressed and ready for class on time. Late students cause a distraction to the class and the teacher and create an unprofessional, unsafe atmosphere.

- No child will be allowed into a higher level ballet class (ballet 3 +) if they are more than **5 minutes late. This is a school policy and is not at the discretion of the teacher.**
- **Parents of younger dancers**, please make sure your child arrives on time, or early, for class. We can't stress enough how important this is to the harmony of the class and for your child's experience.

### Contact us

At The Dance Connection we are very good about getting back to you and communicating in a timely manner. If you need us please contact us at (908) 874-8800 or [Move@DanceConnectionNJ.com](mailto:Move@DanceConnectionNJ.com). If you have a sensitive matter that you would like to discuss with David you can email him directly at [David@DanceConnectionNJ.com](mailto:David@DanceConnectionNJ.com). Our teachers are amazing and they are consummate professionals so they won't share contact information or connect on social media.

## Class Attire

### Ballet Classes (Levels 1 - Advanced)

For dancers in Ballet 1 through Advanced: black leotard, pink tights and pink canvas ballet slippers. **No shorts, skirts, or jewelry allowed.** All hair must be secured in a bun with bobby pins or barrettes before class begins. If your child needs instruction on how to make a bun, please ask a staff member for help. For Boys, snug white t-shirt and black tights or spandex shorts, hair out of face.

### Jazz, Lyrical, Tap & Musical Theatre

Jazz pants and a snug shirt or tank top. Dance shorts, bra top or leotard and tights are acceptable too. Dance shorts may be worn over leotard and tights. No loose, baggy t-shirts and no t-shirts with frills please. Boys may wear snug fitting sweat pants or sport shorts. No pants with pockets, please. Hair out of the face.

- Jazz and musical theater classes should have jazz shoes.
- Lyrical dancers should have pirouettes.

- Tap dancers should have tap shoes.

### Broadway Star Combo

Same as Jazz requirement above, plus, black tap shoes with elastic or tap ties.

### Hip Hop, Hippity-Hop & Little Hop

Black dance sneakers or athletic sneakers that are not worn outside, jazz pants or sweats, and a snug shirt or tank top. No denim or corduroy, no loose, baggy t-shirts, and no t-shirts with frills please. Avoid pants with pockets, please. Hair out of the face.

### Princess Prodigy 1 & 2

Pink, Black, or Purple Leotard, Pink Tights, and Pink Ballet Shoes. Hair must be up and out of the face.

### Ballet/Tap Combo

Pink, Black, or Purple leotard, Pink Tights, and Pink Ballet Shoes & Black patent leather tap shoes with elastic or tap tie closure, available in the boutique. **Please do not use ribbons on your child's tap shoes**, as they are difficult for your child to fasten. Hair must be up and out of the face.

### Pre-Dance

Comfortable clothes. For girls, leotard and tights are optional. Bare feet for everyone (ballet slippers optional). Parents or caregivers should wear comfortable clothing as well.

## **Shoes**

IMPORTANT: Absolutely no outside shoes will be allowed on the studio floor. We have a special floor that's designed just for dance. This floor is much softer than a regular linoleum floor. Shoes worn outside can have dirt and pebbles on the soles that can permanently damage our floor.

Below is a list of brand and styles of shoes we recommend. Most shoe styles are available at the Dance Connection Boutique.

**Dance Sneakers:** DS11 Dance sneaker by Capezio.

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

**Ballet slippers:** Bloch Zenith S0282L in pink or Bunny Hop S0225G

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

<http://us.blochworld.com/product/S0225G>

**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>

## **The Dance Connection Boutique**

The Dance Connection Boutique has shoes, leotards, tights accessories and Dance Connection clothing. We have a large stock of items. Plus, if there's something we don't have, we can usually get it in a couple days. Ask us for more information.

## **Tuition and fees**

- Yearly tuition is divided into 10 monthly payments and is NOT based on the number of classes in a month. Because of this there is a full tuition charge for June.
- Required at registration is:
  - o First months tuition
  - o Registration fee
- **All families are billed automatically on the first of each month** and must keep a valid credit card on file.
- We accept the following credit cards (VISA, Master Card, Discover)
- **There is a \$20 late fee for late tuition payments.**
- There will be a \$50 fee for all returned checks.

- There are no refunds for missed classes. Missed classes may be made up within 1 month of the absence. If you are unsure which class would be appropriate, please ask us!
  - *Due to recital preparations, make-ups will not be allowed after April 1<sup>st</sup>*
- If you decide at any time to discontinue classes, you must do so in writing or via email.
- Refunds are only given at the discretion of The Dance Connection. If a refund is approved it will be prorated from the date we received notice of or your child's discontinuation.

30 min class	\$59/monthly
Competition team dance (costume and comp fees included)	\$89/monthly
45 min - 1 hour class	\$74/monthly
1¼ hours + class	\$99/monthly

**Costume Fee:** \$89/class due on December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Registration Fee:** \$35/student, \$50/family

Discounts

2 classes/family	10% off
3 classes/family	15% off
4 classes/family	20% off
5 classes/family	25% off
10 classes/family	30% off

**Full year payment:** Additional 5% off

*(Calculated after all other discounts have been applied) deadline October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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## **The Dance Connection** (908) 874-8800

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 2:30-8:00

Sat 9:30-1:00

Sun closed.

**Inspiring kids through dance**

### **Calendar 2019 - 2020**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – First Day of Classes!

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Nutcracker Auditions (Open to any child in Kindergarten and older. Contact us for more info)

**September 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** – Pre-Dance classes start this week for our toddlers.

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Last day to register to participate in The Nutcracker. (Don't miss out, it's an adventure!)

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to choose full year payment option (get additional 5% off, on top of any other discounts).



**October 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** – Bring your friends week (Bring your favorite peeps. Whoever brings the most peeps wins)

**October 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>** – Observation week #1 (Tag The Dance Connection on Social Media @DanceConnectionNJ.com)

**October 28<sup>th</sup>** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Halloween Week! (wear your costume to dance class this week)

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** – **Closed** Halloween (Happy trick or treating!)

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** — **Closed** Thanksgiving break (There are classes Wed, November 27<sup>th</sup>)

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – *The Nutcracker*, Brook Arts Center, Bound Brook

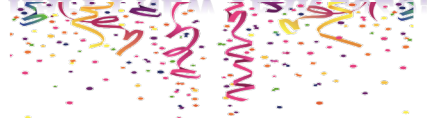
**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – *The Nutcracker*, Hillsborough High School

**December 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** – *The Nutcracker*, Kelsey Theater, West Windsor

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Holiday Party (All Dance Connection Families are invited)

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – January 1<sup>st</sup> – **Closed** Winter Recess (Classes resume Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!**



**January 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** – Fall session of Pre-Dance finishes (What's next graduates!)

**January 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** – Bring your friends week #2. (Bring 3 or 4 new friends! Share the joy of dance!)

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Swan Pond* Rehearsals begin (Just like *Swan Lake*... only smaller. For dancers age 5-3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to register for *Swan Pond*. (This could be your first ballet adventure!!)

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** – **Open** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Open** Presidents Day

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – New enrollment for 2019-2020 ends. (This is your last chance to register for that extra class.)

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** – No more make-ups after this day... Recital preparations are under way.

**April 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** – **Closed** Spring Break (hope you're dancing in beautiful places)

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Recital tickets go on sale. (tickets are sold online)

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>** – Observation week #2 (Who are your biggest fans?? Tag )

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Closed** Memorial Day (We are open Fri & Sat 5/22 & 23)



**June 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** – Dress Rehearsal for Recital

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – **Recital!**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - August 8<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Session Classes Start



All currently registered students receive a complimentary ticket to the Hillsborough Nutcracker. Ask in the office for your ticket code.