

Teachers

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National Convention News

The Dance Masters of America Convention will be held at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, California July 1-7. Fees for classes will be due April 1st. You are responsible for your own hotel and travel arrangements. Reservations 1-800-266-9432 Rooms are \$155.25 and includes all fees and taxes.

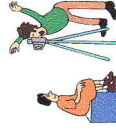
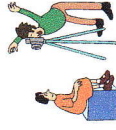
Competition Schedule

Star Talent..Feb 25-26 Taylorsville
White Lt.....Mar 3-4 Lincolnton
Marvonna.....April 14 Gastonia
Solo Entry Forms are available on the website
www.debbiehuffmandance.com.
Please fill them out completely and return with your entry fees by the deadline on your previous competition schedule.

Winter Workshop

Carolina Dance Masters will host a teachers workshop, Feb 4th in Graham, NC. Scholarship auditions will be held on Saturday. If interested in auditioning ask Ms. Debbie for more information. There is an audition fee.

The studio will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 4th since the teachers will be at the above workshop. Saturday students will be notified on what day to come that week to make up their class.



Picture Days

We will be taking group and individual pictures here at the studio March. 12-16 Mon./Tues./Wed. the photographer will be at the Valdese studio and Thurs./Fri. at the Hudson studio. Pictures orders will be taken at the studio Mar 19-21 or viewed online. A schedule will be posted at the studio in Feb. with times.

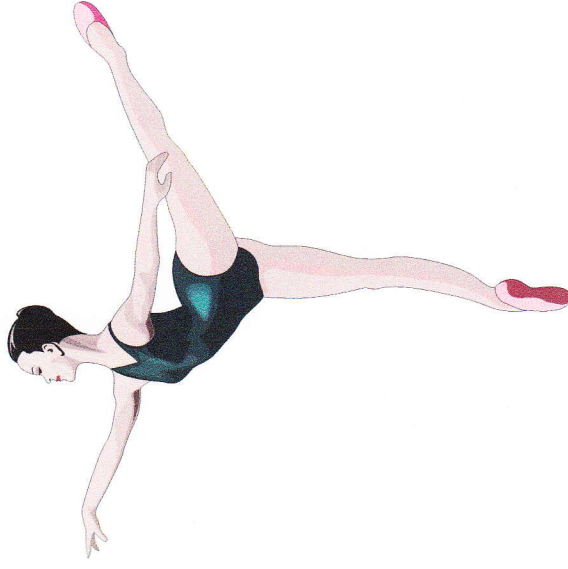
If it SNOWS call the studio 30 m before class to see if we are having class or check our webpage. We are NOT always closed when school is closed.

January Newsletter

Please Keep This for Future Reference!

Child's Name: _____

Student Number: _____



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Costumes

Costumes are beginning to arrive. Please make sure that you have caught up any past due tuition and paid your costume balance so that your child can take their costume home promptly. Take the costumes out of the bag and try it on. Then hang it up so it will not be wrinkled for pictures. Most pants will need to be cut off and hemmed and some costumes may need to be taken in, or straps, bows, etc. attached. Please make sure that every costume piece has your child's NAME on it. Found items with names on them can be returned.

Shoe Bows

If you child has the black tie tap shoes they will need to purchase shoe bows from their teacher. The teacher has made these to coordinate with the costume. Shoe bows are \$6 per pair. Do **NOT** include this on your tuition check. Cash only for shoe bows.

Any student who has tap shoes that tie MUST have elastic in them and dispose of the shoe strings. These strings come untied constantly during class. If the elastic is tightened properly you do not need the ties. If the elastic that is in your shoes is too loose tighten it.

Recital Tights

We are using the capezio brand tights for recital this year. Gym Dance & Cheer in Hickory do carry these. You will need carmel or pink. Please check with your child's teacher as to which color. Please do not wait until the last minute as the store may run out and have to restock. If you need them for pictures I suggest you get them now. Those students who take lyrical will need the transitional tights with the hole in the bottom of the foot.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 4th.....Teacher Workshop
Feb 25-26.....Star Talent
Mar 3-4.....White Lightning
Mar. 12-16.....Picture Days
Mar 19-21.....Order Pictures
April 8-14.....Easter Break
April 14-15.....Marvonna
(**Note change for Easter Break**)
May 18.....Dress Rehearsal 4pm
May 19.....Older Recital 12noon
 Younger Recital 4pm
May 28-June 7.....Competition
 Camps
June 11-28.....Princess Camp
 Hippity Hop Jazz Camp

Please note the above holidays.

We are NOT closed for any of the other holidays or teacher workdays that your child's school may observe.

Remember during the month of May your child will have class twice each week. You will be informed in April as to what other day/time they come.