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Dancin J's Newsletter

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Important Dates:

Oct 31
modified
schedule TBD

Nov 24-27
Thanksgiving
break

Dec. 10 @ 2pm
Woodhaven
Care Center

Dec. 24-Jan. 1
Christmas/New
Year's break

May 6 @ 1pm
Recital Opening
Practice at
Norwin High
School

May 28
Closed for
Memorial Day

May 29
Norwin School
Picnic-Modified
Schedule

June 15 @7pm
Dress Rehearsal

June 16 @ 3pm
Recital

Welcome to our 9th season!!

I'd like to take the time to welcome you all to Dancin J's Studio's 9th season! It is hard to believe another year is beginning. To those of you returning, welcome back! To those of you who are new to the Dancin J Family, you are in for a fun filled year of dancing!

Recital & Costumes

Our annual recital will take place on **June 16, 2012** at Norwin High School. Please mark your calendar and plan vacations accordingly. More information will be distributed about the 2012 show at a later date. I try to get all costumes ordered before Christmas break so we will have enough time if alterations or exchanges are needed. Once costumes are ordered, **they cannot be returned**. So parents, please discuss things with your child and be sure he or she wants to perform in the recital before costumes are ordered. These costume companies are very strict and will not refund your money! Keep in mind the recital is totally optional, but I need to know early whether your child wants to participate or not.

When selecting costumes, I like to look for affordability. For most students under age 8, I look for 'kit' costumes. A kit costume is one with a leotard and multiple accessories. For example, if your child takes ballet and tap, the kit will have one leotard for both routines, a tutu for ballet, and perhaps a fringe skirt for tap. These kits usually cost anywhere between \$40 and \$60. The older students, especially the competition groups, will have multiple costumes. However, these students will get lots of use out of each costume. Sometimes, we will use the same costume two years in a row. When costumes are ordered I will need to pay for them in full. However, I only ask that you pay a **\$25 non-refundable deposit by December 17** for each class your child takes unless the costumes end up costing less than the amount for each class. For instance, if your child is enrolled in ballet, tap, and jazz, the deposit would be \$75. But, if the total of the costume(s) ends up being \$50, then you will only need to deposit \$50. All balances for costumes will be due by the time the costumes arrive. You **will not** receive your costume until the balance is paid. More information will be distributed when it is time to order costumes. (*Intro to Dance students will only need 1 costume, therefore the deposit is for 1 class.*)

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are always being done throughout the year. This is a great way to make some extra money to help pay for classes, costumes, competition fees, etc. I encourage all of you to fund raise! I have had students who've raised enough money to pay for all dance classes and costumes for the entire year! Any funds raised go directly to you, the dancer. Fundraisers are not done to benefit the studio, but to benefit the individual dancer participating. A few of the moms have been working on putting together fundraisers throughout the dance season. The first one is our monthly hoagie sale. Please note, all fundraising payments will go directly to the person in charge of each fundraiser, not the studio.

Dress Code

We do not have a strict dress code, however you must properly dress like a dancer. This means, girls, **NO** shorts, pants, or big shirts for ballet. Any color leotard and tights are permitted. Many students like to wear ballet skirts as well. For boys, you may wear tank tops and either shorts or sweat pants. Some students like to put on shorts or jazz pants over top of their leotards for tap and jazz. For hip hop, students may wear tank tops and either shorts or pants. **Absolutely NO jeans or jean shorts are allowed for any form of dance.** Only stretchy pants such as lycra or spandex are allowed. Jeans restrict the dancer from movement. During the winter months it tends to get a little chilly. Sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn to warm up in. But, I assure you, you will not need them for the entire class. **Hair must be pulled back and out of face at all times!** Also, please refrain from wearing big earrings and bracelets/necklaces that could easily get caught on things. I have seen people get bracelets caught on clothing. This is not safe! **NO GUM** chewing allowed in class either! We do not need to have any choking issues during dance class. Hip Hop students may wear regular sneakers to class, however, please keep them separate from the shoes you wear outside. We tend to get messes of mud/snow/etc brought into the studio when street shoes are worn for dance.



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Building Blurb

With our growing enrollment, & sharing the building with other businesses, we understand parking can be tough at times. It is nice to have a parking lot, however, it can fill up quickly. Please know that you may park on any of the surrounding streets, as well as the gravel patch near our mailboxes. Once the daycare closes, the 5-min parking can also be used. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Cell phones **MUST** be turned off or on silent during class! Cell phone use has gotten out of hand in the past. No student is permitted to use their phone to make/take calls or text during dance class. If anyone needs to get in touch with you during class, they may call the studio line.

In Closing

I hope you will find your experience at Dancin J's Studio very enjoyable. Every student has a talent. Some may need to work harder than others, but each and every one of you is good at something. I am here to help you show off your talent of dance to others. You all have potential! Don't ever give up, and you **WILL** go far! It is a pleasure working with all of you. Please, don't ever hesitate to come to me with any questions. You can also visit our website for information, www.dancinjsstudio.com.

Thank you all for being part of Dancin J's Studio!
Sincerely,

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