

2018-2019 Welcome Packet



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Dance & All That Jazz Culture:

Dance & All That Jazz is committed to providing high-quality dance classes to enhance the overall development of the dancer. We provide a fun, positive, and encouraging environment while the student explores the different styles of dance. The students will learn confidence, coordination, discipline, as well as, exploring their own creative movement. All instructors have been chosen because of their passion for dance and teaching. Dance & All That Jazz Instructors hold themselves to high standards, striving to continue their dance education through schooling, learning opportunities, and dance experiences in the community.

Dance & All That Jazz Studio Policies:

- Be on time for dance class
- No gum during class
- Cell phones must be on silent and put in cubbies. No cell phones allowed on the dance floor.
- Proper attire is expected in all classes throughout, check our dress code online.**
- No jewelry (rings, bracelets, necklaces) Stud earrings are ok.
- Dance shoes must be worn ONLY in the dance studio. Please come in different shoes and change into dance shoes at the studio.
- Please put your initials in your dance shoes/dancewear and keep in a dance bag.
- Students may keep a closed water bottle on the dance floor. All water cups need to stay in the viewing area. No colored liquids in the studio.
- No proration for late sign up, classes may be made up within the session.
- No eating in the studio. Students are allowed to eat non-messy/healthy snacks if they have multiple classes in a row.
- Be respectful to the dancers and teacher, no talking while classes are in session.

Viewing Area:

Due to space limitation, we encourage you to drop off students and pick them up after class. Parents/guardians of dancers are welcome to be seated in the dance studio viewing area. Please be respectful while class is in session and keep voices down. Do not talk on cell phones, please silence. Please step outside if you need to answer your phone or have a conversation. If siblings/younger children are waiting in the viewing room, please make sure they are not disrupting the class in session. Please do not instruct or discipline your children while they are in class. We do not encourage videotaping, please keep to a minimum. Anyone that has to go to the bathroom, please go before or wait until after the class is over.

Dress Code:

Dress code is enforced every week. We have all dance merchandise available for purchase. Studio tights and certain dance shoes are required for being part of the studio. It is very important for dancers to follow dress code. A dress code ensures that the instructors will be able to see a dancer's alignment and positioning. It will also teach students discipline, helping with overall focus and gives the class a unified look. Please come to the studio prepared for dance class. Please talk with your instructor if you are allowed to wear a zip up jacket or pants to warm up in at the beginning of class.

Medical Information:

Parents must notify the studio and instructor regarding children who use an inhaler or who may require medications during their time at Dance & All That Jazz Studio.

It is also important to inform the director about your child's existing medical conditions or learning disabilities at the time of registration and throughout the school year. Our teachers are trained professionals who are excited to work with all children and personalities, and the more we know about your child, the better the dance experience will be for all involved. All information about our students is confidential.

Stay Informed:

Dance & All That Jazz has many ways of staying in communication with our parents and students.

-Please make sure you give us your primary email for all communication about classes throughout the year and be on the lookout for studio emails. If you email address changes, please notify the studio.

-Please add yourself to our text reminders.

-Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat for updates and information

-Check our TV during classes for reminders.

Bad Weather:

We will notify all parents and students via emails, text reminders, and social media if the studio will be closed due to bad weather. There are a couple tentative makeup days in December; otherwise makeup classes can be done in other classes during the session.

Absences and Makeup Classes:

Any students that are absent from class are encouraged to do a makeup class. Students can make up in any style. **All makeup classes have to be made up within the same session.** Ask instructors for makeup class recommendations.

Lost and Found:

-Please mark all shoes/dance bags with names or initials so we know whom they belong to. The studio is not responsible for lost items. Please ask if you have left something behind.

Student Expectations:

-Please remember to be on time for class. It is very disruptive when students are walking into class late and we want to make sure the students are properly warmed up. If you are late, warming up for class is the student's responsibility. We do not want any injuries.

-A correction during class from an instructor is an honor; it shows you how much a teacher cares about your progress as a dancer.

- Disrespect will not be tolerated in the classroom and outside of the classroom. All dancers are expected to respect each other along with all Dance & All That Jazz Studio Staff.

-If in any way you feel mistreated by other students, please let your instructor and Brittany know immediately.

Parent/Guardian Expectations:

- Disrespect will not be tolerated in the studio. All parents are expected to respect each other along with all Dance & All That Jazz Studio Staff.
- Please do not instruct or discipline your children while they are in class.
- If in any way your child feels mistreated by other students, please let their instructor and Brittany know immediately.

Dance Sessions:

The dance year starts in August. There are four sessions throughout the year. Sessions are 8-9 weeks long. There is a summer session starting at the beginning of June after our Annual Performance in May. Dancers must join by the end of 2nd session (Dec. 19th) to be in the Annual Dance Performance in May. Commitment letters to be part of our show will go out in November. Starting 3rd session, student cannot miss more than 3 classes per class enrolled in. For example, if a student is taking a ballet class and a jazz class, they can miss up to 3 classes in ballet and up to 3 classes in jazz.

- Please remember if you sign up a student for class, you have reserved a spot in the class and therefore, there will be no refunds. Please take a couple of minutes and review our studio policies and FAQs on our website. Danceandallthatjazz.com

Payment, Studio Closings, and Dance Session Calendar:

- There is a one time per year, (per family) registration processing charge of \$15.
- We prefer payment in cash or check, however, Visa, Mastercard, Discover is accepted. \$15 late fee will be applied after due dates. There is a \$35 fee for any returned checks. If you are in need of payment help, please contact Brittany at 847-947-8464.

Dance & All That Jazz Calendar 2018-2019	
Session 1	August 16 th through October 10 th
*Closed	September 3 rd -Labor Day*Makeup Nov. 29 th
Session 2	October 11 th through December 19 th *Payment due October 4th Commitment letters & costume fee due by Nov 20th
*Closed	October 31 st -Halloween*Makeup Nov. 20 th November 21 st -25 th -Thanksgiving Break December 23 rd -January 6 th -Holiday Break
Session 3	December 20 th through March 6 th *Payment due December 13th No more than 3 missed classes until end of year beginning Jan 10th-May15th .
*Closed	No Closures
Session 4	March 7 th through May 15 th *Payment due February 28th
*Closed	March 25 th through March 31 st -Spring Break May 15 th -Show Preparation
Dress Rehearsal & Performance	May 17 th Dress Rehearsal Wheeling High School May 18 th & 19 th Performance Wheeling High School