

Fall Newsletter

FOR THE 2019-2020 DANCE YEAR

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Lots of important
information!

WELCOME! We are so excited to be starting a brand new dance year with all our new and returning students! We hope you will enjoy your experience at Barton & Williams and we look forward to watching your progress this year.

NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR: This year is a big change for us as we follow the new Stafford County School calendar! We appreciate your cooperation as we all adjust to the new “normal!” Please see below for all important dates to include holidays & recital!

PARKING LOT SAFETY: PLEASE REVIEW!! KEEP OUR DANCERS SAFE!!

- **NO STOPPING AT ANY TIME BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS FOR ANY REASON**
- Pull straight through buildings and all the way around our studio to drop off at THE FRONT DOOR ONLY
- Please do not have your dancers meet you outside unless you are right in front of the front door
- If your dancer doesn't come right out, please circle the building again to allow others to exit
- For safety, please yield to incoming cars as you exit/circle building
- For traffic flow please do not parallel park on the side or behind the building and don't block the exit to Neibaur's lot
- If possible, avoid parking behind Stafford Smiles during their business hours
- **ABSOLUTELY NO STOPPING OR PARKING IN FRONT OF THE STAFFORD SMILES BUILDING**
- Studio closes at 9:30pm Monday – Friday and at 4:30PM on Saturdays – Please do not be late to pick up your dancer!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:

- B&W will be open Thurs. Oct. 31 for daytime (9:30-3:30) classes only, but CLOSED after 4pm on 10/31. Happy Halloween!
- Staff and Dancers Dress Up for Halloween the Week of October 24-30 (after school classes) and Oct. 31 (for Creative Movement classes only).
- The last portion of class this week will be spent on our fun games and the B&W traditional dance/song “Witches Brew”
- Anyone objecting to the celebration of Halloween is welcome to miss class this week and schedule a makeup in November.

WEATHER CLOSINGS:

- Follow us on Facebook (Barton & Williams School of Dance, Ltd.) & Instagram (@bartonandwilliams) for the fastest updates.
- You can also call the studio (540) 720-1801 for information about weather closings.
- We do NOT always follow Stafford County Schools for closings, so please check before heading out.

COSTUME INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS.

- You may want to start making costume payment installments now. All recital costumes need to be paid in full by December 1.
- No costume can be ordered until it is paid for!
- Costumes paid for & ordered late incur extra shipping and handling fees from the various costume companies.
 - Extra shipping fees can be as high as \$10-\$25 **per costume**, **IN ADDITION** to the \$15 late fee and are YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Ordering late also means your child's costume won't arrive with the rest of the class.

ALL DANCERS SHOULD COME TO CLASS WITH PROPER DANCE ATTIRE, SHOES, AND HAIR SECURED.

- Ballet students must have a neat, gelled bun and wear pink tights and a black leotard.
- Ballet shoes should have the ties tucked into shoes and elastic sewn onto shoes.
- Preballet, Dance Combination and Creative Movement students wear pink tights and a pink leotard.
 - *For younger tap students, Velcro shoes are preferred. Don't buy the shoes large to “grow into” as it makes it hard to tap correctly with the shoes slipping off their heels.*
- No specific colors for tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, or tumbling. No bulky cover-ups during class.
- **STUDENTS MUST BE PROPERLY COVERED UP AS THEY ENTER & EXIT THE STUDIO – PLEASE DON'T ALLOW YOUR DANCER TO COME AND GO IN JUST A LEOTARD AND TIGHTS!**
- **PLEASE HELP AVOID CLASS INTERRUPTIONS!** All students should get a drink and go to the bathroom BEFORE class!

PARENT WATCH DAYS: Please note that Parent Watch Days are not a performance - but gives parents the opportunity to watch their child's regular dance class and observe the class structure and their child's progress in class. See dates for individual classes below.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

Aug. 30-Sept. 2.Closed for Labor Day Weekend, Fri. August 30 – Monday September 2 (Open Tuesday Sept. 3)
Sept.Five year olds start tap the first class in September. Please get tap shoes—NOT loose fitting!!
Sept. 23 & 26.....Parent Watch Days for Ms. Jan's classes.
Oct. 21-23.....Parent Watch Days for Ms. Jenn (10/21), Mr. Chris (10/22), and Mr. Nathan (10/23).
Oct. 24-30.....Dress up for Halloween at the studio all week. Games and treats.
Oct. 31Open for 9:30-3:30 classes – these classes dress up 10/31 (not 10/24)! Studio is **CLOSED after 4pm 10/31.**
Nov. 8.....Parent Watch Day for Ms. Alex's Friday 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 classes.
Nov. 11-16Parent Watch Days for the following: Ms. Kristy's Monday and Thursday classes, Ms. Kelly's Tues. 4:30 class, Ms. Wendy's Tues. and Weds. classes, Ms. Trish's Weds/Thurs/Fri/Sat. classes, and Ms. Amanda's Saturday 1:30 & 2:30 classes.
Nov. 19 - 22.....Parent Watch Days: Ms. Brandi's Tue. & Thur. classes, Ms. Amanda's Weds. classes, and Ms. Kelly's Fri. 4:30/5:30/6:30 classes.
Nov. 27-Dec. 1Closed for Thanksgiving. Open Monday Dec. 2.
Dec. 1Recital costume fee is due--\$65 per class for 7 years & under, \$70 per class for 8+ years. **THERE'S A \$15 LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER DEC. 10!** You can pay ahead anytime, and may drop payments off through the front door mail slot if studio is closed.
Dec. 11-14.....Parent Watch Days: Ms. Katie's classes, Ms. Kaelyn's classes, and Ms. Teresa's Thurs. classes, Fri. 2:15 class, & Sat. 1:30 class.
Dec. 18 & 19Parent Watch Day for Ms. Jenna's classes.
Dec. 21-Jan. 4.....Closed for Christmas/Winter Holiday. Company & Tap Troupe dancers will have rehearsals Saturday Jan. 4 and Sunday Jan. 5.
January 6, 2020Classes resume normal schedule (Stafford County schools still closed this day; but we are dancing!!)
March 13-22Closed for Spring Break. Open Monday March 23. Company dancers will have recital rehearsals on Sunday 3/22.
April 1\$70 recital production fee is due. Add \$30 for each dancing sibling/parent.
April 10-13Closed for Friday – Monday for Easter/Spring Holiday. Open Tuesday April 14.
May 2-3Recital Pictures at HH Poole MS, Stafford with Patti Buttram (location subject to change).
May 11Registration for SUMMER DANCE begins! Summer session runs June 22 – July 24. (Registration date subject to change).
May 16In-studio Dress Rehearsal (here at the dance studio).
May 25Closed for Memorial Day Monday 5/25. (Please note we are open Friday 5/22 and Saturday 5/23).
June 3Last Day of regular classes.
June 4Tech Rehearsal AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL (550 Courthouse Road, Stafford).
June 5Dress Rehearsal AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL.
June 6 & 7RECITALS AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL.
June 22 – July 24.....SUMMER DANCE 2020! Registration begins Mid-May. Summer dance is a five week abbreviated session.
July 18.....FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR! (Date subject to change)
August 10.....FALL 2020 classes begin!

HERE'S TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!