

# Fall Newsletter

FOR THE 2020-2021 DANCE YEAR

Please magnet to your refrigerator or take a picture to keep in your phone!!  
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. As always thank you for your flexibility in these ever changing times.

**NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR:** This year is a big change for us as we follow the ever-changing Stafford County School calendar! We appreciate your cooperation as we all change and adapt to the current situation. Please see below for all important dates to include holidays & recital!

**COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:** If you have not signed the covid waiver please ask for a copy at the front desk. Please stay home if your dancer or anyone they have been in contact with has a cough, fever, or shortness of breath. The lobby is closed until further notice, please call or email us for assistance 540-720-1801 or bwdance@verizon.net. Always practice social distancing inside the studio and in the parking lot.

**NEW CLASS TIMES:** Our Musical Theatre class is now open to 7 years and up and has moved to Mondays at 9:30am. The 5-7 year old Hip Hop class has moved to Mon. 10:30am. Be on the lookout for new class times due to anticipated elementary schedule changes. Contact the front desk if you are interested.

**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 for classes in Room B and the BACK STEPS for classes in Room C.
- Do not have your dancer enter the building until the previous class has exited. Wait for the teacher/desk staff to wave them in. They can stay in the car or wait on the 6 foot distanced yellow circles in the spot by the front door or on the stones by the steps in the back.
- 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 7:30PM on Saturdays – Please do not be late to pick up your dancer!

**HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:**

- B&W will be open Sat. Oct. 31 for the 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 & 1:30 classes only, but CLOSES at 2:30pm on 10/31. Happy Halloween!
- Staff and Dancers Dress Up for Halloween: Saturday 10/24 will be dress up day for the 2:30-7:30pm Saturday classes and all other classes will dress up during their regular class time Oct. 25-31. (10/31 will be all classes through and including the 1:30 classes; we close at 2:30pm 10/31).
- The last portion of class this week will be spent on our fun games and the B&W traditional dance/song "Witches Brew" in each individual class.
- Anyone objecting to the celebration of Halloween is welcome to miss class this week and schedule a makeup in November (please contact the front desk first, space to make up in classes is very limited).

**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 and will also arrive after the rest of the class. Extra shipping fees can be as high as \$10-\$25 **per costume, IN ADDITION** to the \$15 late fee and are YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

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

- Don't forget your water bottle! We are unable to provide the water fountain in the lobby at this time.
- To reduce traffic in the halls and bathrooms, students should not be changing clothes between classes (ex. from ballet to jazz). If your dancer would like to bring a shirt, shorts etc. wear over their ballet attire, they can bring something they can put on while remaining in the classroom.
- Ballet and Pointe 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.
  - o 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 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 hip hop. 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! If your dancer does go to the bathroom during class, please make sure they know to tell the front desk so it can be sanitized after each use.

**FOOD IN THE DANCE STUDIOS:** Dancers should make every attempt to have snacks before or after class, especially since now the dancers do not wait in the lobby in between classes. If dancers have 3 or more classes in a row, please limit snacks to fruit, string cheese etc. No crackers, cookies, popcorn, nuts etc. due to the mess that dancers are leaving behind and the allergy issues some students have.

**PARENT WATCH DAYS:** Unfortunately we are unable to schedule Parent Watch Days at this time. If Covid restrictions are different in the spring, we may schedule Parent Watch Days at that time.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Oct..... Five year olds started tap the first class in October. Please get tap shoes—NOT loose fitting!!
- Oct. 24-31..... Dress up for Halloween at the studio all week. Games and treats.
- Oct. 31..... Open for 9:30-up to and including the 1:30 classes – these classes dress up 10/31 (not 10/24)! Studio is **CLOSED after 2:30pm 10/31.** Classes that begin 2:30 or later on 10/31 will dress up on 10/24.
- Nov. 25-29 ..... Closed for Thanksgiving. Open Monday November 30.
- Dec. 1 ..... Recital 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. 20-Jan. 2..... Closed for Christmas/Winter Holiday. We are OPEN Sun. Jan 3.
- March 14-20..... Closed for Spring Break. Open Sunday March 21 for classes and rehearsals.
- April 1 ..... \$75 recital production fee is due. Add \$35 for each dancing sibling/parent.
- April 2-5 ..... Closed for Friday – Monday for Easter/Spring Holiday. Open Tuesday April 6.
- May 22-23 ..... Recital Pictures at HH Poole MS, Stafford with Patti Buttram (location subject to change).
- May 31 ..... Closed for Memorial Day Monday 5/31. (Please note we are open Friday 5/29, Saturday 5/29, and Sunday 5/30).
- June 5 ..... In-studio Dress Rehearsal (here at the dance studio).
- June 16 ..... Last Day of regular classes.
- June 17 ..... Tech Rehearsal AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL (550 Courthouse Road, Stafford).
- June 18 ..... Dress Rehearsal AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL.
- June 19-20 ..... RECITALS AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL (VENUE SUBJECT TO CHANGE).

**HERE'S TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!**