

# BARTON & WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF DANCE, LTD.

## **Fall Newsletter** FOR THE 2017-2018 DANCE YEAR

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your refrigerator!!!  
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.

**PARKING LOT SAFETY:** Please do not stop to drop off dancers to the right of the building after you pull in. This blocks the cars behind you and may leave cars stranded with their back end hanging out onto Rt. 610 and could be very dangerous. Instead, please pull straight through between the two buildings and circle around back of B&W until you stop in front of the front door. Have your dancer walk safely in front of your car and then yield to incoming cars before you exit the lot. When picking up your dancer, please do not wait in front of the studio if your dancer doesn't come right out - circle around the building to allow others to pick up their dancers that are ready to leave. This will help all cars exit the parking lot faster. Please do not parallel park along the back or side of the studio, and don't park in front of the opening to Neibhauer's lot—this is an additional way to exit our lot, NOT parking spaces. Do not park in Neibhauer dentist lot during their business hours and avoid if possible parking behind Stafford Smiles during their business hours. **NO STOPPING OR PARKING** in front of Stafford Smiles. Parents of dancers in 8:30pm classes need to be at the studio **NO LATER THAN** 9:25pm to pick up dancers. **STUDIO LOBBY CLOSSES AT 4:30 ON SATURDAYS.**

**HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:** PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT ALL DANCERS AND STAFF WILL BE DRESSING UP FOR HALLOWEEN THE WEEK OF TUE, 10/24 THROUGH MON, 10/30. Anyone who objects to the celebration of Halloween is welcome to miss class the week we will be dressing up and can then schedule a make-up class within the following 4 weeks. Also, many of us will be playing the fun and silly song "Witches Brew" the last 3 minutes of class the month of Oct. If anyone has an objection to this, just let your child's teacher know and she will let your child out of class the 3 minutes early. **WE WILL BE CLOSED, ON TUESDAY OCT. 31.**

**WEATHER CLOSINGS:** The fastest and most up-to-date way to get information about weather closings (and other important info) is to follow us on Facebook. Just search Barton & Williams School of Dance, Ltd. You may also call the studio at 540-720-1801 for weather updates. We do NOT always follow Stafford County Schools so please check before heading out!

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

- Oct.....Five year olds started tap the first week in Oct. Please get tap shoes—NOT loose fitting!!
- Oct. 16 & 19.....Parent Watch Days for Ms. Jan's classes.
- Oct. 24-30 .....Dress up for Halloween at the studio all week. Games and treats. Studio is **CLOSED Tues. 10/31.**
- Nov. 8-9.....Parent Watch Days for Ms. Megan's classes and Ms. Jenn's Wednesday classes
- Nov. 13-18.....Parent Watch Days for the following classes: Mr. Chris, Mr. Nathan, Ms. Trish, Ms. Alex, Ms. Jenn's Monday classes, and Ms. Kelly's Friday 4:30 and 5:30 classes
- Nov. 21.....Parent Watch Day for Ms. Kelly's Tuesday 4:30 class
- Nov. 22-26 .....Closed for Thanksgiving.
- Dec. 1 .....Recital costume fee is due--\$65 per class for 7 year olds & under, \$70 per class for 8+ year olds.  
**THERE IS A \$15 LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER DEC. 10!!** You may drop your payment off through the front door mail slot at any time if the studio is closed. You can pay ahead any time.
- Dec. 5-9 .....Parent Watch Days for the following classes: Ms. Brandi, Ms. Wendy, Ms. Katie, Ms. Melanie, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Anne, Ms. Amanda, and Ms. Amy's tumbling class
- Dec. 11-16.....Parent Watch Days for Ms. Kristy's classes and Ms. Teresa's Thursday and Saturday classes
- Dec. 21-Jan. 2 ....Closed for Christmas/Winter Holiday. Open Wednesday January 3.
- April 1 .....\$65 recital production fee is due. Add \$30 for each dancing sibling/parent.
- Mar. 30-Apr. 5 ...Closed for Spring Break. Open Friday April 6.
- May 28 .....Closed for Memorial Day.
- June 2-3 .....Recital Pictures at HH Poole MS, Stafford with Patti Buttram (location subject to change).
- June 9 .....In-studio Dress Rehearsal (here at the dance studio).
- June 21 .....Tech Rehearsal AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL (550 Courthouse Road, Stafford).
- June 22 .....Dress Rehearsal AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL.
- June 23 & 24.....RECITALS AT COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL.

**PARENT WATCH DAYS:** Please note that Parent Watch Days are not a performance. Parent's Day gives parents the opportunity to watch their child's regular dance class and observe the class structure and their child's progress in the class.

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

Ballet students must have a neat, gelled bun. 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. Ballet students wear pink tights and a black leotard. No specific colors for tap and jazz. No bulky cover-ups. Younger tap students need Velcro shoes or elastic sewn through the loops of their shoes or elastic tap ties so they can slip them on and off with no tying. **DANCE SHOES SHOULD BE BOUGHT TO FIT, NOT BIG TO "GROW INTO!"** Dance shoes that slip around on the feet are very difficult to dance in. **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 as this is such a distraction. Thank you!!

**COSTUME INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS.** Those of you with several costumes to buy may want to start making payments on them in Oct. so it is not such a strain at Christmas time. Please remember that no costume can be ordered until it is paid for. When you pay late and your child's costume is not ordered with the bulk order, you incur extra shipping and handling fees from the various costume companies. These can be as high as \$10-\$25 **per costume**, **IN ADDITION** to the \$15 late fee. You also want your child's costume to arrive with their classmates' costumes.

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