



STUDIO POLICIES

Absences: Attendance is very important and instrumental to the development of your child's skills. If a student is not able to attend, we ask that you please email the office or text Lisa, Kathi, or Chris to report his/her absence. There are no refunds for missed classes.

Forms: Please remember to turn in your student information/waiver form, Lindsay Law form, and credit card authorization form.

Tuition Due Date: Tuition is always due the first week of the month. A 10% late fee will be applied to all tuition on the 16th. **If you would like to set up credit card automatic payment, please email the office and Lisa will email you the form. We need a new authorization form each year.** There are no deductions or credits for missed classes. Withdrawals must be made before the first class of the each month or you will be billed for the entire **month**.

Parent Observation: We will be staggering the parent observation weeks between gymnastics and dance this year. When it is your child's observation week, you may sit in the classroom/gym and watch your child's classes. Parent observation for all kinderdance, ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and pointe classes will be held the last week of the month in October, December, February and April. Observation for all kinder-cise, open gymnastics, cheernastics, and competitive team classes will be the first week of the month in November, January, March, and May.

Parent Observation for dance classes will be October 24 - October 30
Parent Observation for the gym will be November 1 - November 7

Practice Music and Materials: Cecchetti ballet & tap music can be sent to you via Dropbox. Contact the office if you are interested in receiving music. Cecchetti syllabus books are available for purchase at the office. Ballet coloring book/ workbooks used in class can be purchased for \$5.00. Your instructor will inform you if you need to purchase any of the above items.

Website: Please check the website regularly. We will try to keep all new forms and papers updated on the website for you. We are in the process of creating a new website. Be patient with us.

Forms of Payment: We accept cash, checks, and MasterCard, Visa and Discover. If you are interested, we can set up automatic charge of your tuition each month on your card. Email Lisa if you would like a credit card form. Please put payments in the tuition box on the counter in the front waiting room or in drop box on front of building.

Halloween: We will be closed on Halloween, October 31. Please have a fun and safe evening trick or treating with your family. This is a scheduled day off in our yearly schedule.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 14 - Popcorn Fundraiser Due
- Oct. 15 - Ballet Day at Above the Barre
- Oct. 21 - Christmas Show form due
- Oct. 21 - Pumpkin Painting Fundraiser
- Nov. 1 - ODM College Scholar. Due
- Nov. 10-12 - Cecchetti Exams, KDGC
- Nov. 12 - Tap Line Tryouts
- Nov. 15 - Christmas show tkts. on sale
- Nov. 17-19 - ODM Newark Convention
- Nov. 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break

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OHIO DANCE MASTERS AND CECCHETTI COUNCIL

Ohio Dance Masters and the Cecchetti Council Tuition Scholarships: The deadline for the Ohio Dance Masters College Tuition Scholarship is November 1st. In order to be eligible, you must be a current high school senior, or current college student. First place is awarded \$1,000, second place is \$500 and three remaining finalists will receive \$100. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please go to dma-chap16.com/college-scholarship for the application and requirements. Participation in ODM workshops is advisable. Previous recipients from KDGC include Kaila Frisone, Lauren Owens, Morgan Wardle and Alyssa Swank. This scholarship is heavily

awarded on academics and community service. Dance is a very small percentage of the score. Don't miss an opportunity for scholarship monies.

The CCA of Ohio also offers a College tuition scholarship for high school seniors and college students. The deadline for this scholarship is also January 10th. Students must submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a video of a self choreographed piece. Finalists will go through an interview at the Ballet Day held here in February. \$2,250 in scholarship money will be given.

If you are interested, please talk to Kathi or get forms from the office.

“MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET” BENEFIT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We have scheduled our annual Christmas benefit performances of “Miracle on 34th Street” at Springfield Local High School. This year rehearsals will be held on Saturday, December 9th and our shows will be on Sunday, December 10th. You will find a sign up sheet at the back of this newsletter. We are asking that you let us know by October 21st if your child will be performing in the shows.

If you know of a family in need, going through an illness, that has had a sudden loss, or an organization to benefit from our performances, please email Lisa at officekdgc@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISERS

We are going to be offering many different fundraisers during the year. Please understand that it is not mandatory to participate in any of the fundraisers, but it is a way for you to defer some of the expense of dance and/or gymnastics. If you have an idea for any fundraisers, please email Lisa at the office email.

Remember that popcorn fundraisers need to be turned in by Saturday, October 14th. You may turn in at the counter, in the tuition box or put it in an envelope and put it in the drop box on the front of the building.

We are working on setting up a cookie dough fundraiser for this fall as well.

Last year we never received information from the florist that we had been using for our poinsettia fundraiser. We are working on finding a new greenhouse that is local to do this for us.



UPCOMING DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

ODM November Convention will be held in Newark at Cherry Valley Lodge the weekend of November 17-19. Senior, Pre-Senior, Teen, and Junior line parents have been emailed information regarding registration for this workshop/scholarship audition weekend.

Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day— Fall Ballet Day will be held at Above the Barre on Sunday, October 15. If you did not register before the deadline, you may still attend if you are interested. You can register at the door for any and all of the classes.

Cecchetti Exams will be held the weekend of November 10-12 here at Kathi's Dance & Gym Center. Small Groups are underway and as soon as we have the exam schedule we will get that out to you.

Tap Line Tryouts - We will holding tryouts for tap lines on Sunday, November 12. These tryouts are for those tappers in the Teen, Pre-Senior, and Senior tap classes.

Dinner Theater—Planning is already underway for the 2024 dinner theater at Fairview Arts and Outreach Center in Struthers. Our Winter Gala will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024. More information will be coming out soon.

Dance Shoes Available at Kathi's - We have a limited selection of tap, jazz and ballet shoes that you may purchase at closeout prices. If you are interested in what we have, stop at the counter or email the office.



FITNESS CLASSES AT KDGC

PILATES REFORMER
Pilates classes are offered as one hour private classes or semi-private sessions. Kathi is Stott certified and offers classes weekdays before 2:00 p.m. Feel free to call the office if you are interested in scheduling a private.



IMPORTANT COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS

TEAM LEOS/WARM UPS/BAGS - The team leos, warm ups, and bags have been ordered. We will keep you posted as to when they will be in.

MEET SCHEDULES - You will be receiving your meet schedules soon. We are in the process of finalizing them.

TEAM FUNDRAISER - We will be having a Pumpkin Painting Party on October 21, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. to raise money to help our competitive team. The cost to attend is \$15.00 and we are asking everyone to bring their own pumpkin this year. Refreshments will be served. Flyers are being emailed out to all studio families. Please email Lisa at officekdgc@gmail.com if you plan on attending. Join in the fun!!!



2023 CHRISTMAS BENEFIT SHOW AND PARTY

Springfield Local High School

Sunday, December 10th at 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Pizza and cookies for everyone between shows

We are so happy to announce that Springfield Local High School is letting us have our benefit Christmas show at their school again this year. We are so grateful to them.

Our annual Christmas Benefit Show for all dance students and kindercise students is scheduled to be held at Springfield Local High School on Sunday, December 10th at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 9th. All classes will be in both shows. If your Kindercise or Kinderdance student will only be in one show, please mark which show below. If anyone else has a conflict with being in both shows, please let us know. Tickets will be sold in advance at the studio for \$10.00. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, November 15th. More information about ticket sales will be in November newsletter

If you have a suggestion of a person or family in need or an organization you would like to donate too, please email Lisa at officekdgc@gmail.com with your idea.

It is imperative that we know as soon as possible if your child is participating. This is for a great cause and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to find time to participate in this special event. Please return forms by October 21st. You can email Lisa to let her know if your child will be participating as well.

Costume list for dancers: (*all rental costumes are between \$5.00-\$10.00)

- Primary 3 & Cecchetti classes and Pointe: Rental costumes*
- Ballet 1 & 2: wear "Sunday Best" dresses
- Senior, Pre-Senior, Teen, and Junior Jazz Lines: "Miracle on 34th Street" long sleeve t-shirts and black leggings.
- Jazz Dancers: Red Christmas shirt and black leggings.
- Senior, Pre-Senior, Teen, Junior Tap Lines: Rental costumes*
- Tap Dancers: White Short Sleeve T-shirts and black leggings.
- Kindercise and Kinderdance: Red Christmas shirt and black leggings (sweatpants for boys).
- Hip Hop: Black leggings, Black plain long-sleeve t-shirt, Red Christmas shirt tied around waist, black tennis shoes

Those students required to wear a red Christmas shirt may purchase your own or order the Miracle on 34th Long sleeve T-shirts available through the office. Samples are in the office for your convenience. To be guaranteed a Miracle on 34th T-shirt orders and payment must be in by October 21st. All shirts are \$20.00.

RETURN BY OCTOBER 21st

Student's Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ I WILL NOT be participating in the Christmas Show

_____ I WILL participate in BOTH of the Christmas Shows in all the classes.

_____ My kindercise/Kinderdance student will only be in one show

_____ 1:30 p.m. show _____ 5:00 p.m. show

If there is a class you wish not to participate in please list below:

_____ Miracle on 34th T-Shirt Size: CXS, CS, CM, CL, AS, AM, AL, AXL