

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

- **Tap/Ballet 3-6 years:** This class is a combination of both ballet and tap dancing basics broken down for the little ones. We focus on listening skills and following directions while performing a short dance routine.
- **Ballet 6 years and up:** Ballet will give the dancer their “Backbone” of training. They will learn grace, elegance, technique, discipline, flexibility, stamina, and endurance.
- **Jazz:** A culmination of sharp and fluid movements to create visually technical dance and style.
- **Tap:** Dancers will learn different rhythms, timing, and ankle coordination.
- **Hip-Hop 6 years and up:** Hip-Hop will help the dancer loosen up, gain rhythm and have controlled, isolated movements.
- **Intensive:** Teaches a dancer core, strength, coordination, flexibility, and posture.
- **Tumbling:** The skill practice or sport of executing gymnastic feats such as summersaults through handsprings, without the use of apparatus.
- **Lyrical:** A dance style that embodies various aspects of ballet, jazz, acro and modern dance.
- **Contemporary:** It involves incorporating aspects of movement from several other genres, such as jazz, modern and ballet.
- **Musical Theatre:** A genre of drama, in which singing and dancing play an essential part.
- **Performance Companies:** Auditions are held each year. There is a very demanding rehearsal and competition schedule. If interested, please speak to Ms. Gina for details.

## CLASS ATTIRE

- **Hip-Hop:** Leotard with dance pants or capris and appropriate shoes.
- **Ballet:** Any solid-colored leotard with pink tights and ballet shoes. A ballet skirt is optional.
- **Jazz:** Any solid-colored leotard with jazz pants or capris and appropriate shoes.
- **Tap:** Any solid-color leotard with shorts or capris and appropriate shoes. The instructor **MUST** be able to see the dancers ankles.

If you need to order any style of dance shoe, please let Ms. Gina know. She can order them for you.

**Absolutely no street shoes are allowed in the studio.**

## TARDINESS

We realize that being late is sometimes unavoidable for all of us. As a courtesy to the instructor and the rest of the class, please wait outside until the music stops, and then quietly enter the classroom.

# Parent Handbook 2024 - 2025



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***Celebrating 26 years!***

## THIS SEASON'S SCHEDULE

Gina's School of Dance season runs from September through June. All holidays and breaks are listed below. In case of inclement weather (i.e. snow, ice, storms, etc.) please check the studio voice mail or Facebook. If you include your email address on your registration form, you may receive an email if the studio is going to be closed. Snow days will be made up in late spring. *Fall classes begin September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*

### **Dancers show respect for others by:**

1. Keeping their hands to themselves during class.
2. Waiting quietly for others to have their turn.
3. Talking only during share time or when spoken to by the instructor.

### **Dancers show respect for the instructors and art form by:**

1. Being properly dressed and ready for class.
2. Listening when the instructor speaks.
3. Always asking before leaving the dance room for any reason.

### **Dancers show respect for the studio by:**

1. Leaving gum, food and drink outside.
2. Never hanging on the ballet barré.
3. Never running.
4. Putting trash and cans in the proper place.
5. **Not wearing street shoes in the studio.**

### **Parents show respect for the dance class, instructor and studio by:**

- 1 Knocking before entering the studio.
- 2 Having their students ready for class before entering the classroom.
- 3 Picking students up promptly after class
- 4 Calling the studio and informing the instructor if the student will be absent or late.
- 5 **Not wearing street shoes in the studio.**

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

### **Dancers show respect for themselves by:**

1. Being prompt for class.
2. Being properly dressed for class
3. Having their hair in a bun or ponytail, off of their neck.

## TUITION FEES AND POLICIES

Tuition is collected on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to lessons. (i.e. the payment made on October 15<sup>th</sup>, is for the lessons in November.) If payment has not been received by the 15<sup>th</sup>, a late fee will be assessed. A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for any returned checks. As the number of hours a week in lessons increase, the overall rate per hour of lessons decreases. Families add total time of all family members together for class time per week. Each class is guaranteed to meet a minimum of 35 times a year. Should any class be cancelled due to inclement weather, instructor illness, etc., a make-up class will be scheduled or you may try another class to see if you like it. Tuition is paid a total of 10 months in the fall with absolutely no refunds.

**THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL \$10.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH STUDENT**

### LATE PAYMENT CHARGES

Late payments are charged as follows:

\$10 for 1 - 6 days late	\$15 for 7 - 13 days late
\$20 for 14 - 20 days late	\$25 for 21+ days late

<u>RATES</u>	Per Month
1-Hour Class	\$50
2-Hour Class	\$95
Unlimited Classes	\$250

### ANNUAL STUDENT PRODUCTION

Every year our recital is held in June. Costumes are required for all production numbers and there will be a MANDATORY recital fee of **\$95.00 per family**, which will be due in May.

All children are sized after Christmas break, and all costume fees are due no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>. Costumes typically cost between \$55.00 and \$75.00

*(Please keep the last 2 weeks of June open for recital.)*

## HOLIDAY OBSERVATIONS and IMPORTANT DATES

- Halloween - Oct 31<sup>th</sup> (No evening classes)
- Christmas – Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan 5<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Make up classes – Missed classes can be made up at anytime throughout the year. You may take any class you choose. Please check with your child's instructor for recommendations.
- Thanksgiving – Nov 28<sup>th</sup> - Dec 1<sup>st</sup>
- Spring Break – Mar 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>
- Last Week of Classes – TBA
- Rehearsal – TBA
- Recital – TBA

***WE DO NOT REFUND OR PRORATE FOR MISSED CLASSES.***

*Please join our Facebook page to stay up to date on all upcoming events!*