
THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Thank you all for being part of our Academy. We had an amazing first 2 weeks of dance and tumbling and we are so looking forward to starting new choreography this coming week. We have completed our Encanto Finale in all of our classes and our students have handled it very well. They are dancing with a lot of enthusiasm and that makes us quite proud and happy. Our tumblers are getting back into the swing of things, and we look forward to seeing their skills improve each week.

DROPBOX:

Every dance class this past week received a folder in their Messenger Class Group. Please save this folder to your Dropbox. Each week we will add new choreography to this folder, and it will automatically update all of your folders **IF** you save the folder to your Dropbox. If you have a free subscription to Dropbox and have limited storage then please make a folder on your Desktop and move the choreography from each week to this folder, Then, you may go ahead and delete that file from your folder, and this will clear up your storage problems. New choreography will be added to these folders by Friday of each week.

It is imperative for your children's success at dance for them to watch and practice from the videos we send you each week. I urge to please save these videos and encourage your children to practice. Children learn by watching therefore, if you cannot get your children to practice, encourage them watch the videos as often as possible. We go to great lengths to make sure you have these videos each week in a timely manner so please if you can, have your children use these tools for their dance education.

We ask you to please private message us if you have any questions and to not put these in the messenger group. We also ask you not to heart our messages or give a thumbs up to them either. We want to keep this messenger group free from extra comments so that important messages do not get lost in the trail. Thanks for helping us with this request.

TUITION and PAYMENT PLANS:

All tuitions are now overdue and will have a \$10 late fee added to them each week. If you have not paid your costume deposit, then costumes will not be ordered for your child either. Costumes ordered for you after **COSTUMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED** will have late fees charged as well as all shipping costs associated with late costume purchases.

If you are making payments on your tuition bill and have not filled out a "Payment Plan" then you must do so this week. It is very difficult for Shannon to keep track of payments that come in randomly. There is a set date for all Payment Plans and those who do not have one will have late fees added to their bills each week. I ask that you all take care of that this week to avoid

unnecessary late fees. This rule is for everyone so please, help Shannon keep track of these payments by filling out a Payment Plan and adhering to the payment schedule.

ENTERING AND EXITING CORRECT DOORS:

Please use the correct doors when entering the building. We do this so that we can have students enter and exit quickly so that we do not lose precious class time. Also, please wait until we call each class into the building. It is so much easier for us to have one class exit the building before having the next class come in. It is less confusing for the children this way as well.

Parents need to be at the studio 5 minutes before the end of each class to pick-up their children. When children are not picked up on time, this causes the next class to be late coming into the building as we are busy trying to find parents.

All parents and students **MUST** use the cubbies for outdoor shoes and boots. Please do not leave them on rug as this is a tripping hazard for everyone. **THIS IS FOR EVERYONE...NO OUTSIDE SHOES SHOULD LEAVE THE ENTRANCES AS THIS BECOMES A SLIPPING HAZARD FOR TAP DANCERS AND OUR POINTE DANCERS.**

DANCE STORE:

The Dance Store will be open October 4 from 4:15-8:15pm and October 5 from 4:15-6:30pm

October 18 from 4:15-8:15pm and October 19 from 4:15-6:30pm

On days that the dance store is not open, we will be locking the outside doors in between classes.

COSTUMES:

I have started ordering costumes for all classes. I will let you all know when I expect them to arrive and when they will be available for pick-up. Once you know that they are available for purchase, you will have 2 weeks to purchase your costumes without late fees. Costume prices will include the tights that go with each costume. When you are purchasing your costumes, you will tell Shannon what size you need, and she will give them to you with your costumes.

I will post a **COSTUME PAGE** to our website once I am done ordering all of them. On this Costume Page you will know the following:

- 1-Price of each class's costumes
- 2-Tights and shoes that go with each costume
- 3-Hair requirements and accessories
- 4- Song for each costume

It is imperative that you print this Costume Page for the Christmas Show as well as the Spring Recital. This is your guide to have your child prepared for all of our shows.

I do everything I can to get your child the costume size you need. Sometimes I have to order a size upit is just how it is. I need you all to understand this. There are also some costumes that do

not come in child X-large or Adult-X-largethat is just how it goes. If I cannot get a child x-large then I will order an Adult Small. Costumes are still hard to come by with the supply chain so I ask that you be patient....they will come in and every child will look amazing on stage. I have been doing this for 28 years now, and I have never had a child without a costume at recital time.

Ordering costumes for everyone is a time-consuming job. I want everyone to look their best, so I thank you in advance for accepting my choices.

Halloween Parties:

We will have Halloween parties in all classes the week of October 25, 26 & 27. Below you find a list of all classes with how many children are in each class. You can send treats into class with your child, and we will pass them out to the children. We ask that you do not send in anything that is not wrapped (cookies, cupcakes etc....) as this is very hard for children to take home with them.

Your instructors will all be in costume so YES...everyone come in Halloween Costumes! We ask that our students not weary scary or bloodied costumes to class as this scares the younger students at TMDA. This is one of my very favorite classes of the year and I cannot wait to see everyone's costumes!

NOTE: For our tumblers, please remember that we are still having class so you must be able to tumbling in your costume or have a leotard under so that you can easily take your costume off to tumble.

Temple: 16	Napoleon: 17		
Tabitha: 17	Astaire: 21		
Fosse: 22	Glover: 13		
Petite: 14	Tiny: 15		
Mini: 17	Troupe: 13		
Company: 12	Pavlova: 20		
Lopokova: 17	Barysh/Nureyev: 16		
Retton: 8	Biles: 13	Conner: 11	Korbut: 10

PRIVATE LESSONS:

If your child would like extra help with classes, you may contact your instructors for private lessons. **All private lessons must be paid to TMDA on the day of your private lessons.** Cancellation of private lessons must be done 24 hours in advance, or you will be charged the full amount of the private lesson. Costs for these lessons are \$30 per half hour.

BATHROOM BREAKS:

Please...please...please....have your children go to the restroom before class. We are not allowed to bring them to the restroom, so we ask that you do that for us before class time.

MARK YOUR SHOES:

Please label all your children's shoes. If you all do this then when shoes are left behind, we can place the lost shoes in the back office and save them for you. Take time and mark your children's shoes. We are just trying to save you all a headache and money too!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

I have lost count, but I think we are close to 20 years of collecting food every Thanksgiving for Catholic Charities. I will put out boxes for your food donations starting November 1, 2022. We will collect these donations until Thursday, November 17. That gives us 3 full weeks to collect as much food as possible. Again, best items to donate are Cereal boxes, Juice, canned vegetables, soups, stuffing...anything non-perishable. I will again make a contest out of this...when you bring in your donations, sign your name to the donation sheet. At our Christmas Show, I will pull one name out of a hat and that lucky person will receive half off their Spring tuition for one class. I want to collect 2 full boxes of food from each class so that's 36 boxes of food!! Let's do this TMDA!!!

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Thank you again for bringing your children to TMDA. Danielle, Malerie, Emily, Madison, Chris, Brittany, Danica, Annalise, Allison, Sadie and I thoroughly enjoy teaching your children. Shannon and Amy will do everything they can to help you with your dance and tumbling supplies as well as costume needs. I am so lucky to have all of these amazing humans' part of my team and we will all do our best to make sure your children have a well-balanced dance and tumbling education with us. If at any time you have something you need to speak to your instructor about, do not hesitate to e-mail them. If you need to speak with them in person, then we can set up a time and date for that as well. The only way we can help you is through good communication so let's please keep those lines up communications open.

Encanto is a wonderful showand we know that our students will make it magical.

We cannot wait to see everyone in Halloween Costumes in a couple of weeks! Talk to you all soon!

Miss Colleen

