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HOFFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2022

Welcome to the *Hoffman School of Dance!*
We are so excited to begin another fantastic dance season.



- **Information** – All studio information is posted in e-mails, studio newsletters, website and Facebook. E-Mails and newsletters are our main method of communicating with parents, so please be sure to read them. If you haven't received any e-mails from us yet, please send us an e-mail at hoffmansdance@yahoo.com so we can add you to our mailing list. We also offer a text alert system that you can sign up for on our website.

Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook & follow us on Instagram for up to date information.

***Text Alert:** Sign up for our text alerts to be notified of studio updates, weather closings, and more!

See our Text Alerts under the About on our website to learn more.

- **Classes** will start right on time. Please do not drop off students more than 5-10 minutes prior to the beginning of the class. Older students who have several classes should wait quietly in the locker room during their break or do homework. Dancers are NOT to leave the building without a parent or guardian. Please be on time picking up students after class. **Please remind your child to wait inside the building until you arrive after class.**

- **Safety** – Please enter the parking lot slowly and with caution. Do not park or drop students off in front of the doors. Please park your cars in the designated spots, as children are coming in and out of the door and having a car parked or running there is very dangerous. The safety of our students is of utmost importance to us.

- **Attendance/Make-Ups** – Class attendance is essential to each dancer's continued progress. Please call the studio to inform the office of any absences. Due to the large number of classes and subjects offered by the studio, make-up classes are not offered. If you will be absent for more than 2 weeks please consult with your child's instructor.

- **Bring a Friend Week** will be October 3rd – 8th. If the person you refer signs up, you will receive \$25 off the next month's tuition and they will receive \$25 off their registration fee. **Eligible classes include:** Combo 1, Combo 2, Combo 3, Beginner Acro (ages 4-6), Shooting Stars Theatre (ages 4-6), Primary Acro, Primary Jazz, Primary Tap, Primary Ballet, Hip Hop A/B, Hip Hop C/D, Preteen/Teen Hip Hop, Boys Crew Hip Hop, Jr. Theatre (ages 8-12).

- **Valuables** – Please do not allow your child to bring valuables or jewelry to class. **Hoffman School of Dance is not responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced items.**

- **Shoes & Attire** – All info regarding shoes & attire can be found on our website at hoffmanschoolofdance.com. Make sure that hair is securely pulled back away from the face and neck for each class.

- **Payments** – *Payments are due on the 1st of each month.* After the 10th a \$10.00 late fee will automatically be added to each unpaid installment on your account. You can also pay your tuition in three installments or the year in full, whichever option is easiest for your family. Payments may be mailed to the studio at 577 Fillmore Ave. East Aurora, NY 14052, placed in the tuition drop box at the studio or paid online using *DanceStudio-Pro*. You can also sign up for automatic recurring payments through *DanceStudio-Pro*. See the office if you would like to sign up for Auto-Pay. **If you used Auto-Pay last year, you will automatically continue on auto-pay this year unless otherwise requested.** If you pay with a credit card (online or in person) a **2.8%** processing fee will be added to your total payment (1.75% for ACH payments). Your tuition has been calculated based on the number of hours you take class at the studio. We have condensed our payment schedule into 9 payments rather than 10, so payments will run from **August to April.**

- **Dance Wear** – We are selling leotards, shorts, dance shirts, and more right from the studio office and online through your Parent Portal! We have a selection of great quality items available at a great price. Contact the studio or log in to your account and visit "Online Store" for more information on what we have to offer!

- **Apparel** – More information regarding our 2022 apparel sale coming soon! Items will be available online beginning in September/early October. Just in time for the holidays, these always make great Christmas gifts. We will have some fun new pieces we know the kids will love!



- **Holidays** – The studio will be closed for the following holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas Break, Mid-Winter Break, Easter Break and Memorial Day. The studio will be open on Monday, October 10th for Columbus Day. Please check our newsletters or website calendar for exact closing dates. These holidays have been accounted for in your tuition rate.



- **Parent’s Watch Week** – Our first Parent’s Watch Week will be in the studio November 14th-19th for all classes. Please plan to attend, as we will be going over important information regarding costumes, dances, and the entire dance season.



- **Recital** – Each dancer will participate in our annual recital held at Villa Maria College. The date for this event will be May 13th, with a **mandatory dress rehearsal** scheduled on the Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday of that week beginning at 4:30. Each class will rehearse onstage for about 10-15 minutes for each dance. You will need to stay to run the finale with the entire group, which we try to do at least every 2 hours.

Please note: Only the competitive dancers will be in both shows. Everyone else will be in one or the other, and will be determined in January. A more detailed breakdown of times will be available after the New Year.



- **Costumes** – ***New This Year*** While we have split payments up between 2 months in the past, due to longer manufacturing timelines and delayed ship dates we will be making sure all costume orders are placed even earlier this year to avoid these possible conflicts. Therefore, we will need costume fees paid *in full* by November 1st.



Kiddie Combination Classes - \$70.00 each

Regular Classes - \$75.00 each

Special numbers (solo, duet, etc.) and Competition Classes - \$90.00 deposit each



All costume payments are non-refundable after 11/1/22 as we have already placed the order for costumes. Prices for tights and sneakers not included. Additional cost per pair ordered will be added to your costume charges.



- **Halloween Parties** – We will be having Halloween themed classes the week before the 31st for all Kiddie Combination and Primary classes (10/24 – 10/29). All dancers can wear their costumes to class as long as they are comfortable to dance in. You are welcome to bring peanut-free treats as well; please inform your child’s teacher of any allergy concerns.



**Thank you for choosing the Hoffman School of Dance for your child’s dance education.
It’s going to be a great year!**

