



Kathi's Dance & Gym Center, LLC

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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 call the office to report his/her absence. There are no refunds for missed classes.

Tuition Due Date: Tuition is always due the first class 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 stop at the office and someone can help you. 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**.

Observation: We will have parent observation the last class in October. Parents are welcome to sit in and observe the classes. Please remember you are in a learning environment and we must keep noise to a minimum. Please look later in the newsletter for more information regarding October Halloween observation. Parent observation will also be held in December, February, and April.

Practice CD's and Materials: Cecchetti ballet & tap cd's for practice are available from the teachers for \$5.00. Cecchetti syllabus books are also available. 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. Pictures from "Alice in Wonderland" should be on the website soon.

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. Stop at the counter if you would like to fill out the form for automatic payment.

Comment Box: Remember there is a comment box on the wall for any suggestions, comments or ideas you might have to help us meet the needs of our students. We welcome all comments and will try to respond if possible.

STUDIO IMPROVEMENTS

We were busy over the summer making some improvements to the studio and there are more to come. The entry of the center parking lot was paved, we have had new carpet put in the lobby and waiting area downstairs and on the landing upstairs. New cushioned folding chairs have replaced most of the wood benches. Cubbies are going in downstairs in the gym waiting area for gymnasts to put the bags, shoes, coats, etc. The small dance room downstairs is now where food and drink should be kept. Upstairs we are trying to keep food and drink off the carpet as well. We also have recovered all the bulletin boards, moved some of the trophy shelves and just gave the studio a fresh look. Someone asked if we could put a banister on the steps upstairs, and it has been installed. Here's to a great year!!



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OHIO DANCE MASTERS AND CECCHETTI COUNCIL

Ohio Dance Master and the Cecchetti Council Tuition Scholarships: The deadline for the Ohio Dance Masters College Tuition Scholarship is December 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 finalist will receive \$100. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, pick up an application at the office. Participation in ODM workshops is advisable. Previous recipients from KDGC include Amanda Peterson, Melissa Straub, Kaila Frisone, and Lauren Owens. 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 December 1st. 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.

“Dance is music made visible.”

~George Balanchine

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. Attached to this newsletter is the poinsettia fundraiser form. A candle fundraiser form should be coming out soon.

“MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET” BENEFIT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year the Christmas show will once again be held at Mohawk High School. We have already received approval on our dates and the show will be held on Sunday, December 14th. Rehearsals will be held on Saturday, December 13th. As of now, we will once again be having two shows. Attached to this newsletter is the sign up for the Christmas show. Please turn in your form by Saturday, October 25th so that we can get an accurate count of students participating. Kinderchance and Kinderdance will only be in the 3:00 p.m. show.

We are looking for a charity, organization, or family in need to be the beneficiary for the proceeds of this year's show. If you have any ideas for us, please mark them on the bottom of the Christmas show sign up. We will collect the ideas and make a final decision. Tickets for the show will be going on sale Wednesday, November 19th. More details to come later.

EAST STREET PRODUCTIONS “MIRACLE ON EASY STREET”

Tryouts for “Miracle on Easy Street” will be held on Sunday, October 5th. If you are interested and have any questions, please call Megan Cleland at 330.720.8102. Tryouts begin at 12:00 noon at Easy Street Productions, 865 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown.

The show will be at Powers Auditorium the weekend of December 19th—21st.

STAFF NEWS

We have a few changes in our KDGC staff this year. We have said goodbye to a couple people and are welcoming a couple new faces.

Megan Cleland has recently moved to Nashville and has taken a position as dance director for a performing arts school. She will still be back to choreograph for Easy Street so she will still visit us.

Danielle Bako has decided to take some time off and stay home with the new addition to her family. On September 23rd, Danielle and Christopher welcomed Aubrey Danielle at 9:30 a.m. She weighs 5 lbs. 1 oz. and is 18 inches long. Congratulations!!

Alishia Sparks is not back with us this year. We wish her the best of luck in all of her many business ventures.

Erica Kerr started coaching for us in the gym this summer. Erica is a freshman at YSU and a YSU cheerleader and is a former member of our competitive team. She will be a great addition to our staff.

Roccsanne Minetti has also joined our staff as a gymnastics coach. Roccsanne is a former competitive team member here at KDGC and we are very happy to have her on staff. Roccsanne is also a barber in the Youngstown area.

UPCOMING DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Mark Goodman— Mark Goodman will be here giving tap workshops on October 6 & 7. You should all have information about these workshops. If you are interested in privates with Mark, please talk to Kathi for scheduling.

Amanda Peterson—Amanda will be in town this month and will be guest teaching here at KDGC on October 16th, 18th, and 19th. We are so lucky that Amanda can come home from New York to work with the line girls and will be choreographing the lyrical tryout piece for senior line.

Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day—Ballet Day will be held Sunday, October 5th at All About Dance by Kristen, in Stow, Ohio. You were given information regarding this workshop in class. If you are still interested in attending you would have to pay the late registration price.

Renee Rogers—Renee was here last weekend working with some of the line groups on tryout material. Renee will be back again on October 11th and November 15th.

Cecchetti Exams will be held the weekend of November 14—16 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.

Line Tryouts for jazz and tap lines will be held on Sunday, November 16th. Students have already started learning the choreography for these tryouts. A schedule of times for this day will be distributed at a later date.

Ohio Dance Masters Junior Membership— If you are interested in becoming a junior member of Ohio Dance Masters, please talk to Kathi. To become a junior member you must be between the ages of 13 and 20. Membership allows you to get discounted workshops at conventions, you will meet dancers from other studios across the state and also work at the conventions and raise money for different charities. Applications are due by December 1st.

ODM Convention in Dayton will be the weekend of November 21—23. More information will be distributed soon about this convention. Please talk to Kathi if you are interested in attending.

Dinner Theater—Planning is already underway for the 2015 dinner theater. Tentative date for that is Saturday, January 24th. A sign up sheet has been posted if you



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.

DANCE FIT

Jami Byler is back teaching her dance fit classes. The price of classes is \$6.00 per class. Her schedule for this year is as follows:

Monday 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Monday 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30—8:30 p.m.

Friday 9:30—10:30 a.m.

We are sad to say Joanne Maloney is no longer teaching adult fitness here. She needed to give up teaching for now for personal reasons.



2014-15 COMPETITIVE TEAM MEMBERS

The competitive season for our KDGC gymnasts is getting ready to begin. The girls worked very hard all summer by attending eight weeks of classes and participating in a clinic. Some also went away to gymnastics camp at Kent State University. We would like to introduce you to our team and wish them good luck at all of the upcoming meets.

Level 3's

Brianne Campbell, Lydia Campbell, Sophia Diorio, Helen Faur, Alexa Fecko, Nieva Fegert, Alexa Ignazio, Kaley Johnson, Hallie Joyce, Korey Lynn Kennedy, Cali Matey, Kendall Maughan, Haleigh McCalla, Kiley McConnell, Karigan Mullen, Delaney Saavaet, Ella Schrickel, Mia Schrickel, Ayla Thompson, Gianna Vagnarelli.

Level 4's

Carolyn Boccieri, Olivia Cmil, Kate Coppola, Graciella Ebert, Lia Fecko, Jillian Gady, Jordan Gady, Jillian McIntosh, Gracie Raymer, Taylor Sackella, Zoe Simon, Angelina Smiley, Ariana Smiley, Kenzie Szolek, Nadia Zarbaugh.

Optionals

Adrianna Candella, Abigail Catlos, Makenzie Ferenchak, Lauren Gates, Abby George, Grace George, Amanda Hefron, Vanessa Lehman, Marissa Mangino, Sophia Neddy, Paige Patterson, Julianna Sandine, Adeline Whaley, Lexi Wonner.

IMPORTANT COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS

Optional Floor Music—If you are an optional gymnast and it is the year for you to get a new floor routine, you need to be listening to floor music and choosing your song soon. There are a lot of cd's in the gym you can listen to.

Open Gym—Starting this month, we will be having an open gym session on Fridays from 4:00—6:00 p.m. for any competitive team member that wants to come in and work on routines and tricks for meets. The cost of open gym is \$10.00 and is paid directly to the coaches when you come. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the gym doors.

Leos and Warm-ups—New members of the competitive team should have placed their orders for warm-ups and leos. If you have not, please contact Chris.

NEOGL Meet—Our Level 3 and 4 competitive teams as well as some of our first year optional gymnasts will have their first meet on Sunday, November 23rd at Great Lakes Gymnastics. It is very important that the gymnasts attend classes regularly so that they are prepared for the upcoming season.

GYM CD's—If you would like a cd of your floor music, they are available for \$5.00 in the gym.

TRICK-A-THON—On Saturday, November 20th, the competitive team held a trick-a-thon for national gymnastics day. The team wanted to raise some money to donate to the studio Christmas show benefit and possibly for a new piece of equipment. Final tally of funds will be in next month's newsletter. What a great idea!!!

AAU NATIONALS AT DISNEY

Over the summer we had seven gymnasts travel to Florida for AAU age group nationals at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex. The girls had a great time and did very well also. Grace George placed 1st on bars, 5th on vault, beam and floor, and 3rd all-around. Abby George placed 3rd on floor and all-around and 4th on bars and beam. Vanessa Lehman placed 3rd on vault and floor, 4th on bars and all-around and 7th on beam. Sami Smith placed 10th on vault and bars, 8th on beam and floor, and 10th all-around. Maddie Ewing placed 9th on vault, 7th on bars, 1st on beam, 2nd on floor, and 3rd all-around. Gizalia Smith-Kelso placed 9th on vault, 2nd on bars, 5th on beam, 8th on floor, and 4th all-around. Abigail Catlos placed 9th on vault, 3rd on bars, 10th on beam, 2nd on floor, and 7th all-around. GREAT JOB GIRLS!!!!



HALLOWEEN

Our first observation week of the year will be October 25—31. During this week students are welcome to dress up in costume. Please be sure the student can move and dance in the costume. If the student is in the gym please be sure they will be able to safely do tricks or be able to remove the costume if necessary. Bring your cameras and enjoy the fun!!!!



2014 CHRISTMAS BENEFIT SHOW AND PARTY

Mohawk High School

Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Children can visit with Santa at 2:00 p.m. on stage

Pizza and cookies for everyone between shows

Our annual Christmas Benefit Show for all dance students is scheduled to be held at Mohawk High School on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. We have now been approved by the school board to have the show on that Sunday. Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13th. We will only be having Kinder-cise and Kinderdance participate in the 3:00 p.m. show. All other classes will be in both shows. If there is a problem with you being in both shows, please talk to Kathi. Tickets will be sold in advance at the studio for \$7.00. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, November 19th. More information about ticket sales will be in November newsletter. We will also be collecting canned goods at the studio before the show and at the door on show day for a local food bank.

We are in need of a charity, organization or family in need that will receive the proceeds from the Christmas show and Chinese Auction. Please give any suggestions at the bottom of your Christmas show sign up. If it is an individual or family, please give reason you would like us to consider them.

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 no later than October 25th.

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

- Ballet 3, Primary & Cecchetti classes and Pointe: Rental costumes*
- Ballet 1 & 2: wear "Sunday Best" dresses
- Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen and Junior Jazz Lines: "Miracle on 34th Street" long sleeve t-shirts and black jazz pants.
- Jazz Dancers: Red Christmas shirt and black jazz pants.
- Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen and Junior Tap Lines: Rental costumes*
- Tap Dancers: White T-shirts and black jazz pants.
- Kinder-cise and Kinderdance: Red Christmas shirt and black jazz pants.
- Hip Hop: Black Jazz Pants, Black long-sleeve t-shirt, Red shirt tied around waist, 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 25th. All shirts are \$20.00.

RETURN BY OCTOBER 25th

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.

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

I think we should do the Christmas show to benefit: _____

2014 Poinsettia Fundraiser

Our annual poinsettia fundraiser is now underway. We are again using Dougherty Flowers, from Louisville, Ohio as our supplier. The deadline for orders is Saturday, November 8th. We will not be able to take any late orders. These flowers are easy to sell and they are very competitive to the retail price. We have set up a tentative delivery date of December 3rd. We will put a reminder of the delivery date in the November newsletter. This is always an easy fundraiser, and everyone wants poinsettias for holiday decorating and for gift giving. Money must be turned in with your orders. Please submit one check made payable to KDGC for all of your orders. All profits will go onto your account. All plants come with a foil like pot cover. There are different flower colors available for the different sized plants, so please fill out the form on the other side of this sheet carefully.

Size	Colors available	Selling price	Profit to your acct.
4 1/2" (1 plant)	red, white, pink, marble	\$6.75	\$1.50
6 1/2" (1 plant, 4-7 blooms)	red, white, pink, burgundy, marble, glitter	\$12.75	\$2.85
7 1/2" (2 plant, 8-12 blooms)	red, white, pink, burgundy, marble, glitter	\$18.75	\$3.25
8 1/2" (3 plant, 12+ blooms)	red, white, pink, burgundy, marble, glitter	\$24.50	\$4.75
10" (4 plant, 15+ blooms)	red, white, pink, marble	\$32.50	\$5.00

Traditional red, pink, white, and marble (pink & cream) are available in all sizes. Burgundy (deep wine) and glitter (red with splashes of white) are **NOT** available in the 4 1/2" or 10" plants

2014-15 KDGC Event Calendar

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8 Classes Start

27-28 ODM Conv. Zanesville

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5 Easy Street Auditions

5 Ballet Day @ Krissy's

6-7 Mark Goodman Tap

11 Renee Guest Teaching

16, 18, 19 Amanda P. Teaching

15 Renee Guest Teaching

15-16 Cecchetti Exams at KDGC

16 Dance Line Tryouts

19 Christmas tickets on sale

20-23 ODM Conv. Dayton

23 NEOGL Meet @GLG

26-29 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER						
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6-7 NEOGL Meet at TenPt.O

13-14 Xmas Show Mohawk

22-31 Winter Break

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1-3 Winter Break

5 Classes Resume

24 Dinner Theater Tentative

25 NEOGL Meet at TenPt.O

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5-8 ODM Conv. Newark

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1 NEOGL Meet @ Am. Elite

22 NEOGL Meet @Johnson's

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2-8 Spring Break

25-26 NEOGL L3/Opt. Champ.

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2-3 NEOGL Lev. 4 Champ

25 Memorial Day

JUNE						
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13 Last Day of Classes

18-19 Dance Show

JULY						
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