



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.

FORMS: Please remember to turn in your waivers as soon as possible. Attached to this newsletter are some additional forms that we need to have signed and returned ASAP. Thank you.

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 CDs and Materials: Cecchetti ballet & tap cds 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.

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.

Student Mailboxes: Dance line members have mailboxes in Kathi's studio. Competitive team members have mailboxes outside of the gym. Open gym, Kindercise, pre-team and advanced cheernastics will get papers handed to them in class by the coaches. Students in all other dance classes and cheernastics classes held upstairs have mailboxes in the front waiting area under the bulletin board. Please check your mailboxes weekly.

WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone had a great summer. It's been wonderful seeing all the familiar faces and many new ones. We look forward to a great 2019-20 season.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 13-Ballet Day, Above the Barre
- Oct. 31-Closed for Halloween
- Nov. 1-ODM College Scholar. Due
- Nov. 8-10 Cecchetti Exams at KDGC
- Nov. 17 - Dance Line Tryouts
- Nov. 16-18 - NEOGL meet at GLG
- Nov. 22-24 - ODM Convention Dayton
- Nov. 27-Dec. 1 - 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, pick up an application at the office. 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

This year the Christmas show will once again be held at Springfield Local High School. The show this year will be held on Sunday, December 15th with rehearsals on Saturday, the 14th. A sign up paper for the Christmas show is attached to this newsletter. Please turn in your form by Saturday, October 26th so that we can get an accurate count of students participating. **All dance students and Kindercise students are eligible to be in the 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 20th. More details to come later.

THEN AND NOW BULLETIN BOARD

Kathi thought it would be fun to see how many second, or even third generation students we have here at KDGC. If you look at the bulletin board at the top of the steps we have pictures of former students with their family members that are current students. If you have a child dancing or taking gymnastics at Kathi's that has a family member that did the same, please bring in a couple pictures to add to the bulletin board. Put your name on the back of them if you would like to have the pictures back.

PARENT OBSERVATION

Our first observation week of the year will be October 24-30. We will be sending home a reminder at a later date. 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!!!!



UPCOMING DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Guest Teachers—Once again we will be having different guest teachers for our line jazz classes on Saturday. In the next couple months you will be seeing a lot of Renee Rogers and Megan Cleland. We are lucky to have these talented instructors come to us and we hope you enjoy them.

Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day—Ballet Day will be held Sunday, October 13th at Above the Barre, in Berea, Ohio.

Mark Goodman—Mark Goodman will be coming in for workshops for tap line members October 22 & 23. These are mandatory workshops for line members. A schedule will be coming out to the girls soon.

Cecchetti Exams will be held the weekend of November 8-10 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 17th. Students have already started learning the choreography for these tryouts. There is a \$15 charge for each tryout. A schedule of times for this day will be distributed at a later date. Pointe tryouts will be held at another time.

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 22-24. 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 2019 dinner theater. Dinner theater will be held on February 16th this year. You should have received a paper in your mailboxes already regarding Winter Gala.

Parking Lot Issues

If you notice that there is a problem with space in the parking lot, please let the office know. We can always have the staff park in Kathi's driveway. The past couple years there has been a night or two that the parking lot has been very congested. We ask that you please don't park in the neighbor's yard. Thank 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:

Wednesday: 7:00—8:00 p.m.

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Joanne Malone is back teaching this class geared for people 40—70 years of age. Come try out the class on Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30—10:30 a.m. The cost is \$8.00 per class.

IMPORTANT COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS

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.

NEOGL Meet—Our NEOGL gymnasts will have their first meet on Sunday, November 16-17 at Great Lakes Gymnastics. It is very important that the gymnasts attend classes regularly so that they are prepared for the upcoming season.

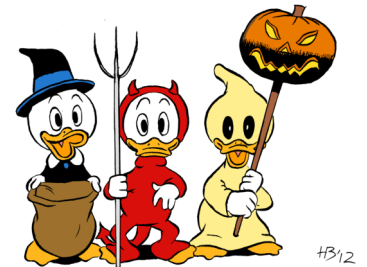
GYM CDs—If you would like a cd of your floor music, they are available for \$5.00 in the gym.

TEAM FUNDRAISER - We will be having a Pumpkin Painting Party on October 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. to raise money to help our gymnasts with expenses of going to nationals. The cost to attend is \$12.00 and you will get to take home your pumpkin work of art. Refreshments will be served. Flyers have gone out to all students. Please fill out the form you received and turn it in to the office. Join in the fun!!!



TRICK OR TREAT

We are closed on Thursday, October 31st for Halloween. Most of the surrounding communities have trick or treat on this night. Have a great time and be safe.



Concussion and Lindsay's Law papers

At the back of this newsletter, you will find several papers dealing with concussions and Lindsay's law. Please take the time read through all of the papers, sign and return them as soon as possible. We are required to have these papers signed stating you have been informed. The concussion and Lindsay's Law forms to sign are the last page of the newsletter.

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. Yankee Candle fundraiser has already gone out and we will be having a cookie dough fundraiser and poinsettia fundraiser soon as well.

