



## 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 email the office or text Lisa, Kathi, or Chris to report his/her absence. There are no refunds for missed classes.

**Forms:** Please remember to turn in your student information/waiver form, Lindsay Law form, and credit card authorization form.

**Tuition Due Date:** Tuition is always due the first week 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 email the office and Lisa will email you the form. 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**.

**Parent Observation:** We will be staggering the parent observation weeks between dance and gymnastics this year. When it is your child's observation week, you may sit in the classroom/gym and watch your child's classes. **Parent observation for all kinderdance, ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and pointe classes will be held October 1-7, December 2-7, February 1-7, & April 1-7. Observation for all kindercise, open gymnastics, cheernastics, tumbling and competitive team classes will be October 8-14, December 9-14, February 8-14, & April 8-14.**

**Vending:** The vending machine will be moved out of the lobby very soon, but we are now selling snacks and drinks at the counter. We have water, Gatorade and an assortment of snacks at the counter ranging from \$1.00 - \$1.50.

**Practice Music and Materials:** Cecchetti ballet & tap music can be sent to you via Dropbox. Contact the office if you are interested in receiving music. Cecchetti syllabus books are available for purchase at the office. 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. Email Lisa if you would like a credit card form. Please put payments in the tuition box on the counter in the front waiting room or in drop box on front of building.

**Halloween:** We will be closed on Halloween, Thursday, October 31. Please have a fun and safe evening trick or treating with your family. This is a scheduled day off in our yearly schedule.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 14 - Popcorn Fundraiser Due
- Oct. 19 - Christmas Show form due
- Oct. 20 - Ballet Day at Above the Barre
- Nov. 1 - ODM College Scholar. Due
- Nov. 16-17 - Cecchetti Exams, KDGC
- Nov. 16-17 - Tap Line Tryouts
- Nov. 13 - Christmas show tkts. on sale
- Nov. 22-24 - ODM Newark Convention
- Nov. 26-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, please go to [dma-chap16.com/college-scholarship](http://dma-chap16.com/college-scholarship) for the application and requirements. 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

We have scheduled our annual Christmas benefit performances of “Miracle on 34th Street” at Springfield Local High School. This year rehearsals will be held on Saturday, December 7th and our shows will be on Sunday, December 8th. You will find a sign up sheet at the back of this newsletter. We are asking that you let us know by October 19th if your child will be performing in the shows.

We have decided to hold the benefit this year for Tiffany Joy-Cantwell. There is a short write up about Tiffany on the sign up sheet for the show. There is also a pepperoni roll fundraiser on the counter to help Tiffany as well. Orders are due by October 1.

### 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. If you have an idea for any fundraisers, please email Lisa at the office email.

The popcorn fundraiser information is coming out today and popcorn fundraiser orders need to be turned in by Saturday, October 14th. You may turn in at the counter, in the tuition box or put it in an envelope and put it in the drop box on the front of the building. You can also sell online. Checks made payable to KDGC.

Last year the cookie company we used was not great. I will work on a new one for this year. Also, I have contacted the greeting card company that we worked with last year to see if that is a possibility again. The poinsettia order last year was smaller than previous years. Please let me know if there is still interest in any of these fundraisers.



## UPCOMING DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

**ODM November Convention** will be held in Newark at Cherry Valley Lodge the weekend of November 22-24. Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen, and Junior/Pre-Jr. line parents will be emailed information regarding registration for this workshop/scholarship audition weekend.

**Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day**— Fall Ballet Day will be held at Above the Barre on Sunday, October 20. Registration at discounted pricing is due to the office by October 1 so that it can be turned in to the host studio on time. You can register at the door for any and all of the classes at a higher price.

**Cecchetti Exams** will be held the weekend of November 16-17 here at Kathi's Dance & Gym Center. Students are currently taking small groups or attending two ballet classes a week to prepare.

**Tap Line Tryouts** - We will holding tryouts for tap lines on Sunday, November 16-17. These tryouts are for those tappers in the Pre-Teen, Teen, and Senior tap classes.

**Dinner Theater**—Planning is already underway for the 2025 dinner theater at Fairview Arts and Outreach Center in Struthers. Our Winter Gala will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025. More information will be coming out soon.

**Dance Shoes Available at Kathi's** - We have a limited selection of tap, jazz and ballet shoes that you may purchase at closeout prices. If you are interested in what we have, stop at the counter or email the office.

**Nimbly Shop** - We have joined forces with Revolution Dancewear, trying to make life a little easier for everyone. You were emailed directions on how to use our shop. Go to [www.nimblyshop.com/kathidgc](http://www.nimblyshop.com/kathidgc) to see what shoes and tights Kathi recommends.



## IMPORTANT COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS

**TEAM LEOS/WARM UPS/BAGS** - The team leos, warm ups, and bags have been ordered. We will keep you posted as to when they will be in.

**MEET SCHEDULES** - You should have received your meet schedule as well as the team handout for the 2024-25 season.

**TEAM FUNDRAISERS** - We will work on fundraisers for our team members throughout the year. You can also participate in any of the studio fundraisers to help with meet expenses, tuition, etc. We will be selling pepperoni rolls after Christmas.



## 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.



# 2024 CHRISTMAS BENEFIT SHOW AND PARTY

## Springfield Local High School

Sunday, December 8th at 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Pizza and cookies for everyone between shows

We are so happy to announce that Springfield Local High School is letting us have our benefit Christmas show at their school again this year. We are so grateful to them. Our annual Christmas Benefit Show for all dance students and kindercise students is scheduled to be held at Springfield Local High School on Sunday, December 8th at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 7th. All classes will be in both shows. If your Kindercise or Kinderdance student will only be in one show, please mark which show below. If anyone else has a conflict with being in both shows, please let us know. Tickets will be sold in advance at the studio for \$10.00. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, November 15th. More information about ticket sales will be in November newsletter

This year we are holding this benefit performance for Tiffany Joy-Cantwell. She is a lifelong resident of New Springfield, Ohio and a 1998 graduate of Springfield Local High School. Tiffany is 46 years old and in 2022 was diagnosed with stage 4 cervical cancer. After a year of chemo and radiation treatments, Tiffany overcame the cervical cancer. Unfortunately, one year later it was discovered it had spread to a stage 4 lung cancer. In August of this year she was told that the cancer was terminal and she would not have much longer to live. Tiffany will be leaving behind two daughters with their Father and Grandmother with very little income coming in.

Leah Joy, 19, started her first year of college at YSU this fall pursuing a major in English. Ella Cantwell, 12, is in the sixth grade at Columbiana Exempted Village Schools. Tiffany's children are everything to her. Her only final wish is that they are taken care of. Funds received from the show will be used to start a fund for the girls to use toward their future.

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 by October 19th. You can email Lisa to let her know if your child will be participating as well.

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

- Primary 3 & Cecchetti classes and Pointe: Rental costumes\*, pink tights, ballet shoes
- Ballet 1 & 2: wear "Sunday Best" dresses of your own, pink tights and ballet shoes
- Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen and Junior Jazz Lines: "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" long sleeve t-shirts and black leggings.
- Jazz Dancers: Red Christmas shirt and black leggings.
- Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen, Junior Tap Lines: Rental costumes\*
- Tap Dancers: White Short Sleeve T-shirts and black leggings, tan tap shoes
- Kindercise and Kinderdance: Red Christmas shirt and black leggings (sweatpants for boys).
- Hip Hop: Black leggings, Black plain long-sleeve t-shirt, Red Christmas shirt tied around waist, black tennis shoes

Those students required to wear a red Christmas shirt may purchase your own or order the Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Long sleeve T-shirts available through the office. Samples are in the office for your convenience. To be guaranteed a Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> T-shirt orders and payment must be in by October 19th. All shirts are \$20.00.

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RETURN BY OCTOBER 19th

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ My Kindercise/Kinderdance student will only be in one show

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:30 p.m. show \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. show

If there is a class you wish not to participate in please list below: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> T-Shirt Size: CXS, CS, CM, CL, AS, AM, AL, AXL



### Gotta Dance Tickets

Take your dancer to see some of our alumni, current dancers, and teaching faculty in “Gotta Dance” the weekend of October 25-27, 2024 at The DeYor Performing Arts Center. Faculty members, Miss Megan, Miss Macy, and Miss Taryn, are all dancing in the show and Megan is also the choreographer. Current dancers at KDGC dancing in “Gotta Dance” are: Emma Puhl, Katelyn Bowen, Mia Sciola, and Gigi Zenobi. We also have former KDGC dancers, Rachael Cleland (2003 grad), Gia Ramsey (2005 grad), Celeste Popio (2010 grad), and Abbey Kunce (2011 grad) all dancing as well.

If anyone would like to attend “Gotta Dance” on Saturday, October 26th, you can receive a 10% discount if more than 10 tickets are purchased. Ticket pricing for the floor seats is as follows:

\$42 for adults  
 \$32 for students 14-17  
 \$23 for students 13 and under  
 \$21 for upper balcony seats

Fill out form below and return by October 15th, if you are interested in attending:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets:    \_\_\_\_\_ \$42        \_\_\_\_\_ \$32        \_\_\_\_\_ \$23        \_\_\_\_\_ \$21

Total \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    \_\_\_\_\_ Check    \_\_\_\_\_ charge Card on file

\*\*If we have more than 10 people going you will end up with a credit on your account.