

devine dancers

Welcome!

CLASSROOM ATTIRE

- All students are required to wear dance apparel during class:
 - **Pre-K through Senior Classes:** Attire includes leotards and tights, leotards and dance skirts, leotards with black dance shorts, unitards, crop tops, and form fitting capri pants or leggings. (Form fitting attire is crucial so instructors can see lines to insure proper technique is being learned.)
 - **All Classical Ballet classes** must wear only a black leotard, tights, and ballet shoes.
 - **All male students** should wear gym shorts or sweatpants with a tank top or t-shirt.
 - **NO jeans, jean shorts, or pajama pants.** This is for safety reasons
 - Long and medium-length hair should be pulled back from the face during class.
 - Children are required to wear appropriate dance shoes for each genre during class. You can find the shoe attire list below.
- Dancers are required to have a dance bag for their shoes and water bottles. Please label their name on the outside of the bag.
 - Please label all shoes with their name as well
 - Please tie ballet slipper elastic in a double knot and cut off bows. This helps reduce distractions for our younger dancers.
- **Combination classes will always begin with Tap shoes.** Please send dancer in with tap shoes on.

SHOES

- **Adult Hip-Hop** – Black combat boots
- **Adult Lyrical** – Foot undies or Tan Jazz Slip-ons
- **Barre Sculpt** – Gym sneakers and barefoot depending on instructor
- **Baton** – Tan jazz slip-ons
- **Classical Ballet** – Pink Ballet slippers
- **Conditioning** – Gym sneakers and barefoot depending on instructor
- **Hip-Hop**
 - Just Gents, K-2, & 3-5th – Black Jazz Sneakers
 - Junior, Teen & Senior – Gym Sneakers or black combat boots (Shoes decided at costume time.)
- **Jazz** – Black Jazz Slip-ons (Please wait to buy closer to recital/costume time and just use tan jazz slip-ons throughout the year.)

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SHOES (CONT...)

- **Lyrical** – Tan jazz slip-ons
- **Poms** – Tan jazz slip-ons
- **Pi-Yo** – Gym sneakers and barefoot depending on instructor
- **Tumbling** – Barefoot (Convertible tights work best so we can roll up tights and dancer does not slip)
- **Tap** – Black Tap Shoes
- **TRIX** – Tan jazz slip-ons

NEW TO YOU SHOP

To save you money you can label used shoes with name and price and leave at front desk. We will try and resell them to new dancers and have them pay you directly. This is also a great way to find good deals on lightly used shoes.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payments are due the first lesson of each month. Cash and check payments can be put in the drop box located on the wall outside the office labeled with eldest dancer's name. Tuition is due each month even if you have been absent from classes.

We have set up the parent portal for convenient credit card and Paypal options. You can access your account 24 hours a day at our website (devinedancers.com) under the **Classes>Parent Portal** tab. Please make payments under oldest dancer only online. All discounts have been applied and are only listed under your oldest dancer.

LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Tuition, Team Fees, Costumes, & Competition Fees are due the first week of the month. If balance is not paid in full within 30 days a late fee charge of \$25 will be added to your account. Please contact devinedancers@gmail.com with any questions you have regarding your bill.

DROPPING OFF YOUR DANCER

Please enter the studio parking lot at the west entrance by *Candela Modern Mexican* and exit by *Pawsitive Strides*. Also, you can use entrance and exit off of 29th Street as well. We have the upper and lower parking behind the studio 5pm-10pm so please feel free to park anywhere. You may also park off of Ingersoll Ave. Please use studio back entrance. The front door remains locked for security. Please feel free to just drop-off students. Dancers will not come out of classroom during combination classes. We change shoes inside the studio.

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2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Event
September 11 th	Orientation/Open House
September 12 th	CORE CLASSES BEGIN!!!
Sept. 26 th – Oct. 1 st	Bring a friend to dance week
October 1 st	Recital form & fee due
October 25 th -31 st	Wear your Halloween costume to class
November 1 st	1 st Recital costume deposit due (non-refundable)
November 7 th	Drawing for Dance Series Tickets
November 21-27 th	NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 19 th – Jan 8 th	NO CLASSES – Holiday Break
January 31 st	2 nd Recital costume deposit due (non-refundable)
Feb. 27 th – Mar. 4 th	Studio Spirit Week – Prize for most studio spirit
Mar. 13 th – Mar. 19 th	NO CLASSES – Spring Break
April 15 th & 16 th	NO CLASSES – Easter Holiday
May 29 th	NO CLASSES – Memorial Day
May 20 th -21 st	Studio Pictures
June 9 th	Dress Rehearsal for Recital (at Hoyt Sherman)
June 10 & 11 th	2017 RECITAL!!!!

CLASS OBSERVATIONS

Studio Alpha viewing windows are open the first full week of every month.

Studio Omega cameras are on the third full week of the month.

You may also be periodically invited into the classroom by the instructor so your child can get used to performing in front of an audience. This acts to positively build performance confidence for each dancer. If you would like to view a class please speak with Kelli or the head instructors to arrange a time. Also, if your dancer is struggling with separation anxiety please encourage them to try to go in by themselves. If your dancer is still upset during the class the teacher will come out to you and have you join them in class to see if you can help ease their fears. Please only stay for the needed time and then try to remove yourself from the studio. Only the Parent and Me classes are designed to have parents in the studio the whole class. We strongly encourage dancers to be independent.

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday – Office closed

Monday – 4 to 8pm

Tuesday – 4 to 8pm

Wednesday – 4 to 6pm

Thursday – Office closed

Friday – Open 1st week of the month

Saturday – Open 1st week of the month

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INCIDENTALS

- Lost & Found Totes are located in the Family bathroom. Check there if you're missing shoes, lunch boxes, backpacks, coats, clothing, etc....
- NO gum or candy allowed during class time. It is a safety/chocking hazard.
- Again, please write your child's name in their dance shoes. This will avoid confusion and minimize lost shoes.
- Dancers must hang their dance bags and shoes on the hooks in the studio. This makes shoe-changing go quickly so we can spend more time in class dancing.
- Please have your young dancer go to the bathroom before class begins. It is disruptive to other students when a child must leave and return during instruction time. It can also lead to many potty trips for other dancers during class. 😊
- Visiting children should not be unsupervised while at the studio.
- Running through the lobby, loud and boisterous play, or other disrespectful behavior is unacceptable.
- Also, please have children pick-up toys after playing with them in the lobby. This policy is for the safety and protection of all who visit the studio.

DEAR PARENTS

I am genuinely grateful you are part of the Devine Dance family, and am so excited to work with you and your family this school year.

Please know you will receive regular announcements through your listed email during the year. This has been the most effective method to keep all families informed during our dance season. If you prefer a different method to receive your announcements, please let Becky or Dawn know in the office. It is important you read each handout so you do not miss any information. Announcements will be emailed out for your convenience each month.

Also, please feel free to stop me at the studio, e-mail (kelbeldanz@gmail.com), or call me with any questions you may have. It is important to me that you feel welcome and heard. I am excited to begin a new year of Devine Dancing, and know we will have a wonderful year of growth & memories!

---Kelli Devine-Woods 😊