



NEWSLETTER

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Just a Note...

Hello Dance Attic dancers and parents! We are really moving along! We will be measuring for costumes the first couple of weeks in November, so make sure that you are in class! If you miss class, please make sure you send an email so if you miss the measuring you can get measured when you come back. We have lots of exciting things going on in the next couple of months so be sure to read this newsletter carefully. Feel free to send an email if you have any questions or concerns.

Class Update

Our classes are in full swing. Everyone seems to be having lots of fun while learning great dance technique! The year is going by very quickly and competition time will be here before you know it. We are beginning to learn our routines for competition and recital, so it is very important to be in class. It can be difficult to catch up if you miss some of the choreography. Please make every effort to be in class each week. If you have to miss, please send an email to let us know about your absence.

Cleaning Up

With five dance studios it gets very busy at TDA. There's a lot of traffic in and out. Unfortunately more traffic often means more trash. We know that many of you spend many hours at the dance studio and you need to eat. We just want to make sure that we are cleaning up and disposing of things properly. We ask that you throw all food away in the large trash bin that is outside between the studios and please do not leave food on the floor inside or outside. Also, please do not leave your bags and clothes in the lobby. All personal belongings should be placed in the dressing room. We want to make sure that we keep our studio looking nice and we also must remember that we share space with other businesses. Thank you for making an effort to make our studio a great place to be!

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Important Dates

- 11/1 Tuition due.
- 11/17 Master Class- Ballet
- 11/21- Thanksgiving
- 11/25 Break- Studio closed
- 12/1 Master Class- Contemporary
- 12/8 Wake Forest Christmas Parade
- 12/21- Winter Break- Studio closed
- 1/6
- 3/8- Competition
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- 3/17



Competition

Each year our studio participates in a local dance competition. This is a great opportunity for the dancers to experience performing and interacting with other dance studios. It is a very positive experience and all of the dancers are rewarded for their hard work.

Our studio will be participating in the Star Talent Productions competition in Louisburg, NC March 8-10. Groups 1-10 (combo classes) will each take one of their routines. Groups A-G will take jazz and lyrical. Tap 3-4 and Hip Hop 1-4 will also compete. The extra classes for combo (lyrical and hip hop) will not compete. In addition, Tap 1/2 will not compete, as well as groups a-d (age 3/4 and 4/5 classes).

There will be competition fees to be paid in January. You will be receiving more information on the specific amounts and the exact due date in your December statements.

We will also be measuring for costumes the first couple of weeks of November. We need to get the costumes ordered so they can be here in time for competition and picture day. Please make every effort to be in class. If you are absent, please email so that we can make sure everyone gets measured.

Go ahead and put the dates on your calendar! Everyone must attend, because any dancer missing affects the entire routine! Also please note that all tuition and outstanding payments must be paid to receive your costumes and to participate in the competition.



Dancer of the Month

Each month we will be choosing four dancers from all age groups to be the Dancers of the Month. These dancers are chosen based on their attitude and effort. These students have shown their instructors that they are hard workers with a good positive attitude.

Each Dancer of the Month will get a sign to display in their front yard stating that they are the Dance Attic's dancer of the month. You will be able to keep the sign for one month so that all of your neighbors can see it! This is great recognition for our dancers as well as getting the word out about our studio!

You will receive your sign the first week of the month and return it the last week of the month. When you return your sign you will receive \$10 off your next month's tuition!

Congratulations to our October recipients! We are so proud of you!

Reagan Dodson

Caleigh Apple

Eve Wilkinson

Delaney Nunn

Safety and Other Policies

-Many dancers stay at the studio during their breaks. We prefer that you do not walk across the street to the convenient store during this down time. It is very busy on Main St. and it is also getting dark earlier. It is just not safe. If we see dancers walking to the store, parents will get an email. The Dance Attic is not responsible for dancers who have left the property. Please talk to your children and make them aware of your rules and expectations, as well as the expectations of the Dance Attic staff. We know that some of you are at the studio for many hours, but we want all of our dancers to stay safe!

-If you are the parent of a young dancer, please take them to the bathroom before class starts. If one asks to go during class then they all want to go. This ends up taking away from valuable instruction time.



Hurricane Make-up days!

Our Thursday classes have now been cancelled twice due to hurricanes. With this in mind, we would like to offer you an opportunity to make up some time that was missed. The classes that missed will be able to combine with another class during the week to make up some instruction time. We will do the make-ups the week of November 5th-8th. This is optional and you will come to two classes (your regular class and the make-up class) that week if you choose to make-up. Please read the following carefully so you will know which class to attend.

Combo 9 & 10-attend Wednesday with Combo 8 from 5:00-6:30 (these are only 45 min classes)

Group G/F Lyrical and Tech-attend Wednesday with groups B & D from 4:30-6:30

Group B/D Jazz and Ballet-attend Wednesday with groups A & C from 6:30-8:30

Tap 1/2 (7:15 class)-attend Thursday with Tap 1/2 (3:45 class) from 3:45-4:30

Tap 4-attend Tuesday with Tap 3 8:30-9:15

Hip Hop combo 9/10 & 1-attend Tuesday with Hip Hop 2 4:30-5:30

There will be no Acro makeup unless you would like to stay for 2 hours on Thursday.

There will be no Pom makeup.

Best of the Best!

Every year the Wake Weekly sponsors a contest to find all of the best things in our area. The winners are chosen through an online voting process. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. Because of your votes The Dance Attic was named the best dance studio in the Wake Forest area for 2018! There are many dance studios in the area competing for this title and we are thrilled to be number one! A big thank you to our staff, students and parents who truly make us the best! Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to a great year of showing the community that we truly are the best of the best!



Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Rachel and Jonathan Gentry on the birth of their son James Perry Gentry. He was born on October 9, 2018. He weighed 8 lbs 13 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. All are doing well! We are so excited to meet this new addition to our Dance Attic family.



Christmas Parade

Our studio will be participating in the Wake Forest Christmas Parade on Saturday December 8th. We will line up at 12 noon near the library. We do not find out our entry number until the day of the parade, so we will post it on Facebook at about 11:30am that day.

The Christmas parade routine will be taught in classes and on Wednesday December 5th from 6:00 -6:30 we will all rehearse. This is a traveling routine that will keep us moving while showing off our dancing! Company members and anyone in combo group 1 and up are welcome to come and practice the routine.

We will wear our 2018-2019 green Dance Attic t-shirts (with a white turtleneck underneath if it's cold). If you are dancing you will need black knit pants, otherwise you may wear jeans. All should wear tennis shoes. Company members should wear your company jackets and black pants. You will also wear your hair in a high bun and a flower will go on the right side of the bun. The flowers are available for purchase at the front desk and they are \$3 each. More information will be in the December newsletter.

We will need some parent volunteers to walk with us to make sure that we don't lose any dancers and that everyone stays safe. If you would like to help, look for the volunteer sign up sheet in the front lobby. For dancers in Combo 1-3, walking may get tiring. Parents may want to walk with a wagon just in case.



Wagon Contest

The Wake Forest parade route can be a little long for our little dancers, so we would like for groups a-d and combo groups 1-3 to decorate wagons and pull them in the parade on Saturday, December 8th. (If your child would rather walk, that's fine but we recommend a wagon because they get so tired!) You can decorate the wagons any way you like! This adds a lot of interest and fun to our studio's parade entry.

We will have a contest for the best decorated wagon. The judging will take place the day of the parade and the winners will be announced that day. **You must arrive by 12:00 to be judged in the contest.**

The winner of the best wagon contest will receive a certificate for \$75 off of your January tuition. The second place winner will receive a \$50 certificate and third place gets a \$25 certificate. A prize like that can come in really handy right after Christmas!

Start making plans now and get out all of those crafting supplies! We want to see some amazing wagons in the parade!

Master Class Sign-up

We are excited to be able to offer several different types of master classes throughout the year. It is very important that you sign up in advance for these classes. Dancers who sign up and pay for classes by the posted deadline will pay \$10 for the class. The rate will be \$15 for those who wait until the day of the class. Also, you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class if you wait. These classes fill up and we want to limit class size to make sure that everyone is getting quality instruction.

The procedure for all master classes will be as follows: Sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby by the posted deadline. Place a check for \$10 in the lock box with "master class" in the memo line (All dancers who sign up will be expected to pay for the class even if you do not attend. Any who sign up and don't pay will receive a \$15 charge on your next statement.) If you wait until after the deadline the rate will be \$15 and you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class.

Master Class—Rachel Goldberg

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Rachel Goldberg to teach a ballet master class on Saturday, November 17th. Rachel began her training in New Jersey at the Academy of Dance Arts studying RAD technique. She continued her studies at the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, FL before receiving her BFA in Ballet from U. of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music. While pursuing her degree, Rachel spent two years dancing with the Sarasota Ballet and an additional two in the corps de ballet after graduating. Rachel moved to North Carolina in August 2016 and now teaches ballet in the triangle area. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

12:00-1:00 Combo 4-10
1:00-2:00 Groups A-D
2:00-3:00 Groups E-G



Rachel Goldberg

Master Class—Ariana Cruz



Ariana Cruz

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Ariana Cruz to teach a contemporary master class on Saturday, December 1st. Ariana received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Education from East Carolina University. During her time at East Carolina University, Ariana performed in multiple main-stage shows, contemporary concerts, and senior choreography concerts. She stage managed senior choreography concerts and was the concert coordinator for the senior solo concert. As a member of East Carolina Dance Educators, Ariana served as the Community Outreach coordinator, seeking new ways to reach the surrounding communities with collaboration through dance. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

12:00-1:00 Combo 4-10
1:00-2:00 Groups A-D
2:00-3:00 Groups E-G

Fall Fun 2018!

We had a great time at our fall fun parties. Here are a few pictures. Check out our Facebook page for many more!









Important Info and Reminders

- The Dance Attic will be closed for Thanksgiving Wednesday November 21st-Friday November 25th. Have a safe and happy holiday!
- The Dance Attic will be closed for Winter break December 21st-January 6th. Classes will resume Monday, January 7th. Have a happy holiday!
- Envelopes in lock box are for cash only. Please do not use the envelopes for checks. Please make sure to include your dancer's name on envelopes and checks when making payments.
- Please read the window sign for important announcements. Be sure to look to the left of the door as you are walking in to stay informed!
- We want you to email when you are absent. Remember to include the class, day, and teacher in your email. Please note you will still receive email reminders and updates even if you have told us that you will be absent. Those are mass emails that go to everyone!
- Please remember to wear the proper dance clothes and shoes to class. If you are not sure what shoes you should wear, please ask your instructor.
- Always check the bulletin board for important information. Announcements are posted on the door as well.
- The monthly newsletter will always be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby and on the website.
- Write your dancer's name on all dance gear (shoes, bag, jacket, etc.). If something is lost the "lost and found" is located in the dressing room.
- We will be donating all unclaimed lost and found items to Goodwill. Please check and claim your belongings before December 20th, when we close for winter break.
- All dancers will be measured for costumes during class the first few weeks of November. If you miss your time please let a staff person know so that you can be measured.

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