



Greetings and welcome to Dance Express & Tumbling 2021-2022! We are so excited to see everyone and for a wonderful year. We have lots of great ideas and are ready to help our young people achieve their dreams! Thanks for signing up!

Your student's class schedule can be found in your parent portal closer to August. This email is lengthy, yet full of lots of important info. We are so excited for **Dance Express & Tumbling 2021-2022— Season4!** If you ever are like “how do I find the parent portal?” Go to our website: www.danceexpressstudio.com and there is a button on the bottom! Easy peasy!

Classes will start the week of Mon, Aug 30th for Mondays, Sept 7-8 for Tues/Wed! Please be patient during this first month, We will try to have exact classes and placement nailed down by October, but until we get to work with everyone it is impossible to have classes exactly set until we see ability levels and we have the opportunity to work with your kiddo!.

Class Dress Code

We believe in providing the best instruction possible! The dress code will be strictly enforced to enable us to give proper instruction and check the body alignment of our students. PLEASE NO baggy pants, shorts or tshirts. Please have all hair in a ponytail or buns in every class and no jewelry. Here is a link for more info on appropriate dance attire and **shoe specifics:** <http://www.danceexpressstudio.com/what-do-we-wear.html>

Girls Dance Dress Code: Solid Colored Leotard, Black spandex shorts optional, and Lt Suntan Tights, and dance shoes for your class. Here is a link for more info on appropriate dance attire and shoe specifics: <http://www.danceexpressstudio.com/what-do-we-wear.html>

Dancers: Ages 11 and up, please have spandex shorts/capris on vs baggy shorts or track shorts., Leos/tight tanks/bra tops. NO T-shirts.

Boys: Shorts and T-Shirt

Hip Hop: Capris, spandex shorts, tanks- whatever feels like “hip hop” to you...and clean tennis shoes (that they don’t play in the dirt with). We will pick a hip hop shoe later in Oct.

Tumbling: Solid colored Leotard, sports bras or tight tank top, tight spandex workout shorts. Again..GIRLS..NO TSHIRTS please!!! Boys, have them be more fitted vs baggy.

TO make life even easier this year..we are offering our DET Class wear Gear: DET Spandex Shorts, Tanks, Sports Bra Workout option. See link if you would like to order!

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If you prefer not to get the DET Classwear, that is totally fine, you can wear the traditional classwear.

Please put your names in ALL your shoes. The students will bring their shoes in the classroom with them. We will help them change their shoes and put them in their bags. Ballet shoes TIP!!! The strings...tie them in a knot and cut off the excess string. Here is a video even! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3n8ZctGmKY4>

At our OPEN HOUSE...August 17th, 4-6PM, we will have On Pointe Dancewear.- (636) 305-2090 joining us. This is a pure convenience for you! They will be there and able to size your child for the shoes they need. Order them. I will have them for you before your first class! They will also have leotards and etc for purchase as well. I do not carry a stock of shoes or do future orders.

Tuition & Additional Fees

Your monthly tuition rates can be found in your parent portal. Tuition is due the first class of every month. If tuition is not paid by the 7th of each month then a *\$15 late fee* will be applied.

If you have not paid your registration fees yet (\$35 per family), please do so. You can pay this by cash, check or Venmo (Lisa-Gansner). If you choose the Credit Card method in the portal, just please remember there will be a 3% convenience fee added on. Once this is paid, your class position is reserved for you! If at all you have change your mind,

please let us know so we can open the spot for another child. If you would like to set your account up for monthly withdrawal, let us know as we can now do that too.

“Optional Extras”Apparel-tanks, tshirts, bags, etc-

We will have our first parade opportunity on Sept 20th. For the parades-ALL students are invited to join us!!! We also do several community performances also throughout the year. We often wear black shorts/Capris and our Dance Express & Tumbling Tanks. If you have one from last year, that is wonderful. If you do not have one and would like to purchase one, here is a link: <https://danceexpress2021.itemorder.com/sale>

The online store is for those that want tanks, tshirts, parent shirts, sweatshirts. It will be open a few times a year. This first round, it will be open until Sept 5th. This seems weird to have it open so early and being the beginning of our season and with all the back to school stuff...however, for those that plan to do the parade it is what I have to do so you can get your tank or t-shirt on time. Hope that makes sense!

Some have inquired if I will do the Personalized Car Decals, the Glittery Team Jackets and the big backpacks...I will have those available for order in late September. All these things are optional..but great gift ideas too! You can find order forms etc on our website!

We are going to keep the waiting room repurposed as a changing area for our students. It worked so well for the students this past season, thus allowing them more floor space in class. You are welcome to bring students in and drop them off for class, stop by our front desk etc, but we will be utilizing that space for the students. At the end of class, we will have a staff member bring them to the door to release them after classes.

We also ask that students bring a water bottle with their name on it to class. We do have water bottles for sale if that is helpful to you for \$1.

As we all are aware, if for any reason your child has not been feeling well, please do not sent them to class. All children need to be fever free for 72 hours before coming to class. If they have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19, please do not sent them to class until their personal quarantine has ended. As we all feel the same, the safety of all our students and staff are 100% important to us!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you and an amazing year!!!

Thanks again for joining us! Miss Lisa & Crew