

October Newsletter 2024

It's crazy to think we are already approaching October. We all just want to thank you for choosing TDC for your child's dance education. We value your trust in us in making sure we provide your dancer with a top-of-the-line dance education.

Based on the forecast, The Dance Company of Ocala will be closed on Thursday, September 26th for Tropical Storm Helene. Any updates regarding additional studio closures will be communicated via studio-wide text message/emails.

As per our website and policies:

- **During events TDC has no control over (hurricanes, etc.) an effort to provide a make-up class will be made where possible. Classes with make-up opportunities will be emailed this information at a later date. No refunds are given on classes missed due to inclement weather or emergency closings of which the school has no control over. Stay safe and take care of our dance babies!**

<https://www.dancecompanyocala.com/expenses-to-expect.html>

Important Information to Know

Costuming for Shows:

Costume Deposits for **June Show**: We order costumes for our June Show out of dance costume catalogs. We begin posting Costume Deposits on your accounts (\$25.00 per class/costume) this month (October) and again in November and any remaining costume balances will be posted to your January or February statement. We do this so families can spread out paying for June Show costumes over the course of several months. Please reach out with any questions about this. Costumes typically range from \$65-\$95/costume. If you have set up your Auto Pay feature on your Parent Portal, then any posted costume deposits and tuition balances will be processed through your Auto Pay on the 1st of every month.

Costume deposits are NONREFUNDABLE so even if your dancer decides to stop taking dance before the season is over then the costume deposits are still nonrefundable so please plan accordingly to finish through the season and recital.

Reminder: As mentioned in our August Newsletter, Acro classes and Creative Movement classes will not participate in our recital. We will provide a separate performance opportunity in class where parents will be invited in. Stay tuned for more info.

If you do not wish for your dancer to participate in our recitals, then please let us know as soon as possible so our instructors can choreograph accordingly.

Christmas Show Costuming:

We will begin discussing costuming for the Christmas show in late October with our families. Most likely, the dancers will need to purchase something specific for their classes like Christmas pajamas, Christmas shirt, Christmas sweater, etc. We try very hard to keep the cost down for our families for the Christmas Show costumes. Please note all

tap students must have tan tap shoes for the recitals (except our boys will wear black taps as well as our advanced tap classes who know to have black oxford taps). We may order ballet costumes for some of our ballet classes out of costume catalogs, but these costumes will be used for both our Christmas show and our June show. Please stay tuned for additional information.

Student Safety:

STUDENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:

Please make sure your dancer knows they are not to leave the studio unless escorted by a parent/guardian. Make sure your dancer knows they are not to wait outside for you to pick them up and must stay inside the studio until you arrive. (Young dancers must be picked up promptly outside of their specific dance studio (A, B, C or D). Please make sure you walk up to pick your child up. Please do not expect your child to find your car in the parking lot or walk out into the parking lot alone. We will not allow them to walk out into the parking lot alone. **TDC does not offer a carline, and you must park and walk up to drop off and pick up your dancer. OPD has shared that they will ticket those creating a carline so please be aware.**

TDC Lobby Policy Reminder:

Please follow our policy of only having one parent in our lobby for dancers who are five years old and under. If you have multiple siblings with you then please utilize our camera system from outside the studio or from the comfort of your vehicle. We invested in our studio-wide camera system so parents can easily view their dancer in class from their smart device without having to physically be inside our building. This policy exists because our lobby is not big enough to accommodate all our dance families while four classes are going on simultaneously. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Please do not bring your dancer to the studio if your dancer has been sick or has a fever or cough. We take the health of our dancers and instructors seriously and ask that you help us by keeping sick dancers at home.

Important Dates:

Halloween: Thursday, October 31st, Studio Closed

Thanksgiving Break: November 27th- 29th Studio Closed

Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal: December 20th at MTI-

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Winter Closure: December 23rd-January 3rd Studio Closed

Dance Collective Team Showcase: January 19th at 2:00 pm at the Ocala Civic Theater

Spring Break Closure: March 17th-21st, 2025 Studio Closed

June Show Dress Rehearsal: June 13, 2025 at MTI

June Shows: June 14, 2025 at MTI

Reminders:

- **Tuition is based on a monthly course fee and not by the individual class or weeks. Throughout the full dance season there are some months that have 2 classes as well as some that have 3, 4 or 5 classes in a month. All vacations and holidays have been taken into consideration when determining tuition fees for the entire dance season.**
- Tuition is due the 1st of every month and must be paid by the 7th to avoid a \$15.00 late fee. Auto Pay is available through the Parent Portal.
- If you are set up on Auto Pay, then any balance on your account will be taken care of when Auto Pay runs on the 1st of the month.
- No food or drink in the studios (except water).
- Tan tap shoes are required for the shows except all boys and advanced tap dancers.
- Always contact us with any concerns or questions. We are always here! ☺

We hope everyone has an amazing start to the fall season. This is definitely my favorite season because of the weather, all of the fun things to do with family and the immense blessing of watching all of our TDC dancers learning new things at the start of our season. Have a wonderful day!

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