

September 2024 Newsletter

Dear Wonderful TDC Dance Parents,

We had an amazing first two weeks back at TDC. **THANK YOU** to all our incredible parents for helping us make the start of our season so successful!

Our studio will be **closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day**. We wish all our TDC families a safe Labor Day weekend!

We are so excited for September! This is a month full of learning, adjusting, and growing. Our teachers are so very excited to be working with our dancers again!

Auto Pay and Tuition! Please consider setting up the Auto Pay feature through your parent portal. Tuition is posted on the 25th of each month and due on the 1st of the following month. If you are set up on Auto Pay, then just know the statements sent out on the 25th will be processed on the 1st! There is nothing you need to do if you are on Auto Pay. Auto Pay is the most efficient way for us to collect tuition and we appreciate those who take advantage of this feature!

TDC Shirts for Sale!!

We have TDC studio shirts for sale in our main lobby for \$20.00. Please stop in and grab your new TDC merch today!

Student Safety:

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. Please do not create a carline in front of our studio. OPD has expressed they will ticket anyone who does this.

****Please only bring your dancer 5-7 minutes prior to their class start time if you are dropping them off. Our lobby opens 10**

minutes before our first class of the day. Our staff is present but prepping and sanitizing/cleaning our studios/lobby for the day's classes. We appreciate your understanding.

Lobby Observation Policy:

Our lobby is not very big, and we want to make sure our parents of our youngest dancers (5 years old or younger) are able to comfortably come into our lobby so we ask **any parents with dancers 6 years old and above to use our WatchMeGrow camera system to watch their dancer from their smart device outside of the studio or in their vehicle.**

We politely ask that only 1 parent come into the lobby to observe class if your dancer is 5 years old or younger. If there is an extenuating circumstance that will not allow for that then please let us know. We truly appreciate your understanding so we can keep congestion in our lobby down to a minimum for the comfort of our staff, parents trying to watch their small dancers and our other dancers.

Friendly Reminder: Please make sure your little dancer uses the potty before class begins. Once one of our sweet dancers needs to use the potty...EVERYONE in class needs to use the potty which means our class momentum comes to a halt. Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping us with this. 😊

Christmas Show 2024 (All Dancers Except Creative Movement and Acro)

Location: Marion Technical Institute (1614 E Fort King St., Ocala, FL 34471)

Dress Rehearsal: December 20th 4:00-9:00 pm (individual dancer call times will be sent prior to rehearsal)

Show Date: December 21, 2024

Times: TBD

Ticket Price: \$15.00 General Admission

Please note: Everyone attending our recitals must purchase a ticket as mentioned in our "Expenses to Expect" and our FAQ Sheet.

June Show 2025 (All Dancers Except Creative Movement and Acro)

Location: Marion Technical Institute (1614 E Fort King St., Ocala, FL 34471)

Dress Rehearsal: June 13th 4:00-9:00 pm (individual dancer call times will be sent prior to rehearsal)

Show Dates: June 14-15, 2025

Times: TBD

Ticket Price: \$15.00 General Admission

Please note: Everyone attending must purchase a ticket as mentioned in our “Expenses to Expect” tab on our website and our FAQ Sheet.

Dance Picture Weekend with Harrison Photography:

PICTURE WEEKEND!!!!

Saturday, May 31, 2025, and Sunday, June 1, 2025

Appointment times will be made available for selection the month prior.

Costuming for Shows:

Please note that we do not order costumes for the Christmas Show (Except in some ballet classes). We typically ask that you purchase attire that can be found at local stores. We will provide this information once all dances are underway for the show. Stay tuned!

Costume Deposits:

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) in October and November and any remaining costume balances will be posted to your March statement. We do this so families can spread out paying for June Show costumes over the course of a few months. Please reach out with any questions about this. Costume prices range from \$65-\$95+ per 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. Please note that costumes will not be ordered for your dancer

if the deposits have not been paid. Costume deposits are nonrefundable after December 15th (No exceptions).

Tuition is nonrefundable. If you choose to quit mid-month or after tuition is paid, then please note tuition is not reimbursed. If you choose to quit, then please let us know in writing so we can inactivate your account.

Please read newsletters monthly (sent out the 25th of each month)! This is our main and sometimes ONLY way of getting information directly to you!

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).
- Always contact us with any concerns or questions. We are always here! 😊

If you read this far then please respond with your dancer's name and "loves TDC!" Your dancer's name will be put in a drawing for a free month of dance tuition! We want to reward our dance families who read our newsletters and are fully informed! The drawing will take place on September 6th and the winner will be announced! Shhhh Don't share this information and let's see how many we get in the drawing!

Thank you for allowing us to teach your children. We have such an awesome group of dancers this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Have a wonderful day!

Brooke