

2009-10 Dynamic Cheer & Dance- Parent Information Letter

MARK YOU CALENDAR!

Dynamic's 8th Annual Year-End Performance will be held at the BV Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. The last week of regular classes is May 2nd-7th. Rehearsals will be scheduled May 10th-14th. This is a fun and exciting event for both students and families, be sure to clear your schedule!

Class attire

1. **ALL Students**> Hair should be pulled back for **every** class.
2. **DANCE- Performance squads**> Leotard and tights or tight fitting clothes and team dance shoes. (**Tan** slip on jazz shoes for pom squads) **Creative Mvmt/Ballet**> Leotards and tights and pink leather (not satin) ballet shoes. Dance skirts may be worn. **Technique students**> Leotard and tights and ballet, jazz or lyrical shoes. Dance skirts/pants may be worn. **Jazz**> Leotard and tights and black slip on jazz shoes. Jazz shorts or pants may be worn. **Tap**> Leotard and tights and black tap shoes. Dance shorts, skirts or pants may be worn. **Hip Hop**> Fitted, comfortable clothing and black hip hop shoes. No jeans or dress clothes!
3. **TUMBLING**> T-shirts, tanks, shorts or a leotard. NO pants, nice shirts, or tights! Socks or bare feet are appropriate.
4. **CHEERLEADING**> White tennis shoes will be needed for performance AND practice. Cheer shoes should NOT be worn outdoors, but only in cheer! T-Shirts/tanks and shorts. NO skirts or pants! No slippery clothing!
*CHEERLEADERS & TUMBLERS- ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY!!!
5. **Students/Guests**> Food and drinks are not allowed in the classroom! Gum is not allowed in the studio!!

Uniforms

Pom & Cheer Squads> Uniform costs are NON-REFUNDABLE! If there is question of size for any student the parent will be contacted to make the final decision, otherwise measuring is done in class and sizes ordered accordingly. Any "extras" that will be needed for their performance attire will be communicated. **Pom**- Uniform slips will be handed out soon after classes begin, and due back the following week. **Cheer**- Used uniform items may be available for sale. Please ask if you are interested!

Creative Mvmt, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Tumbling> Costumes will be ordered between Dec-Jan for our year-end recital. A cost slip will be sent home with your child communicating cost and due date. Students will keep their costumes. Uniform costs are NON-REFUNDABLE. All students enrolled are expected to participate unless the parent communicates otherwise.

Holidays/Class Cancellations

- > Classes will not be held on the following holiday/days:
 - September 6-7, Labor Day
 - November 25-27, Thanksgiving Break
 - December 23-January 1, Winter Break (*Competition Dance teams & Storm Cheer team may meet during the break if you plan to travel please notify Tracy or Roxie in advance.*)
 - April 2-5, Spring Break
- > **Additional Holidays/Days off**- The following is Holidays/Days off in the Brandon school district. Dynamic classes will remain in session these days. Please mark them on your calendar and remember to come to class! ☺
The following are the days that will be affected:
 - October 11-12, Native American Day
 - November 11, Veteran's Day
 - November 29-30, Thanksgiving Break
 - January 3, End of Winter Break
 - January 17-18, Martin Luther King Day
 - February 12, 14, 15, President's Break
 - March 21-22, Snow Make Up Days
- 2. Classes will not be held if the Brandon school district cancels classes or closes school early due to inclement weather. If ever there is a *severe* thunderstorm or tornado warning in the immediate area forecasting damaging winds or hail please call the studio (582-8999), a message may be left on the voice mail with instructions. Many times during classes the instructor will not be aware of inclement weather. If there is no message indicating a change and you feel your child's safety is at risk, pick up your child! The studio facility is not equipped with a storm shelter. Cancelled classes may not be rescheduled due to the busy studio schedule during the week and weekend events. However, after more than two occurrences makeup classes will be arranged. Please check your email for communications! Parents- Please keep in mind your instructor's time is not only spent teaching weekly classes but also many hours outside of class time preparing curriculum and attending performance events.

Tuition

Tuition is due the first class of every month. If you are absent the first class, tuition may be paid the following week. If your monthly tuition is not received by the end of week 2, a \$5 late fee will be assessed each week until full payment (including late fees) is received. This **WILL** be enforced! Full tuition should be paid regardless of how many classes your child attends. Makeup classes may be available upon request and room availability, however not guaranteed.

Communication

All parents should make a habit of checking the bulletin board inside the waiting area, especially those without email access. If you do not check your email frequently, or do not have access to the internet **this is important!** Notes are not typically sent home unless necessary. Use the studio phone to leave messages for absent students or for other non-urgent reasons (582-8999). You may email questions to dynamic@alliancecom.net. Email is checked daily with the exception of weekends and holidays. Check out the website at www.dynamicstudio.org under "Parent News" for communications and reminders. If you need to speak with Tracy call her at the studio (582-8999). **Do not call or drop payments at Tracy's home, please respect her time away from the studio!** For **urgent** matters she can be reached during the day at 929-6666.

Waiting Room

As you may know our waiting room is very small and can become congested. Attempts have been made to remodel and space out class times, however with the challenge of needed practice space and tight scheduling these have not been reasonable options. Please, make attempts to leave extra family members in the vehicle if possible and do not stay in the waiting area unless necessary. (exception for toddler parents) Hopefully we'll have more space next fall! Thank you for your cooperation!

Performances/Competitions (*Performance squads only*)

A calendar of most performances/competitions will be announced within the first few weeks of the season. There is a fee per student for each competition event, however the cost varies. Most fees will be collected at the beginning of the season, with the exception of the Feb/March events. All students are expected to pay the participant fee. If your child is unable to attend a competition or performance event it is important your instructor is notified **at least** two weeks prior to the event.

Attendance

If your child will be absent from class please leave a message **at the studio**. **605-582-8999 Do not email** this information! Do not have others relay your message. When possible please provide your instructor with advance notice.

(Competition Dance/Cheer squads only) Preparation is critical for competition teams! If a student is absent the week of a performance/competition she will not be allowed to perform. (Exceptions may be made for ill students at the instructor's discretion.)

1. A dancer may not be absent more than one team practice each month between October and February or she will not be allowed to perform. (Exceptions may be made for ill students at the instructor's discretion, however this will be closely monitored.)
2. If a student is unable to attend a performance/competition the parent must notify the instructor **at least** four weeks prior to the scheduled date if possible. This is necessary so that changes can be made to the routine and rehearsed by the team.

Class Observation

You will be invited to observe your child's class two times during the season. Your instructor will invite you into the classroom approximately 15 min prior to the end of class time. Feel free to bring cameras or video recorders to catch your child at their best! Also, feel free to peek through the window any time, but please keep the noise in the waiting room to a minimal as we can hear you. Little eyes like to wander when we notice someone is watching! ☺ Parents are welcome and encouraged to ask about the progress of their child anytime. **Visiting weeks are scheduled for: November 15-20 and March 14-19**

Referral Program

Any family who is currently registered with Dynamic will receive \$15 off Sept tuition for referring a newly registered student. Let your friends know about Dynamic!

Pick up/drop off

Parents are asked **not** to drop off their child more than 10 minutes before class time. Instructors are preparing prior to class time and cannot "supervise" children during this time. If you cannot pick up your child on time please notify the instructor ahead of time. All students are asked to remain in the waiting room until they see their ride. This is for their safety!