

Center Stage



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The new dance year is well underway and we are very pleased that everything has come together so well! We hope you are satisfied with the facility, quality education, and friendly environment Center Stage has to offer. We strive to provide your child with a motivational, exciting, and fun experience!!

Every family will receive a payment booklet by the second week of October. Please use the envelopes from the booklet when paying your tuition. All tuition is due the 1st week of every month (for October you can stop in before or wait for your booklet to arrive). Your monthly tuition is marked on the inside flap of your booklet cover. For accounting purposes this is the amount you will pay every month regardless of the number of classes in that month. All students will have a total of 36 classes throughout the year. If all balances are paid, you will have a credit for the month of June. If you choose to mail in your payment, please use the address label provided. Otherwise payments may be turned in to the office (not your child's teacher). In addition, the last page of the booklet includes all holiday breaks and dates when Center

Stage will not be holding classes. If ever in doubt, check your booklet!

The Center Stage Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for cooperating with the instructors during the past month of class evaluations. Our instructors have been evaluating each dancer to ensure they are placed in the appropriate class level. Some students have been placed in new classes, and this will help maximize their learning potential this year. Thank you for your help. We hope to have all students in the classes suited for them by the end of the month.

Just a reminder, dancers need to come to class dressed appropriately. Students need to attend class dressed in leotards, tights, dance shorts and/or capris and hair up for girls (Jazz, Tap and Lyrical). For boys, plain T-shirts with shorts or sweat pants. All dancers need to wear the appropriate shoes. Please do not send your child to class in street clothes. All dancers should be wearing tights in their ballet classes. The new Hip-hop shoes have been ordered and should be stocked on the shelf by the second week of October. Hip-hop shoes now run in all child and adult sizes (if you still have the old white Hip-hop sneaker, that is good too). Finally, please be sure that you don't wear your dance shoes outside. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In recognition of breast cancer awareness month, a local hair professional will be selling pink or silver hair extensions at Center Stage on Wednesday, October 12 from 4-8:30. Please stop in and support the race for the cure! All proceeds will go directly to Center Stage families affected by breast cancer.

We have several dancers that suffer from peanut allergies. Please refrain from bringing peanut/ peanut butter products into the studio.

We ask for your help in keeping the studio clean. In addition, there should be no eating or drinking in the coat room area. Food and drinks are only permitted in the eating area. Thank you for helping keep our studio clean!

Please keep in mind the recital dates are tentative. Our tentative dates are June 14th, 15th, and 16th. We will know the final dates as soon as we receive written

confirmation from this year's venue!

Congratulations to our October dancers of the month, Francesca Ranieri, Marissa Testolin, and Grace DiVito. Francesca was selected for her enthusiasm for dance. Marissa and Grace were selected for their hard work and great improvement. Congratulations dancers; thanks for being a great role models for your peers!

Aspire News

We are very proud of the hard work our company dancers are putting forth so far this year. The company instructors have started teaching their competitive routines, and the dancers are doing a great job! Please understand that it is extremely important for students to attend all their classes required for company. Each class, both company and technique, play a vital role in your dance training. All company members are allotted 5 absences per class for the ENTIRE year; be judicious in using your absences. Attendance is being taken every week!



If you have not paid your costume deposit, please do so as soon as possible. Again, the costume deposit is \$200 up front and if you are in four-six Aspire numbers, an additional \$100 each month. For seven or more numbers, there will be \$150 added to your monthly payment to help offset costume payments later in the year. If you did not pay the additional costume deposit for September, please do so with your October payment. Please make checks payable to Center Stage Dance Studio with the memo being "Aspire Costumes." If you have any questions, contact the office. Thanks!

The Septemberfest parade/performance is October 8th. The parade start time is 11:00 and the performance is 2:30. Aspire dancers should wear the rhinestone hairnet, the Aspire jacket, and blue jeans. See the performing troupe news below for more information.

We are on the verge of selecting our competition dates for the year; stay tuned!

Performing Troupe News

We know the Performing Troupe is working hard on their routines, and we commend you



on your dedication! Keep up the great work! The first performance will be Sunday, December 4th. The performance will be at the Bloomingdale Horizon at 1:00. Dancers should arrive by 12:30 with hair and makeup complete. Also, we will be receiving parade information for Septemberfest any day. The tentative start time for the parade is 11:00 on Saturday, October 8th (we would like all dancers to lineup at 10:15 at DuJardin School at 166 S Euclid in Bloomingdale). The special needs group will be performing an encore performance of Raspberry Kiss after the parade in Old Town Bloomingdale at 2:30 (our performance time is 2:30-3:15). All dancers should arrive in costume by 2:15 in Old Town and meet near the stage. Come out and cheer on our friends!

The January performance is scheduled for January 15th at the Friendship Village in Schaumburg. Mark your calenders.

Our first two shows are held at Senior centers. As a result, viewing space is extremely limited. Plan on the Friends and Family Show in February as the first show to come and watch. The first two shows will be primarily for the Seniors. Thank you!

Thank you for dancing with Center Stage! We are so glad to be dancing with you this year!