

# Welcome to the Fairgrieve School of Dance

## Handbook

The information contained in this booklet is very important. Please read it carefully before classes start and call with any questions. 724-443-9110 – Jennifer McGrath Owner.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Attendance:** While many things during the school year can take time away from dance classes, the students who have the highest attendance will reap extra benefits in their technique and performance. Absent students also place a burden on others in the class. **NO TUITION CREDITS** will be provided for students who miss classes, as our expenses are fixed. We do not schedule make up classes.

**Class Viewing:** We take pride in being one of the few schools in the Pittsburgh area that allows, encourages, and enjoys parents to view classes from inside the classroom. While we can't expect total silence, please be considerate when talking with others and refrain siblings from the teaching and dancing areas. Remember classes are for the dancer, and parents should hold student distractions to a minimum.

**Class attire:** As with all activities, dance requires specific attire for the safety and well being of our dancers. It is imperative that students adhere to the dress code. Proper attire only improves the student's attitude towards dance. I have often mentioned to classes that you wouldn't attend church in your swimsuit and you wouldn't go to the pool in your best dress. The same is true for a dancer as it is for a sports player. Our attire provides not only ease of movement, but also protection.

With the exception of acrobatics students, all students must wear a leotard and tights. Acro students need only to wear a leotard. Any color leotard is acceptable. Dance skirts are permitted for ballet. All hair must be pulled up. Buns are strongly recommended. Jazz pants/capris/dance shorts are acceptable for everything but ballet and pointe. Dance shoes are required for each class. While we do realize that shoes can become lost, it is not acceptable to show up for class without shoes. Baggy shirts, sweats, shorts and hoodies are not to be worn during class.

**Please adhere to the dress code.** Dressing the part of a dancer can improve attitude and performance!

**Communications:** We will post all information at the studio and on our website, [www.fairgrievschoolofdance.com](http://www.fairgrievschoolofdance.com). Newsletters, Email and other announcements may also be distributed to your dancer throughout the course of the year.

**Special Performances:** Each summer we take selections from our spring recital on tour. Annually, our tour takes us to Pine and Richland Community Days as well as Idlewild Park. Every two years we audition and perform at the Magic Kingdom in the Walt Disney World.

**Dance Camp:** Week-long Dance Camps for interested dancers, age's preschool through grade 12, are held every summer.

**Inclement Weather:** We don't announce weather related cancellations on local stations. Please call the studio as we will use our voicemail to keep you informed. In extreme cases a make-up class maybe scheduled at the discretion of the teacher. As always the safety of our staff and students is our first priority. Please use your best judgment when deciding to attend class.

**TUITION:** All Tuition must be paid monthly and is due by the 10th of each month, after which a \$10 late fee will be assessed. No money will be applied to tuition or recital fees until the late fee has been satisfied. Absolutely no credit will be allowed for absences! Please do not ask for concessions as our expenses are fixed.

# Tuition

1. Class per month \$37
2. **Classes per month \$57/1.5 hr. combo class \$57**
3. Classes per month \$77
4. **Classes per month \$97**
5. Classes per month \$117
6. **Classes per month \$137**

**A yearly non-refundable \$15 registration fee is required per child.**

**\*All tuition is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. All past due tuition will incur a \$10 late fee.**

**Family Plan** -When the number of classes taken by the members of your family exceeds six classes, you will only pay for the first six classes. The family plan only applies to siblings in the same family.

## Free Dance Classes 😊

**Friends and Family Plan** -When you refer a family to us and they register and pay for their first month, then you will receive one month's free tuition on your first class (\$37). If you refer 9 families who register and pay you will receive 9 months free tuition.

## RECITAL INFORMATION

The experience of performing is paramount to a dancer. The benefits it provides in the form of confidence and seeing practice pay off in the form of applause touches each dancer from preschool to adult. Many of us would not be the dancers we are today without the magic of music, costumes, and the stage. All students are given the opportunity to perform with their class. When a student is accomplished she may choose to perform in a solo, duet, or trio. These are taught by the student's teacher during a privately scheduled class time. A separate fee is charged. While students choosing to perform one of these special numbers are by no means restricted by level, they must be willing to practice outside of class and be able to execute a wide variety of steps independently of the teacher.

The following information will give you an idea of what to expect:

- **When:** Saturday, May TBA at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- **Who:** All Students
- **Rehearsal:** 1 mandatory dress rehearsal for each show
- **Where:** TBD
- **Cost:** Individual costume costs vary. We try very hard to keep prices down. A deposit of \$20 (or equivalent fundraiser amount) is due by November 10th with final payment due by December 10th. We also don't charge for admission to our show. Each family is assessed a patrons fee which is used to cover stage rental, crew and production costs. In return you are granted as many tickets as you would like.
- **Fundraiser:** Fundraisers are available in the fall and spring to offset the cost of costumes and recital expenses. The entire amount made by the student will go toward his/her costume account. No tuition or cash refunds will be given for amounts raised over and above the total costume costs or recital expenses incurred. Specific detail may be obtained at the studio.
- **Photographer/Videographer:** Our students have the option of being professionally photographed near recital time. Color packages and program photos are offered. Each year our recital is videotaped and is available for purchase.