

Starz Dancer

Denver Dance Starz Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Summer has flown by and the start of a new dance year is HERE! Fall classes will begin the week of Monday, August 17. Whether you are a returning dancer at DDS or a new dancer, we welcome you back to a new year. We can't wait to see what's in store.

Tuition Info

Your first month's TUITION will be due at your first class. We will not be prorating August's tuition because we are switching our billing cycle to the 15th of each month. Your first payment will be due the first week of classes and then next payment will be due September 15 and so on.

You will receive your payment coupons at your FIRST CLASS. Please do NOT turn in payments WITHOUT coupons. The coupons insure that the payment is properly credited to your account AND serve as a receipt for you in the event that we miss a payment. You may pick up your receipt from the receipt box located in the Main Studio. If you forget your payment coupon, there are extras available at the studio on top of the payment drop box.

If your dancer has class at the ANNEX, you may leave your payment with the Front Desk Staff there and they will get it over to the Main Studio for posting.

Clearance Table

We will have our clearance table up for the remainder of August. Stop by and check out some great deals on dancewear, shoes and tights.

Shoes & Dress Code

We have attached information regarding the studio dress code and required shoes. New dancewear has arrived and our shoe stock has been replenished. We do carry all required shoes at the studio.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell is a monthly opportunity for you to stop in your dancer's class and see what they've been learning for the past month. The first Show and Tell will be the week of August 17 at your dancer's first class. **It will be the FIRST 10 minutes of class so that you can meet your dancer's teachers.** Beginning the week of August 31, Show and Tell will always be the LAST 10 minutes of class during the first and third week of every month for all 3-4 yr. and 5-7 yr. Rec classes. It will be held once a month for all other classes.

Show and Tell is a very important part of our dance program. It not only allows dancers to show off for their parents so you can see what they are learning, but it is also a time for parents to keep informed about the latest happenings at the studio.

Starz Booster Club

The Starz Booster Club is a fundraising organization that ALL DDS parents can be a part of. The Booster Club holds several fundraisers throughout the year that you can participate in. Any money you raise in the fundraisers goes into an account that you can use to pay ANY dance studio expenses: tuition, costumes, shoes, dancewear, etc. The Booster Club has a bulletin board located on the Studio B side of the Main Studio. Also watch the newsletter for information regarding all fundraisers.

The first fundraiser of the year is LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA. We have included info on this fundraiser.

If you have questions regarding the Booster Club, you can contact may contact Christy Monson.

Studio Hours

Regular studio hours will begin on Monday, August 17. We have attached a list of these hours.



In the Know

At Denver Dance Starz, we make every effort to let parents know what is going on and when it is happening. However, as parents, you must also accept some responsibility for keeping informed about dates and deadlines. We have MANY avenues available for you to keep informed: Show and Tell, Newsletters, E-Mail and the website. You will receive your newsletter and other info via e-mail. In the event you do not receive a newsletter, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to access it on the website OR stop by the studio and pick up a hard copy. Newsletters always go out at the beginning of each month.

Studio Closings

We would like to make you aware of the studio closings for the upcoming year. We will also remind you of these dates as the year progresses in our newsletters.

Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 28	Thanksgiving
Monday, December 21 - Saturday, January 2	Winter Break
Monday, March 22 - Saturday, March 27	Spring Break
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day

Important Dates

August 17	Classes BEGIN
September 7	STUDIO CLOSED - Labor Day



Zumba

Zumba WILL be back to DDS this fall. We had several die hards check it out this summer and they can attest to the GREAT workout and FUN time it is! We hope to have more join us this fall for the fun. Our fall Zumba class will be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30. We have attached info on Zumba and the payment options available.

2009 Memorabilia

We do still have some 2009 RECITAL t-shirts available at the studio for \$5.00. There are on the clearance table.

Also, if you have not picked up your recital pictures, DVD's, trophies or yearbooks, they are all available for pick-up at the ANNEX through the end of August. After September 1, we are no longer responsible for these items.

Finally, if your dancer did NOT get their RECITAL RIBBON, please pick one up from the studio.

Recreation Coordinators

Denver Dance Starz is proud to have two highly qualified Recreation Level Coordinators. Trish Mestas and Christy Monson have been with Denver Dance Starz for 10 years and have a tremendous amount of knowledge about the dance studio. They are available to ALL our recreation parents to answer questions you may have regarding ANYTHING! Please take advantage of their expertise in the coming months. They are more than happy to help out.

You can reach the Rec Coordinators at the studio on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. They also have their OWN E-mail, listed below in the contact information.

Contact Information

Studio Phone	303-252-7332
Studio Website	www.denverdancestar.com
Studio E-mail	denverdancestarz@att.net
Rec Coordinator E-mail	ddsrec@att.net

Rec Coordinators	Trish Mestas Christy Monson
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Billing Inquiries	Jennifer Wyckoff
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Studio Director	Michelle Martin
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Studio Reminders

Don't forget:

- The studio restrooms should not be used by parents and siblings **during** dance classes. This is disruptive to the teacher and dancers.
- Keep voices low during business hours, so our staff can answer the phones and/or talk with other parents who have questions. **Please keep younger children under control at all times and do not allow them to run about the studio reception area, play in the dancewear or handle the trophies.** We have a TV/VCR/DVD in the waiting area, however, we request that **the volume be kept low at all times.**
- If you bring your pet with you when you come to drop off or pick up your dancer, please do NOT bring them into the studio. We have several parents and dancers who suffer from pet allergies.
- Tuition is due by the 15th of each month. There is a five day grace period and a \$25 late fee will be assessed for tuition not received by the 20th of the month.
- We accept CASH or CHECK only. We do not accept credit/debit cards.
- All returns **MUST** be accompanied by a studio receipt within 30 days of purchase. Shoes must be in their original box and unworn. Dancewear must also be unworn and have original tags attached.
- There is a \$25 fee for ALL returned checks.
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK in parking spaces that have a "Reserved" sign in front of them. Water to Go and Accelerate Physical Therapy all have reserved parking signs out when their businesses are open. On the Annex side, the Pet Shop and Sports Clips also has reserved signs up. We understand that parking is a premium in front of the studio, however, we can not monopolize the parking spaces in front of our neighbors so that their customers do not have a place to park. We suggest that if your dancer is 7 yrs. or older, that you "drop and go" or "pick up and go". However, **for younger dancers, parents are requested to accompany them to and from the studio door.**