

DDA AUGUST NEWSLETTER

CLASSES START AUG 10

We are thrilled that you are dancing with us this year!

It's Back To School and Back To Dance. The Instructors at DDA hope that you are enjoying your last days of summer and that you are looking forward to your first day of dance class. Now it's time to get on up and dance!

You should already be registered for your desired classes. If you have any questions on class placement please contact the studio.

NEW THIS YEAR! CELEBRATION MONTHS!

Once a month will include a theme for all

Students! First up is...First Month of Dance!

Use our DDA picture frame photo prop to capture your Child's first week of dance classes! Then check into our Dance Development Academy Facebook Page or tag us on Instagram!

Monthly Tuition: The studio offers automatic payment for tuition via credit/debit card with a 3.6% fee.

If you do not wish to enroll in auto pay then please deposit check or cash payments in our TUITION DEPOSIT BOX located on our lobby wall. If paying by cash, please use an envelope and place your child's name on the envelope. Tuition is due the first week of every month, if paid after the first week a \$10 late fee will be charged. *Preferred method of payment is cash.

ON BEHALF OF OUR INSTRUCTORS, WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE OUR RETURNING STUDENTS AND WE WELCOME THOSE DANCERS NEW TO OUR STUDIO. WELCOME TO OUR DDA FAMILY!

FACEBOOK

Visit our Facebook fan page for important information to complement our studio newsletters! Check out our dancers in action and events, too! It may be found at:

www.facebook.com/DanceDevelopmentAcademy

Be sure to LIKE & FOLLOW

Follow us on **Instagram!** See what our recreational dancers are up to throughout the season, enjoy what our competitive dancers achieve this year.

Follow us @dancedevelopmentacademy

Website: ddadance.com

DID YOU KNOW?

- There is a lost and found box at the studio.
Check the lost and found regularly as we donate unclaimed items to charity. Make sure to label your child's items so they do not end up in the lost and found. **Please label their dance shoes.**
- We have a VIP Room for the dancers to hang out in.
- Competition Team Dancers will also have their own mailbox at the studio. Please check your dancer's mailbox regularly for important information.
- Recreational Dancers will have a group mailbox: assigned by dance class. Please check your dance class folder for important papers. Dancer's names will be listed on each paper.
- Mailboxes are located in the front hallway.

Studio Guidelines

For the safety and comfort of everyone, we would like to communicate a few guidelines.

Waiting Room Courtesy:

- Hand sanitize before entering the classrooms & wipe off any shoes worn into the classroom.
- Please help keep the lobby and restrooms clean by throwing trash in the garbage cans.
- No Running or Rough Play is allowed.
- Encourage children to use their inside voices (adults too) **It is very distracting to our dancers and instructors to hear loud voices/noises coming from outside the studio.**
- Please use the entry hallway to store your dancers' items during class. We need to keep the lobby and kitchen area clear of clutter.
- Dancers can bring water bottles into their classroom, but it must be in a spill proof container.

Dance Class Etiquette

- Arrive about 5 to 10 minutes early to put on dancewear and shoes.
- Encourage young students to use the restroom before class.
- Dancers who constantly disobey their instructor will be asked to leave the class until they are able to listen and follow directions.
- Dancers should address their instructors as Ms. Lori, Ms. Lili, Ms. Abby, Ms. Bella
- Dancers should be quiet, polite and respectful in class. Raising their hand if they have a question.

- If late for class, please enter when music is not playing, as to not interrupt other dancers.
- Understand that instructors are here to answer your questions, but there is not always time during classes. Please schedule a time or send us an email.
- Dancers are required to wear their appropriate class attire to every class. (a list of appropriate attire is listed on our website)
- **Dance Recital:** We are working on the dates of our May 2027 dance recital; we will post the days/times as soon as we get verification from Winamac High School. Costuming will be ordered sometime in December with payments due at time of ordering. Costumes range from \$75 and up.
- **Competition Team Showcase:** This showcase is for our Competition Team Dancers and will be held sometime in Jan 2027, at Winamac High School. We encourage all dancers at the studio to come and watch to show our team their support. We will send out more information as it becomes available.
- **Check Your Email:** DDA will send you email notifications on all important studio information. Including tuition, costume fees, newsletters, etc. Make sure to add dancedevelopment@outlook.com to your contacts list.
- **Weather & Studio Closures:** We will post closures due to weather on Facebook, along with a text message to your cell phone or email. We usually follow the West Central School District Closures, but there are times that WC will close that DDA might choose to be open.
- **Sickness Policies:** Our full list is on our website, please review all info.
- All Dancers should hand sanitize before/during/after class, do not send your dancer to the studio if they are showing any symptoms of being sick. They will be sent home. Also, please do not bring any siblings into the studio if they are sick.

IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 10: FALL DANCE BEGINS (Tuition is due on your first day of Class)

August 10–31: FIRST MONTH OF DANCE: Get your photo with our “First Month of Dance” frame and tag us on Facebook or Instagram.

August 18 – Sept 1: Ms. Lili is gone (Recreational Classes will be combined and taught by Ms. Abby & Ms. Bella, Competition Routines will be taught by Ms. Abby & Ms. Bella)

September 7: Labor Day – Studio Closed

September 14-18: Bring A Friend Week – (Only During Recreational Classes)

Theme is Buh Bye, Summer (wear your favorite colorful summer outfit to say Goodbye)

September 21: Costume Deposit & Competition Fee Deposit is Due for Competition Team Dancers

October 4: Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser to help support our Competition Team.

October 1 – Nov 1 : Fresh Christmas Wreath Fundraiser to help support our Competition Team.

October 12: Columbus Day – Studio is Open

October 19 – 23 Fall Break - No Classes. Enjoy the break!

October 26- Oct. 29: HALLOWEEN COSTUME WEEK (During Rec Classes Only)

Time for trick or treating at the studio!

November 16 - 20: Bring A Friend Week – Grab your friends and have some FUN! And besides... Its' Free

Theme is Strut Your Stuff-ing (wear your funniest or cutest Turkey Day Attire. During Rec Classes Only)

November 26 - 27: THANKSGIVING BREAK: We are so Thankful for You! Enjoy your break.

December 14 –18: HOLIDAY DANCE WEEK: Wear a Santa Hat or Christmas Outfit and enjoy a treat!

December 20: Competition Team Christmas Party

December 24 – Jan 3: CHRISTMAS BREAK: 'Tis the season to be jolly! Enjoy your break, see you in the New Year! Studio Closed

Jan TBD: Competition Team Showcase

Jan 11 - 14: Bring A Friend Week – Ring in the New Year with your besties!

Theme is New Year (wear your best 2027 themed outfit. During Rec Classes Only)

Jan 18: Martin Luther King Day – Studio is Open

Feb 8 – 12: Valentines Week: Wear Hearts or Red & Pink for a special treat!

Feb 19 - 21: KUDO Dance Competition. Studio Closed – Good Luck Dancers!

March 12 – 14: BLOOM Dance Competition: Studio Closed – Slay DDA!

March 15 - 19: St. Patrick's Week: Wear your craziest green outfit to avoid that pinch.

April 2 - 4: PAC #1 Dance Competition. Studio Closed – You Got This!

April 9 –_10: GEMS Dance Competition: Optional for Team Studio Closed – Best of Luck!

April 12 - 15: Recital Photo Week at the studio: Photos will be taken during class time.

April 23 -25: WAVES Dance Competition: Optional for Team – Studio Closed – WooHoo!

April 22 – 26: SPRING BREAK: Studio Closed

April 30 – May 1: PAC #2 Dance Competition. Studio Closed – Keep Up The Great Work!

May 3 – 7: Mother's Day Week – Come dressed like the woman you admire most, your mom!

May 5 – 7: SHOWSTOPPER Dance Competition: Studio Closed – See You On The Big Screen!

May TBD: DDA Rehearsal & Recital at Winamac High School (dates have not been approved yet)

May 21: Last Day of Dance for the Season: Thanks for a Great Year!

Bring A Friend Week!

It's time for your friend to have fun with you and to see where you dance each week. Your friend can be someone who would like to try dance or just wants to have a good time!

Yes! Dancers are welcome to bring more than one friend to class. Friends are asked to provide contact information prior to class if possible. Also, friends should wear clothing they can move in and clean street shoes.

After dance class, friends are welcome to register for fall classes at DDA. If your friend registers for classes, you will receive a \$10 credit towards your next month's tuition.

(complete and return prior to class)

Bring A Friend Week!

Dancer's Name: _____

Friend's Name: _____

Friend's Address, City: _____

Friend's Parent Email: _____

