

## DDA AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### CLASSES START AUG 11

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 enjoyed your last days of summer and that you are looking forward to your first days of classes. 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.

#### AGAIN, THIS YEAR! CELEBRATION WEEKS!

One week a month will include a theme for all Students! First up is...First Week 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!

AGAIN THIS YEAR! The studio is offering automatic payment for tuition via credit/debt card with a 3.6% fee.

OR we can accept Automatic Checking withdraws with a 1% fee (or minimum of \$1.00 fee if under \$100)

If you do not want 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 us an envelope and place your child's name on the envelop. Tuition is due the first week of every month, if paid after the first week a \$10 late fee will be charged.

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 monthly newsletters!

Check out our dancers in action and fun contest, too! It may be found at:

[www.facebook.com/DanceDevelopmentAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/DanceDevelopmentAcademy)

Follow us on **Instagram!** See what our recreational dancers are up to throughout the season, enjoy what our competitive dancers achieve this year, and participate in our contest for prizes!

Follow us **@dancedevelopmentacademy**

Website: **ddadance.company**

## **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.**
- There are coloring books, and crayons available.  
Ask the front desk if these items are needed for your student or their siblings.
- There is an information board located in the entryway of the studio?  
Feel free to hang a business card or use to advertise used dance items for sale. Monthly newsletters and other important.

## **Studio Guidelines**

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

### **Waiting Room Courtesy:**

- **Hand Sanitize when entering the building**
- **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.**
- **Use the coat hook for jackets, recreational students can use the changing room to store their personal items. Company Dancers please use the cubbies in the kitchen.**

### **Dance Class Etiquette**

- **Arrive a few minutes early to put on dancewear and shoes.**
- **Encourage young students to use the restroom before class.**
- **Dancer's who constantly disobey their instructor will be asked to leave the class until they are able to listen and follow directions.**
- **Dancer's should address their instructor as Ms. Lori, Ms. Ana or Ms. Lili**
- **Dancer's should be quiet, polite and respectful in class. Raising their hand if they have a question.**
- **All dancers should bring a water bottle to class each week.**
- **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.**
  - **Dancer's are required to wear their appropriate class attire to every class. ( a list of appropriate attire is listed on our website)**

## **IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**August 11: FALL DANCE BEGINS**

**August 15: New Company Dancer Photos**

**August 11 – 19: FIRST WEEK OF DANCE:** Get your photo with our “First Week of Dance” frame and tag us on Facebook or Instagram.

**September 5: LABOR DAY-** No Classes

**September 6-8: Bring A Friend Week**

**October 1 – Nov 5: Fresh Christmas Wreath & Candle Fundraiser to help support our Competition Team.**

**October 14 – 25: FALL BREAK-** No Classes. Enjoy the break!

**October 21 – Disney World Performance for Company Dancers**

**October 25 - Oct. 27: HALLOWEEN COSTUME WEEK:** Time for trick or treating at the studio!

**October 31 – Closed for Trick or Treating (unless it is held on a different night)**

**November 7 – 11: Bring A Friend Week –** Grab your friends and have some FUN! And besides... Its' Free

**Nov 12-13: Activate Your Artistry Convention:** All are welcome to attend, see Lori for more info.

**November 24: THANKSGIVING BREAK:** We are so Thankful for You! Enjoy your break.

**Dec 8: Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser** at Meadow Springs (this was such a Fun Event!)

**December 19 –22: HOLIDAY DANCE WEEK:** Wear a Santa Hat or Christmas Outfit and enjoy a treat!

**December 26 – Jan 6: CHRISTMAS BREAK:** Tis the season to be jolly! Enjoy your break, see you in the New Year! Company dancers may still have a few rehearsals during this time if needed.

**Jan 6: Company Christmas Party & Sleepover**

**Jan 9 -13: Bring A Friend Week**

**Jan 27-29: Dance Revolution Convention:** All are welcome to attend, see Lori for more info.

**Feb 13 – 17: Valentines Week:** Wear Hearts or Red & Pink for a special treat!

**March 10-12: VIP Dance Competition at Zionsville Performing Arts:** Good Luck Dancers!

**March 17-19: PAC Dance Competition at Zionsville Performing Arts:** You Got This DDA!

**March 13-17: St. Patrick's Week:** Wear your craziest green outfit to avoid that pinch.

**April 22: Recital Photos at the studio:** Times to be determined at a later date.

**April 28-30: Showstopper Dance Competition at Beech Grove High School:** Our Favorite!!

**May 20-21: DDA Recital at Winamac High School (dates have not been approved yet)**

**May 18: Last Day of Dance for the Season:** Thanks for a Great Year!

**Dance Recital:** We are working on the dates of our two May 2023 dance recitals; we will post the days/times as soon as we get verification from Winamac High School. Costuming will be ordered sometime in October/November. We try to find good costumes at a reasonable price. The cost can run from \$50 - \$75. A costume deposit fee of \$50 per dance will be due in November.

**Company Pre-Show:** We are hoping to do a Company Pre-Show for our Competition Team sometime in Feb. 2023. It would either be held at Winamac or West Central. 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. Only certain dancers/dances would now be available to view at our May Recital.

**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](mailto: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. We usually follow the West Central School District Closures, but there are times that WC will close that DDA might choose to be open.

**Covid-19 & Sickness Policies:** Our full Covid-19 Policies are listed on our website, please review all info.

**All Dancers Must 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.**

# Bring A Friend Week!

**Sept. 6-8**

Bring a Friend Week begins Tuesday, Sept 6 and continues through Thursday, Sept. 8

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 November Tuition.

(complete and return prior to class)

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Bring A Friend Week!

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Address, City: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**You Say It's Your Birthday!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**everyone born in the month**

**AUGUST**

**Liliana Churley - August 8**

**Jazmin Gallegos – August 11**

**Ms. Lori- August 26**