

September Dance News

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Welcome Back to Dance!

Classes begin September 5th!

Welcome to dance classes at Kristy's Dance Fusion, to both our new and returning students! For those of you who are just beginning with us, we want to pass along a huge welcome to our KDF Family. Make sure to take your picture with one of our two "Back to Dance" picture frames! Feel free to post to social media and tag us so we can all share in the excitement.

Please take a few minutes to check out our <u>website</u>! Click on the "Parent Login" button in the top right corner of the screen to login to your Studio Account. From there, you can make payments on your account, find information on days and times of your child's classes, find your Google Classroom, and search for any new classes you want to register for. In our Parent Information drop down menu, you can find info about dance attire, all newsletters, calendar with events, and our studio policies and guidelines.

We encourage you to reach out to us anytime by email or phone, or by stopping in during office hours. There is information down below for finding your Google Classroom which will help provide a lot of the information you need. Please also join our <u>Member's Only Facebook page</u> to stay up to date on current information!



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Important Dates 2023-2024

September 5	Classes Begin
September 30	Studio Closed ~ Truth & Reconciliation Day
September 30	Requests for Solos, Duos, Trios & Small Groups Due
October 7 – 9	Studio Closed ~ Thanksgiving
October 31	Studio Closed ~ Halloween
November 11	Studio Closed ~ Remembrance Day
December 21	Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break
Dec 22 – Jan 4	Studio Closed ~ Christmas Break
January 5	Classes Resume
February 17 - 23	Studio Closed ~ February Break
February 24	Classes Resume
March 29 – April 4	Studio Closed ~ Easter Break
April 5	Classes Resume
May 22 – 25	Year End Showcase Events

Late Fees

Fees will be due on the 1st of the month according to your selected pay schedule. A \$10 late fee will be incurred if payments are not made after the 10th of the month.

Accounts can be checked by logging into your Parent Portal.



Zoom Update

We have enjoyed having the option for students to Zoom into classes during the pandemic to ensure our dancers can stay included in the class during restrictions and isolation. Over the past year, we have noticed that Zoom has not been commonly used for classes. This is great – it feels like "normal" again! Because of this, it is no longer feasible for us to run four Zoom accounts throughout our studios anymore and we will be shifting our use of Zoom.

If your dancer is going to need the Zoom option for classes, we can organize this on a first come first serve basis in advance. We will have one Zoom account organized by the office that can be used when needed. The meeting will only be turned on if you connect with the office no later than 12:00pm (Noon) the day that you need it. The sooner you can organize it, the better!

Out of four studios, only one will be available for Zoom at a time and this will be on a first come first serve basis. Contact the office before 12:00pm noon if you are interested in using the Zoom option!

Dress Code Requirements

Come to dance class looking and feeling the part! Dress codes are in place for many important reasons, including safety when performing certain steps, team cohesion, and to allow our teachers the proper visuals when giving physical corrections.

Dance Attire can be purchased at Dance Street.

Please click on the links below to be directed to our website where all required dance attire is listed:

Female Dance Attire

Male Dance Attire

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Google Classroom

We use Google Classroom as a way to expand on how to share information with our parents and students. It has been a useful tool over the past couple of years to have one place to come together as a group. Important information will be shared on the Google Classroom.

Some of the things you'll find on Classroom:

- Costume Information Sheets
- Certain videos/music that your teacher may choose to share
- Syllabus notes, videos, and music for exam students
- Reminders and helpful information throughout the year

You do NOT need a gmail account to login to Google Classroom. This is intended for PARENTS, not students, as the children's school addresses will NOT work on our Classroom. School division emails are privacy protected and cannot be accessed on different networks.

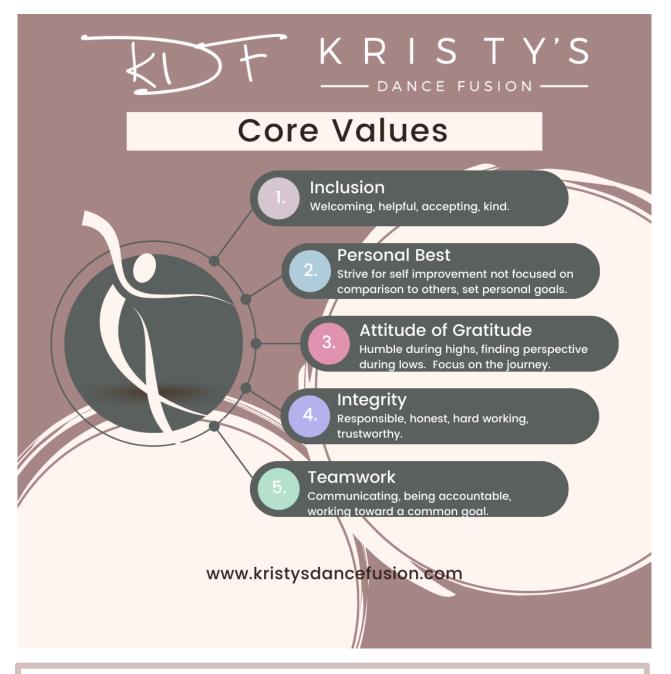
To access your classroom, please go to your JackRabbit <u>Parent Portal</u> and login. On your class list, you will find a link for each class that is a Google Classroom invitation. This will lead you to your classroom where you can either sign up or login to your existing account. Please do this for each class your child is registered in. We understand this may take a while for those of you with multiple dancers, but it will be very important to stay connected to those important pieces of information!

If you do not see your Google Classroom invitation link yet, it is coming soon!

Solo, Duo, and Trio requests can be requested on a Google Form that will be circulated soon. Students must be in ballet twice per week so compete with an "extra" routine. Requests will be considered carefully, and we will confirm your routines with you. Not all requests may be honoured as we will consider how to help our students be successful.

Submissions are due September 30th, 2023.





We are excited to implement projects and activities to support our KDF Core Values this year! Keep a look out for ways we will be encouraging each value amongst our classes.

The focus for September and October is INCLUSION.

Watch for "bring a friend to dance" week coming in September! In October, we're going to have a chance to get to know each other a little better with our "All About Me" project. We're so excited to bring these Core Values to our students!



The first week of classes is TRIAL week! For anyone wanting to try a different style of dance they are not familiar with, try a free class on us. We will ensure the class you try will be a safe environment for your child.

Submit our Trial Google Form to schedule your trial with the office. We need to know how many are coming and who is in the studio at any given time. Many age groups have back-to-back classes on the same night!

> Schedule your free trial here! < <</p>

KDF clients are welcome to park in the parking lot in front of the building and on the side of Charter Mechanical. Please do not use the space beside our studio where the staircase is located, our staff will use that area for parking. Street parking is available, but may be busy on 5pm because of the nearby Government building.

Parents, please ask your dancers to use caution when crossing through or waiting in the parking lot as traffic increases during drop-offs and pick-ups.

Please come and check out our merchandise wall, located near the back of the studio next to the student lounge! We will be bringing in some new pieces this fall.

Do you have anything you'd like to see? Let us know!

New this year, we have a Vending Machine available in our student lounge for when snacks are needed! This machine provides healthier options and includes drinks and snacks. Debit and credit cards are accepted so you will need to organize payment with your child.

Our Vending Machine currently has cold drinks available, and dry snacks (nut free!) will be available soon.

We want to thank all of our amazing families for your continued support for the last 22 years. Our new dance studio already feels like home and we are so excited to continue building memories with our students. Have a wonderful start to the year!

~ Miss Kristy & Staff

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