

RICHIE SCHOOL OF DANCE

ATTENTION CLASSICAL BALLET AND COMPETITION DANCE TEAM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We will be holding auditions again this year for our Junior and Teen Company Dance Team and Company Ballet for the 2019-2020 Season. These teams will be selected by **audition only**. If you wish to be on a Company Team you must audition for both Dance Team and Ballet. You may not audition for one or the other. Just because you audition for both Dance Team and Ballet does not guarantee a spot on both teams. Some students may be chosen just for Dance Team or just Company Ballet. In this case you must still be enrolled in the Recreational Level for the corresponding class. Auditions will be held the first week of our Fall session. You must be present in order to be selected; we will not be rescheduling the auditions for personal conflicts.

Students enrolled in Competition Dance Team and Classical Ballet Level 1 for the second year and Competition Dance Team and Classical Ballet Level 2 may audition for the Junior Company Dance Team and Junior Classical Ballet. Students enrolled in Competition Dance Team and Classical Ballet Level 3 and Advanced Dance Team and Advanced Soft Shoe and Pointe (Not including Elite Dance Team Members) may audition for the Teen Company Dance Team and Teen Classical Ballet. Elite Company Dance Team Members are hand selected and will not need to audition for this Team. **You must be enrolled in both Ballet and Jazz for the 2019-2020 Season to audition.** This is a requirement in order to build stronger more technical dancers. Students in a Company class should be dancing more hours not less. **AUDITONS ARE NOT MANDATORY. THEY ARE AN OPTION.**

***Dress Code** for auditions is a high slicked back bun, colorful leotard of any style, tan dance bra if needed (no other colors), tan transition tights, Ballet slippers for Ballet and Jazz shoes for Jazz. Please no jewelry, with the exception of sparkly post earrings. Skin must be clean and free of any writing. Any hair accessory of your choice may be worn. Please no headbands. **Anyone not in proper dress code will be dismissed.**

Anyone wishing to be part of a Dance Team or Classical Ballet Class that do not wish to audition will sign up for the corresponding Recreational Dance Team or Classical Ballet Class.

Intermediate 1-2: Level 1; Intermediate 3-4: Level 2; Intermediate 5, 1st and 2nd year: Level 3; and Intermediate 5, 3rd year and Advanced Soft Shoe or Pointe: Advanced. Those in Recreational Dance Team will still compete in Competition and Classical Ballet 1, 2, 3 and Advance Soft Shoe and Pointe will have a special dance in the Recital.

The following are the dates and times for auditions:

Junior Classical Ballet – Friday, September 6, 5:30-7:00PM

Junior Company Dance Team – Friday, September 6, 7:00-8:30PM

Teen Classical Ballet – Saturday, September 7, 10:45-12:15PM

Teen Company Dance Team – Saturday, September 7, 12:15-1:45PM

PLEASE NOTE: Those not auditioning please attend class as follows:

Friday, September 6th ONLY

Level 1 Classical Ballet (Early) 4:30-5:30 PM

Level 1 Competition Jazz (Early) 5:30-6:30PM

Level 1 Classical Ballet (Late) 6:30-7:30PM

Level 1 Competition Jazz (Late) 7:30 -8:30PM

Any one in Level 2 Classical Ballet that is not auditioning please attend one of the above Level 1 Classical Ballet times for this week. The same goes for anyone in Level 2 Competition Jazz that is not auditioning, please attend one of the above Level 1 Competition Jazz times for this week.

Saturday, September 7th ONLY

All students in Level 3 should attend the audition regardless if you are auditioning or not. Those of you who choose not to audition will not receive a number upon entering and once you have learned the material being taught you may wait in the hallway. This way you are still receiving a class for this week.

(Pointe, Advanced Soft Shoe Ballet and Advanced Dance Team will be held at normal time this week)

Normal class hours will resume the following week.

We will be conducting auditions in true fashion. Students will receive a number upon entering. They will be taught a few technical skills and a short combination. They will then exit to the hall and be called in to audition in groups of three. They will state their name and audition number prior to auditioning. Once they have auditioned, they are free to leave unless asked to stay to be looked at again. Final decisions will be posted Monday, September 9th at the Lower Paxton Studio on the bulletin board, and sent via email.

Fall schedule will be as follows:

Junior Classical Ballet – Studio B, Fridays 4:30-5:30PM

Junior Company Dance Team – Studio B, Fridays 5:30-6:30PM

Teen Classical Ballet – Studio B, Saturdays 10:45-11:45PM

Teen Company Dance Team – Studio B, Saturdays 11:45-1:00PM

Fall schedule for those who are not chosen for the Team will be as follows:

Level 1 Classical Ballet – Studio A, Fridays 4:30-5:30PM or 6:30-7:30PM

Level 1 Dance Team – Studio A, Fridays 5:30-6:30PM or 7:30-8:30PM

Level 2 Classical Ballet – Studio B, Fridays 6:30-7:30PM

Level 2 Dance Team – Studio B, Fridays 7:30-8:30PM

Level 3 Dance Team – Studio B, Saturdays 1:00-2:15PM

Level 3 Classical Ballet – Studio B, Saturdays 2:15- 3:15PM

Advanced Point – Studio B, Saturdays 8:00-9:30AM

Advanced Soft Shoe – Studio A, Saturdays 8:00-9:30AM

Advanced Dance Team – Studio B, Saturdays 9:30-10:45 AM

NEW THIS SEASON Junior and Teen Company Ballet will be competing in BOTH Regional and National Competitions this season with a Lyrical dance. This does mean that there will be two separate registration fees for all competitions. There will be a fee for the Dance Team dance as well as the Company Ballet dance. They will also be dancing this number in the Recital as they did last year.

Advanced dancers who make the Teen Company may choose to continue their Advanced classes as well, both Advanced Soft Shoe and Advanced Dance Team. If you make Teen Company and are part of the Pointe class, you must continue the Pointe class in order to remain en Pointe. There will be a discounted fee if you choose to take the Advanced Dance Team and Ballet in addition to the Teen Company. If you choose to do one additional special class, \$40 will be added to your tuition every 4 weeks. If you choose to do both additional classes, \$60 will be added to your tuition every 4 weeks. If you make both Teen Company Dance Team and Teen Company Ballet and remain on the Advanced Dance Team, you will be competing with three numbers at competition which means there will be three registration fees for you.

All Competition students must sign a waiver this year stating **that they are committed to this years Convention, both Regional Competitions, Nationals rehearsals and the National Competition.** If you have a conflict with Nationals rehearsal or the Nationals Competition, please state it in the comments section of your waiver and return no later than **Saturday, September 21** to the Lower Paxton front desk. All students must sign and hand in a waiver regardless of a conflict or not. If we receive your conflict by this time, we *may* be able to accommodate you. Due to the timing of the Recital and this years National Finals, we will only have two rehearsals prior to Nationals. You must be in attendance to at least one rehearsal if you have a conflict that is handed in by September 21. If you have a conflict with both National Rehearsals *or* the Nationals Competition **you must opt out of the entire Nationals Event.** If you

do not hand in a conflict by September 21 you are committing yourself to both National Rehearsals and the Nationals Competition. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CONFLICTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 21.** If you do not commit to both National Rehearsals and National Competition after handing in the waiver stating that you do not have any conflicts you will be removed from the Dance Team without a refund and will not be able to join the Dance Team in following seasons. **The Convention and both Regional Competitions are MANDATORY, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you are unable to attend the Convention and or both Regional Competitions, you **may not** be part of this seasons Dance Team. **If your waiver is not handed in by September 21, you will be asked to sit and view dance team classes until it is received.** It is a privilege to be part of the RSD Dance Team. All other plans should be scheduled around these events if you wish to remain on the team. We are giving plenty of notice and exceptions will not be made like last season.

Just a reminder ***no more than 8 absences are allowed in the Recreational Level and 6 in the Company Level to remain on the team.*** If you have any further questions, please see me personally. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Best of Luck to all dancers!

Thank You,

Miss Angie