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## ***Recreational Program Welcome Packet***

### **Welcome to Dance Specialties**

We are delighted to have you and your dancer a part our family! We have many fun things planned for this season such as monthly class themes, holiday fun, arts & crafts, and most importantly educating your dancer or gymnast on the fundamentals of tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, and gymnastics through our Dance Specialties curriculum.

Dance classes serve as an important developmental stepping-stone for children:

Advantages of Dance:

- Allows freedom of expression
- Promotes an active lifestyle
- Acts as a healthy outlet of energy
- Develops social skills
- Gives kids a safe place away from home
- Structured classroom environment
- Coordination and gross motor skills development

Proudly serving the Gaston County area for 45 years, Dance Specialties' mission is to provide dance education through superior training. Your dancer's success is our success!

We look forward to an unforgettable dance season together! THANK YOU for being a part of our DS Dance Family!

-DS Staff

### **Stay Connected**

- All communication is done through email and the BAND App. Please make sure you are receiving our emails once the season begins.
- The BAND App serves as an immediate form of communication, provides you with a calendar of events, important documents, and class chat rooms. Scan the QR code below to join the BAND APP!



- Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates, pictures, and videos of your child's dance season!
- Studio Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 2:30-7:30pm

### **Important Events**

- Belmont Christmas Parade: December 2020
- Annual Christmas Program: December 2020
- Annual Recital: June 2021

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### **Policies**

- Tuition is due by the FIRST of each month
- Sibling Discounts offered.
- Please make checks payable to Dance Specialties and be sure to note the students name on the check.
- We take debit and credit cards with a \$2 fee added.
- There is a \$20.00 late fee for tuition made after the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month. If your child is absent, you may mail the tuition to the address in the header. Students may not take class if their tuition has not been paid for the previous month.
- If a student has to drop out for any reason during the dance season and the costumes have already been ordered, you are responsible for the remaining balance of the costumes. Costume deposits are non-refundable.
- There is no deduction in tuition for classes missed due to holidays or other reasons- except extended illness.
- Fees are based on four-week months. Classes missed during the year are made up by extra sessions at parade, recital time, and months with five weeks.

### **Tuition & Fees**

<b>Total Class Hours per week</b>	<b>Price</b>
30 min	\$60
45 min	\$65
1 hour	\$70
1 hour 15 min	\$75
1 hour 30 min	\$80
1 hour 45 min	\$85
2 hours	\$90
2 hours 15 min	\$95
2 hours 30 min	\$100
2 hours 45 min	\$105
3 hours	\$110
<b>Gymnastics</b>	
Preschool and Kinder Gym <i>*taken by itself</i>	\$60
Preschool and Kinder Gym <i>*paired with a dance class</i>	\$35
Beg, Int, & Adv Gym <i>*taken by itself</i>	\$65
Beg, Int, & Adv Gym <i>*paired with a dance class</i>	\$45

<b>Other Financial Obligations</b>		
Registration Fee	Due at time of Registration	\$55
Parade Outfit	Due Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
Costume Deposits	Due Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> & Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$35 per genre
Costume Balances	Due with April tuition	TBD
Recital Fee	Due March 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD

**Fall Schedule**

**Ages 3-4**

**Tiny Tots**

- Tuesday 4:30-5:15
- Dancers will explore creative movement and basic skills in the genres of tap and ballet

**Preschool Dance**

- Thursday 6:00-6:45
- Dancers will explore creative movement and basic skills in the genre of tap and ballet

**Ages 5-6**

**5-6 Combo Class**

- Tuesday 6:00-7:00; 2 classes offered
- Dancers will learn creative movement and beginner technical skills in the genres of tap, ballet, and jazz

**5-6 Combo Class**

- Thursday 4:30-5:30
- Dancers will learn creative movement and beginner technical skills in the genres of tap, ballet, and jazz

**Ages 7-10**

**7-10 Combo Class**

- Monday 6:00-7:00
- Dancers will learn creative movement and technical skills in the genres of tap, ballet, and jazz

**Preteens**

**Preteen Combo Class**

- Monday 7:00-8:00
- Dancers will learn movement quality, technique, and performance skills in the genres of tap, jazz, and lyrical

**Ages 6-10**

**All Boys Hip Hop**

- Thursday 5:30-6:00
- Dancers will learn basic rhythm and beginner hip hop steps

**All Girls Hip Hop**

- Thursday 6:00-6:45
- Dancers will learn basic rhythm and beginner hip hop steps

**Ages 3-4**

**Preschool Gym**

- Tuesday 4:00-4:30
- Students will build strength and coordination through the introduction of basic gymnastics skills

**Preschool Gym**

- Thursday 5:30-6:00
- Students will build strength and coordination through the introduction of basic gymnastics skills

**Ages 5-6**

**Kinder Gym**

- Tuesday 5:15-5:45
- Students will build strength and coordination through basic gymnastics skills

**Kinder Gym**

- Thursday 4:00-4:30
- Students will build strength and coordination through basic gymnastics skills

**Ages 7 & Up**

**Beginner Gym**

- Tuesday 6:00-6:45
- Students will dive into beginner level gymnastics skills such as limbering, cartwheels, round offs, and an introduction to walkovers

**Intermediate Gym A**

- Tuesday 5:00-5:45
- Students will dive into intermediate level gymnastics skills such as limbering, walkovers, and an introduction to aerials and handsprings

**Intermediate Gym B**

- Tuesday 6:45-7:30
- Students will dive into intermediate level gymnastics skills such as limbering, walkovers, and an introduction to aerials and handsprings

**Advanced Gym**

- Tuesday 7:30-8:15
- Students will dive into advanced level gymnastics skills such as handsprings, aerials, tucks, power tumbling, and tricks

**Dress Code & Shoe Requirements**

• **Tuesday Tiny Tots & Thursday Preschool**

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Please purchase “transitional tights” if taking gymnastics
- Capezio Pink Leather Ballet shoes
- Capezio Black Patent (Shiny) Tap Shoes

• **5-6 Combo Classes**

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Capezio Pink Leather Ballet shoes
- Capezio Tan Mary Jane style tap shoes
- Capezio Caramel E-series slip-on jazz shoe

• **7-10 Combo Classes**

- Leotard & tights; skirts may be worn over them
- Capezio Pink Leather Ballet shoes
- Capezio Tan Mary Jane style tap shoes
- Capezio Caramel E-series slip-on jazz shoe

• **Hip Hop Classes**

- Athletic wear
- tennis shoes

• **Gymnastics**

- Athletic wear
- Bare feet
- Regular dance class attire permitted. Please purchase “transitional tights”

• **Preteen Combo Class**

- Tight fitting athletic wear
- Tap shoes – Bloch tap flex SO-3088 in black
- Jazz shoes – capezio jazz ankle boot in caramel

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### **Holidays & Studio Closings**

- We follow the Gaston County School System schedule for major holidays such as Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Memorial Day.
- We do not close for teacher work days
- Inclement weather decisions will be made according to the staffs' discretion. Even when school is closed the conditions typically change by the time we start classes. All announcements will be made through Dance Specialties' social media profiles and the BAND APP.

### **COVID-19**

As we continue to navigate the pandemic and learn what works best, we ask for your patience and understanding. We are decreasing our enrollment numbers in each class to help with our social distancing efforts. While Dance Specialties is operating under decreased capacity, it is taking double the staff to allow for sanitizing and smaller class sizes. As the NC restrictions change and gathering numbers increase two classes may be merged into one. For example, Tuesday Tiny Tots from 4:30-5:15 will have two classrooms operating during this time frame. If the gathering numbers increase this class may merge into one. Some class times may also be extended to accommodate for a larger class size. Please read the following safety procedures so you and your dancer are prepared for the first day of class! We are so grateful we are still able to provide our children with something they love.

### **Safety Procedures**

- Staff will be taking thermal temperature readings of all dancers upon their arrival
- All dancers will sanitize their hands upon entering the building and before they exit the building
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects including ballet barres, gym mats, chairs, bathrooms sinks and toilets, dance floors, music equipment and surfaces and remove unnecessary frequently touched surfaces. Extra staff will always be on hand to assist with cleaning during dismissal to prepare for the next class.
- Our Lobby will remain closed during this time. Parents/Guardians will wait in their care and walk dancer to the door when the teacher is ready for check-in. Parents/Guardians will remain in the car during class time. Parent/Guardians will pick up dancer at the door. A mask is required if you have to go into the studio for any reason.
- Your dancer is welcome to wear a facemask. (Do not use a mask on children under two years old, people with difficulty breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask themselves)
- No access to water drinks/snacks sold in the office. Dancers must bring their own water bottles.
- All dancers items will be stored in a specific place while they are in the studio (distanced from other dancers' belongings) and this area will be wiped down after the dancer leaves. Each dancer will be allowed only one bag in the studio.
- If you or a family member has come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 you must refrain from attending class for at least 10 days.