

KEEPING IN Step AT THE ELITE DANCE ACADEMY

NEWS AND INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

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WELCOME

The staff & management would like to extend warm greetings to both old and new families whose children are participating this year. We will do our best to be worthy of the confidence you have shown in us by enrolling at the Elite Dance Academy.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Dress properly for class, including having all hair pulled back up and away from the face.
2. Food & drinks are allowed in the dressing room only. No eating, drinking or smoking in the reception area.
3. No chewing gum, water bottles or cell phones in class.
4. No heavy jewelry.
5. Be on time, class will start promptly.
6. Write child's name inside of all dance shoes.

PARENT VISITATION

Will be in January during the weeks of Jan. 23rd (back room) and Jan. 30th (front room).

Parents only (no infants or young children please) are invited to observe their child's entire class. Classroom visitation is not permitted on days other than those scheduled for that purpose. **Visitors must remain QUIET during the class session.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The studio will be closed only for rare emergencies or severe weather. In the event of bad weather, please visit the home page of our website at.....

TUITION

Payment for tuition is **due on the first calendar day of each month.**

Cash or **automatic AUTO-PAY** is accepted for tuition payments. We will not be accepting checks for *tuition* this year. Costume payments may also be paid via ACH withdrawal.

AUTO-PAY

HOW IT WORKS....

ACH is an easy way to pay tuition. Bring a voided check with you in September and sign the ACH approval form. Your tuition amount will be deducted on the first of every month directly from your checking account. You will receive an email every month indicating the transaction. The transaction will run for 9 months from Sept to May. You may choose to include your Nov costume payment in your Nov ACH charge...just notify the front desk.

BENEFITS OF AUTO-PAY:

- * No hassle of monthly check writing.
- * No need to send in your child with an envelope of money.
- * No late charges incurred.
- * No calls or emails regarding late tuition.

FEES

A late charge of \$10.00 will be added to your account for payments received after the 10th of the month.

A \$20.00 fee will be charged for all ACH payments or checks for costumes which are returned to us because of insufficient funds. More than two NSF payments per dance season will result in cash payments only.

CLASS ABSENCES

Please be sure to call in advance if you are unable to attend class. Make-up classes will be offered only to those students who have given advance notice that they will be unable to attend their regularly scheduled class. A student may make-up in any class that is level appropriate-equal or lower level only. When arriving for class, please notify the teacher that you are making up a class. **Missed classes must be made up within ONE MONTH of the original absence date.**

RECITAL DATE

Stay Tuned
Will Be Announced Soon!!!

RECITAL INFO

Recital Costumes

Payment for costumes can be made at any time, but **the deadline date is November 19th.** This deadline is set by our suppliers and ensures we receive our costumes in advance of picture day. We are **notifying you approximately 14 weeks in advance** to make budgeting easier for you. Full payment or partial payments will be accepted anytime but **costumes must be paid in full by Nov 19th.** You are **required to decide your child's size and initial your size choice on our costume class sheet which is at the front desk.**

As always your child's participation in the recital is strictly voluntary but we hope to have nearly 100% of the **children involved.**

ELITE EMAIL

All Elite correspondence will be sent via email from info@elitedanceacademy.com Please be sure to add us to your safe senders list so we don't end up in your spam folders.

It's
Back

PRE-DANCE CLASS

For Ages 24 mths to 36 mths. This class will concentrate on the early foundations of dance such as rhythm, creative movement, instruments and balance. This is a 45 minute class for those who are ready for a group activity. Wed 11:15am



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In addition, all studio documents sent via email will be posted on the website.

RECITAL COSTUME PRICES

- \$ 60 for all tot combo classes
- \$65 for all others

PARKING

Parking slots are clearly marked in the lot. Please do not wait for your children in the driveway in front of the studio. Wait in the lined parking spaces provided. **The driveway in front of all the businesses in the building must be kept open at all times.** Stopping briefly to drop your children off is OK. Directional arrows are painted on the driveway. Be sure to enter and exit as the arrows indicate so children are dropped off safely near the sidewalks in front of the studio.

Dancers should arrive no more than 10 minutes before their scheduled class and parents must pick them up promptly afterward. Teachers and office staff are not responsible for supervising children for extended periods of time either before or after class.

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Please visit our website for regular updates, schedules and photos. Classes are featured on a regular basis, as well as photos from competitions and other events. By Sept. 30th, anyone preferring not to have their child's picture featured may sign a publicity exclusion form at the front desk.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this dancing season. We hope you will be satisfied with the program we present at our studio.

Please do not hesitate to call or stop in if you have any questions with which we can be of assistance.

Summary of Dates & Fees

Fall Classes ResumeMon. Sept. 12th
Monthly Tuition Rates.....1st Hour \$45
.....2nd Hour \$38
.....3rd Hour \$29
.....4th Hr & up \$ 26
Late Tuition Charge.....\$10.00
NSF ACH/Check Return Fee\$20.00
Recital Costumes\$60(tots) & \$65
Costume Payment Deadline.....Sat. Nov. 19

Parent Visitation(back room) week of Jan 23
(front room) week of Jan 30

ALL PAYMENTS ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS.

RECENT NEWS

SUMMER CAMP

Thank you to all of our summer camp participants. We had a great turnout this year for all the different sessions, including dance camp, princess camp, disney fever camp and theater camp. Our theater group of 20 campers performed a memorable version of **"Your're a Good Man Charlie Brown"** for a local preschool. Lots of singing, dancing and fun were had by all!!

COMPETITION

The final round of competition for the 2010-2011 season was Nationals, held in Washington, DC. As always, the Elite team finished strong. For the first time ever, Elite had eight numbers make it to the Battle. Congratulations to those dancers in the following numbers; Senior Tap "Hanuman", Senior Jazz, "Workin' Day & Night", Production "Red Devils", Topaz Lyrical "Welcome To The Jungle", Pink Lyrical "Winter", Gold Hip Hop "Amazing", Silver Hip Hop "Call Me", and Green Jazz "Hip To Be Square".

AUDITIONS

Congratulations to the 95 students who made the 2011-12 Elite Dance Academy Competition Team. Rehearsals have started and everyone is working hard. Good luck to all in the upcoming season!!

TEACHER NEWS!!

Elite is proud to announce the following info regarding our professional and qualified staff.

Amy Widmer - She's Back!!! Miss Amy, a former Elite student, graduate of DeSales College with a degree in Dance and most recently, an Elite teacher and competitive choreographer is back from having triplets. While her schedule is light this year, we are so happy to have her back!!

Yaqshaan Medan-BFA(In dance) from the University of The Arts
Yaqshaan was awarded a full time position in a Performing Arts school and has relocated to North Carolina. We will miss him, but wish him lots of luck!!

The following new teachers from last year are returning:
Maria Nguyen-Bachelor of Science in Dance form Drexel University
Maria danced professionally at the Philadelphia Fringe Festival and also toured with the Drexel Dance Ensemble.

Michelle Galione-Bachelor of Science from Penn State University
Michelle was a member of the Penn State Orchesis Dance Group and brings 20 years of ballet experience.

Samantha Mebs-Diverse dance background with over 8 years of teaching experience. Performed with La Luna Dance Group.