



September 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope that all of our dance families are safe and getting back to some sort of normalcy after Hurricane Ida.

We are excited about the new dance year at Covington Dance Company!! Classes are set to begin next week- September 20th! We are celebrating 15 years of dance at CDC this year! You should have received the welcome letter, class schedules, and dance attire requirements via e-mail. Please contact me if you did not receive your welcome packet. I will send monthly newsletters to the e-mail address you provided on the registration form and they will also be posted online at www.covingtondancecompany.com.

Since we are still under Coronavirus restrictions, we will need to limit the occupancy numbers in the studio. We don't mind if you walk your dancer in but we can only allow dancers, teachers, and assistants to remain in the building during classes. We will have short parent meetings next week and each teacher will let you know where the class will dismiss.

Short Parent Meetings- 1st Week: Each teacher will hold a short parent meeting for each class during our first week. We hope that it will help answer any questions you or your dancer may have and give you an opportunity to talk with the teacher before class begins. We will also go over important yearly information pertaining to your specific class. So, please try to attend.

Holidays/ Cancelled Classes: I do not follow ALL of the Tangipahoa Parish School System's Holidays. We close for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mardi Gras and the Easter Holidays. Extreme weather situations will be monitored and closures are determined on a case by case basis. If I decide to close the studio, I will send an e-mail to all parents and it will also be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

The studio will be closed on the following dates this year:

- Thanksgiving-November 22-26
- Christmas/ New Year- December 20-31
- Mardi Gras- February 28- March 3
- Spring Break/Easter- April 18-22

2022 Recital Location & Date: The 2022 recital will be the weekend of May 21 & 22 at the Columbia Theater in Hammond. Please mark your calendars!

Tuition/Late Fees: Tuition is due on the first of each month. A \$10 late fee will be automatically added to your account, if not paid by the 10th of each month. (*Tuition for September is due the first week of classes.*) **If your account is more than two months past due, your dancer will not be allowed in class until your account is caught up. Once removed from class, you will have one week to catch up on fees. After that week, the spot will be filled with someone on the waiting list for the class.**

We accept cash, checks or Venmo. The studio's Venmo ID is @LauraLynne-Matthews.

We changed the lobby up some this summer to include a front desk/receptionist area. The front desk will be open from 4:00-6:00 each Monday-Thursday. You can drop off payments, ask about your account, turn in forms, etc. We will still have the two drop boxes as well.

Perfect Attendance Policy: Students who attend every class during the year will receive a trophy at one of the recitals for perfect attendance. **There are NO MAKEUPS for Perfect Attendance.** If a child misses for any reason, it will be counted as an absence. **Any dancer that is 15 minutes late to class will be marked absent.**

CDC Merchandise: Our merchandise store is up from now until Sept 24th. We have CDC t-shirts, tanks, sweatshirts, hot shorts, dance bags and water bottles. We also have a Louisiana Strong t-shirt. All proceeds from the LA Strong shirt will benefit hurricane recovery in our area. Please follow the link to order: <https://bit.ly/covingtondc>

No Food or Drinks in the Studio: Please remember that only water bottles are allowed in the studio or waiting area.

Thank you for this opportunity! I am looking forward to a great year!!!