

## October 2019 newsletter

We are now officially through 1 whole month of classes! What a fun time we have had getting to know all these kids and starting to see them grow. Here's a look at what's going on this month, and a little look into upcoming dates, and other important information you will need.

**Tuition:** A reminder that ALL students MUST have an autopay form ON FILE! Autopay will be ran on the 10th of each month for tuition. If you wish to pay a different way, payment must be received before autopay is ran on the 10th. If you do not pay, a late fee of \$25 will be added to your account. If your autopay does not process, you will have until the 15th to pay, or the late fee will be added to your account. You will be notified via email if your autopay does not process. If you choose to pay earlier, you can pay using card, check or cash at the desk, OR you can pay Venmo (@Andrea-Olsen1). If you have any questions about your account our friendly office staff can help you! If they can't answer a question, they will gladly take a message and get with me about the issue and I will work on resolving it. *(All Stars: your company fees will be ran on the 25th of each month, using autopay. You can also pay using a different method before the date, but any account not paid by the 25th will have their fees ran automatically.)*

**New student registration:** It's NOT TOO LATE to add new students! If you have a friend or family member looking for classes, it's not too late to have them sign up! Cut off date for performance/intro to competition classes will be Monday, October 28. Other classes will continue enrollment throughout the year. Remember, you get a SWEET referral bonus for each student you refer!

**Cold weather:** As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather. We allow our students to wear layers over their clothing until they get warmed up and then ask them to take the layers off after that. Walking to and from the car, waiting for their ride, and even just waiting in between classes can get chilly, so please make sure they are dressed for the weather. We do have lots of items that are available for purchase in the studio store to help keep you students warm!

**Dress codes:** If your dancer has a class that required a specific dress code, please make sure that those items are available for your dancer. We have been in classes for over a month, it is important that your student be wearing the proper clothing to those classes. If you are not sure of the dress codes, please ask your students' teacher or speak with the office staff. You can also find dress code guidelines on our website: [www.theedgedancestudioutah.com](http://www.theedgedancestudioutah.com) . Students who are not dressed properly, which includes proper shoes and hair pulled out of face, may be asked to sit out and watch. We also have dress code cards that will be sent home and must be signed and returned if your student continues to not be in dress code. We are seeing improper dance wear and hair, especially in Ballet. All participants in Ballet MUST wear a black leotard, any style, pink tights (no holes or runs), pink ballet shoes, and hair pulled into a bun. A ballet skirt is OK, but NO athletic shorts of any kind. We are also having tumblers come to class with their hair down and in their face, or in ponytails that are too long and are getting stepped on. This is very distracting and dangerous. It is painful for the girls that step on their own hair and rip it out. Also, tumblers are coming in jeans or clothing that is restricting their movement. Please be aware and make sure your student is properly dressed. ALL dancers/tumblers should have their hair up and out of their face. (All Stars:

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once you receive your company uniform, you will be required to wear it to your Tuesday company classes. You can also wear it to other classes, too! If there is an issue with your company uniform, after you have received them and tried them on, please let me know ASAP!

**Fall break/Halloween:** In general, we try to follow the Alpine School District calendar and observe similar holidays and closures. The studio will be closed the following days for Fall Break: Wednesday, October 16 - Monday, October 21. Classes will resume as normal on Tuesday, October 22. We will also be closing for Halloween on Thursday, October 31. The week of Halloween (October 28, 29, & 30) is wear your costume to class week! We encourage your students to wear their Halloween costume OR a previous dance costume to classes! (Please keep general movement and safety in mind.)

**A look ahead:** We will be closed November 27-29 for Thanksgiving break. As well as Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3 for Christmas break. We will be doing a SUPER FUN \*optional\* activity on Friday, Nov. 29... watch for more info on this super secret/fun thing you will definitely want to be a part of! Details coming soon! (Yes, we know it's Black Friday. Yes, we have an activity planned for Black Friday. Cost will be \$25. BUT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!)

**Costumes, music, and competitions:** We are working on finalizing all the music for competition and performance classes, and shortly after that we will be finalizing costumes. Once costumes have been finalized, we will have posters displayed in the studio with the pictures of each costume and the accessories that you will need. We are also working on finalizing our competition and recital dates. Watch for those soon!

**Wizard of Oz:** Our Ballet department is pleased to present "Wizard of oz", the ballet! We had such a great show last year, we are doing another one this season. We are so excited for this opportunity for our dancers! Each ballet class will be a part of the show in a group dance with their class and auditions for main parts will be held on Saturday, October 12. Ages 8-12 will be from 11:15-12:15 pm, and ages 13-18 will be from 12:15-1:15 pm. Please come with proper ballet attire and hair pulled into bun. We are so excited to provide this incredible opportunity of performing in a classical ballet to our students. Details of the performance will be forthcoming. There will be a \$25/student costume rental fee, per student. We do our BEST to keep costs low while still providing proper and entertaining costuming. Most importantly, we would LOVE for your child to attend the auditions. There are a variety of main parts and your dancer DOES NOT need to be on pointe to be sat in a main role! Parts are also for a variety of ages, giving each dancer an opportunity to experience the audition process. We can't wait to see this show in the spring!

**A Night at the Ballet:** This year was such a HUGE success, and have had a lot of request to do it again! We will be attending Ballet West's "Ballet Russes" on Friday, October 25 at 7:30 pm. Normally tickets for Ballet West start at \$80, but we are able to get them for just \$40, which includes your Tax ticket to and from the studio! You can reserve your tickets at the desk. Payment and orders must be made BY Thursday, Oct. 17. You can pay with cash or check to Janae Garret or Venmo @Janae-Davis-1 . This is open to all students, and parents are welcome to attend, as well! We will meet at the studio at 4:30 pm on Friday,

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October 25. We will carpool to the Lehi Frontrunner station. We will take frontrunner/trax to SLC, where we will walk just the 1-2 blocks to the theatre. After the show, we will bring Trax/Frontrunner back and will have the students picked up at the studio. Please send a little bit of cash for a drink/treat at the show. Also, please dress is "sunday" dress. Ladies should be in a dress, men should be in slacks and a dress shirt (preferred) or a polo shirt. Contact Janae Garrett with any questions: jnae05@gmail.com

**All Stars:** We are working hard on choreo and will be starting our production number this month! Saturday, October 12 will be our first practice. Here is the schedule: Velocity & Intensity: 8-9:30 am for hip hop choreography; Fusion 8-9:30 am for individual show choreography; ALL All Stars (Flare, Fusion, Velocity & Intensity) will be from 9:30-11 am for the finale. These rehearsals are MANDATORY! Please be on time! You should have your company uniforms by then, so please wear them. Hair must be pulled into a low ponytail. We will also have convention, which is also mandatory, on Saturday, Nov. 2. The fee for this is included in your monthly company fees, as well as 1 meal! You will want to send a water bottle and a few healthy snacks for your dancer, though. Your dancer is welcome to wear whatever dance wear she feels she can move in, although tennis shoes/hip hop shoes are necessary. This IS a Hip Hop convention! Hair does not need to be a certain style, BUT DOES need to be pulled out of the face. Your student needs to be dropped off at the Salt Palace convention center (East side entrance) by 9:45 am. She will need to be picked up by 4:30 pm. Parents can come watch the last hour, for no additional fee. I will have room for just a few students, if needed. You will need to meet at the studio by 8:45 am, and will need to arrange with me ahead of time for a ride to make sure I have room. I encourage you to carpool with each other! Since convention is in November, we will not be holding a production Saturday practice. We WILL hold one in December, though. We are planning on December 14, time TBD. This is far enough in advance to plan ahead, AND it is not over Christmas break, so there should not a conflict there. It is a MANDATORY practice, and we will be doing A LOT of choreography! So please plan on attending. Even further look ahead: Saturday, January 18 is the next company Saturday practice after that.

**August, September & October birthdays:** We would like to give a birthday shout out to the following dancers - (August) Lexi T., Aleena C., Emilee H., Arika A., Tara S., Hallie T., Caoimhe S., Ellis W., Chelsey B., (Sept.) Gabriella H., Alyssa T., Eva V., Madison H., Katelyn B., Brooke J., Kayleigh C., (Oct.) Mckayla Y., Amelia H., Bailey S., & Scarlet B. We have a little birthday surprise for you at the desk! Stop by and grab yours when you are at the studio!

Thank you so much for trusting us with your precious students. We really do enjoy teaching them, and grow to love them so very much! We can't wait to see where this season goes! As always, if you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to ask! Thanks!

- Miss Andrea, Miss Janae, Miss Keerstyn, Miss Lauren, Miss Tylar, Miss Vanessa