

THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

No classes during Thanksgiving Break: November 25th-30th

Classes resume on Monday December 2nd.

Costume Fees:

- posted to accounts this week
- due on December 14th

Costume Fitting Days Dec 14-15

- detailed information later in this email

Winter Break

No regular classes from Dec 23-Jan 5. Classes resume Jan 6

NEWS

There is a LOT of information for you this December! Please continue to read this newsletter to the end so that you are on top of everything that matters. Thank you!

- Recital Costume Information
- Costume Fitting Days
- Student Drop Off & Pick Up
- Winter Break Events
- Summer Dance Camps

BEHIND THE SCENES

This month, our early childhood classes will be learning about the dance tradition of the Nutcracker -- marching like Nutcracker soldiers in tap, waltzing like snowflakes in ballet, and dancing through the Land of Sweets in jazz - just for example! Our older dancers will be working on new skills and challenging themselves to work towards mastery!

In honor of our 10th season, our recital theme this year is A Decade of Dance! Our teachers are beginning to choose songs for their recital routines - so exciting!



REMINDERS



After Class Pick Up

Now that it is getting dark outside so much earlier, we want to take extra care during the after class pick up. Please follow the procedures below:

- If your child has a phone and you want them to meet you at your car, please text them when you arrive. They should only go outside once they know exactly where you are, as it is harder to identify cars in the dark.
- If your child does not have a phone or a way to communicate with you on their own, please come inside the studio to pick them up. No dancers should wait outside.

Before Class/Drop-Off

We encourage our students to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the beginning of their class. They can use this time to have a bathroom break and get their dance shoes on.

We understand that once in a while, due to carpools, a dancer may be at the studio for a period of time before their classes begin. If your child will be at the studio more than 15 minutes before their first class (without parental supervision), please send us a text to let us know. This will help us to make sure that we know who we should have our eye on as they wait, since the lobby can be very busy.

Winter Break Events and Summer Camps

Did you know? We have dance events during our Thanksgiving & Winter Break! Check out the **Black Friday Drop N Shop Dance Party**, **Noon Year's Eve Party** & **Winter Wonderland Camp** by going logging into your portal and choosing the Holiday Event tab.

STAY TUNED! Our 2025 Summer Camp brochure will be emailed out in a few days! You will be able to save your spot and pay your fees later.

Please continue reading for important Recital Costume Information!



2024-2025 RECITAL COSTUME INFO

Recital costumes are a fun and exciting part of the recital experience! See the important information and FAQ's below, for everything you need to know!

IS MY DANCER REQUIRED TO BE IN THE RECITAL?

Our end-of-season recital, on Sunday June 1, 2025 at Barrington High School, is not required, but we do **highly** encourage our dancers to participate! Learning a routine and performing on stage is a wonderful part of the dance experience. We make sure that the recital is a positive event, even for dancers who are a little apprehensive; our teachers go on stage with our preschool age dancers and stand in the corner for the elementary age classes that need it.

If you do not want your dancer to participate, they can still continue in classes for Winter & Spring! Please let us know via email if your dancer will not be participating in the recital.

WHAT ARE THE COSTUMES LIKE?

At Movement & Sound, we believe in choosing costumes that are age-appropriate and that also make our dancers feel special. The costumes are chosen based on the music and choreography choices of each teacher, and they often have some sparkle!

WHEN DO YOU ORDER THE COSTUMES?

Dance costumes are made-to-order from a costume manufacturer. The orders require a lead time of 4-6 months, depending on the costume style. Although our recital is in June, we have to place our orders over winter break in order to receive the costumes with enough time before the show.

DOES MY DANCER WEAR THE SAME COSTUME FOR EACH DANCE?

That depends! See the chart on the last page for the different costume requirements and information. Whether a dancer wears the same costume for multiple classes depends on their age/level and on which days they take dance.

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE COSTUME FEES?

Recital costumes are NOT a profit-generating item for us as a studio. Our costume fees reflect the average price (per age group) of the class costumes, extras, tights, and accessories that we order, including the shipping and processing fees that are involved. Our costume fees directly correlate to the pricing scale that we pay to the costume manufacturing companies. See the chart on the next page for all pricing info. **Thank you!**

HOW DO I CHOOSE THE CORRECT SIZE FOR MY DANCER?

NEW FOR THIS YEAR! So that costume fitting time is less chaotic, and so that our dancers do not need to miss any part of their class time, we will be having a special Costume Fitting Weekend on Dec 14 & 15. **Please schedule a time for your dancer(s) by clicking the link at the bottom of this email.** Each time slot is 15 minutes and we will be fitting multiple dancers and families during each 15 minute slot. If you have more than one dancer, you would just choose ONE time slot. *As this is a new experience for our studio and families, we ask that you come in with your patience as we do our best to work efficiently. Please leave other siblings at home to help make the process go as quickly as possible.*

If you know that you are not able to come to the Costume Fitting Weekend, you will need to arrive 15 minutes before your dancer's weekly class to try on a fitting leotard, make your costume size selection, and sign the costume book.

Parents of company dancers - if you are happy with the costume size choice you already made, you do NOT need to attend the Costume Fitting Weekend. We will use your dancer's company costume size, unless we hear differently from you.

WHEN ARE THE COSTUME FEES DUE?

Costume fees will be posted to your Parent Portal by Nov 28th and will be due on Dec 14, 2024. You can pay via credit card, cash or check, or Zelle to movementandsounddance@gmail.com.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Please see below for the costume fees for your dancer, based on the class level. **Every costume charge includes the costume, 1 pair of tights (if applicable), matching accessories (depending on the costume), and a garment bag and hanger.**

ON MY OWN & FUNDAMENTALS LEVEL -- \$65

On My Own & Fundamentals level dancers who take multiple dance classes (tap, ballet, and/or jazz) on the same day, will need ONE costume only. If your dancer takes class on multiple days or is also in acro or musical theatre, there is a separate costume and charge for the additional day.

ELEMENTS LEVEL OR ELEMENTS/FOUNDATIONS BLEND-- \$70

If an Elements level dancer takes tap & jazz on the SAME day, they will wear ONE costume for both dances. Ballet & Lyrical Elements dancers will have a separate costume and costume charge. Acro Elements will have its own costume & charge; Hip Hop Elements will have its own costume & charge; Musical Theatre Elements will have its own costume & charge.

FOUNDATIONS/EXPLORATIONS/ACCELERATIONS LEVEL -- \$75

In most cases, Foundations/Explorations/Accelerations level dancers will have a separate costume and charge for each style of dance they take. In certain cases, teachers might use the same costume for two back-to-back classes (on the same day), but that is at the discretion of each teacher.

BOYS' COSTUMES -- VARIES PER AGE

In some cases, boys' costumes are ordered from costume catalogs. In other cases, we have to shop items from stores and customize them. Boys' costumes do not include tights, so the costs are as follows: Fundamentals \$60, Elements \$65, Foundations, Explorations, & Accelerations \$70

Hip Hop Costumes are the same price for both girls and boys.



Thank you!

[COSTUME FITTING SCHEDULING LINK](#)