



Artistic Dance Unlimited

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

March is here! It's hard to believe that the recital is only 3 months away! Over the next few months there will be lots of important information distributed. Please read your newsletters carefully and always check the message board in the lobby.

SPRING BREAK!

**THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK
MARCH 16th – MARCH 20th. WE HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THEIR
BREAK AND REMEMBERS TO PRACTICE THEIR ROUTINES!!**

SHOES AND TIGHTS

All students need to have the appropriate color dance shoes by **Wednesday, APRIL 1st**. This ensures everyone will have the proper shoes for dance pictures as well as gives the students time to “break in” their new shoes. Proper colored shoes and tights must be worn for dance pictures April 27th – 30th.

SHOES: All Ballet students need pink leather Ballet shoes. All Jazz students need Capezio caramel slip on Jazz shoes, unless black or canvas have been chosen by the instructor. Lyrical students need tan lyrical dance turners that closely match the dancer's skin tone. Tap students ages 4-7 year olds: Tan Buckle Strap Tap shoe and students 8 years and up: Bloch Tan Buckle Strap Tap shoes with 1 ½ inch heel. Intermediate and Senior tap students wear black lace up tap shoes. Also, please check the condition of your child's shoes. They may need new ones if their present shoes are too worn.

****ATTENTION HIP HOP CLASSES: INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME THIS MONTH REGARDING THE REQUIRED SHOES FOR EACH HIP HOP CLASS. SHOES WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED AND BROKEN IN PRIOR TO DANCE PICTURES THE WEEK OF APRIL 27th.**

TIGHTS:

The following are the only TIGHTS acceptable for pictures and the recital:

- **CAPEZIO SYTLE #1915 C or 1915(adult) in Ballet Pink for all ballet classes age 4 and up.**
- **CAPEZIO STYLE #1915 C OR #1915 – Caramel for jazz and tap classes.**
- **For Darker Skin tones: #1916 Ultra Soft Transition. This tight has darker tones to match darker skin**
- **Black fishnet no seam or otherwise as instructed by teacher.**

All shoes and tights for class and recital may be purchased at TuTu's Dance Boutique at 9700 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, or online at or dancerwearsolution.com. OR www.amazon.com

****Tights and shoes must be in hand BEFORE APRIL 27th, 2026 (picture week).****



PARENTS OBSERVATION

The April Parent Observation is our most important week to have parents present. This will be a time for communicating costume, dance pictures, and recital information. We will hand out recital costumes to the students in all classes. Please make every effort to have a parent or guardian present with your dancer during this week.

Parent Observation/Information week is April 6th – April 9th

Please make arrangements for childcare for siblings. Children cannot be left unattended in the lobby.

We ask that a maximum of 2 parents per dancer attend as we cannot accommodate more than that in our dance rooms.

COSTUME BALANCES

If you have not paid your costume balance, please do so ASAP.

*****Costume balances must be paid in full as well as tuition and late fees must be up to date before your child will be allowed to take the costumes home.*****

RECITAL FEE

There will be a **\$85.00 per student** recital fee due no later than Thursday, April 23rd. A recital fee is common at all dance studios for those of you who are new to dance. This fee is used to help cover expenses of producing the show which includes Facility costs (Custodial, sound, and lighting fees), programs, advertising, decorations, etc. The fee you will pay will also cover a special trophy given to your child in honor of their participation in the recital. **Your recital fee will include 1 USB flash drive per family. Each flash drive will contain all 3 recital shows.** Please indicate on the memo line of your check when paying your recital fees. Families with multiple students will pay \$85 for the first student and \$40 for each additional student.

ALL TUITION, RECITAL, AND/OR ANY OTHER FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO RECITAL OR WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO PERFORM.

****ATTENTION: To make yours and our accounting easier, you may write one check and combine fees. Simply indicate on memo line how the fees should be dispersed. You may also pay online or contact Sharon in the front office to withdraw the fees from your credit card on file. It's easy and convenient.**



Speaking of Recital.....

Our annual recital will be held May 29th & May 30th, 2026 as scheduled. We are excited to utilize the Clayton Center for this year's recital. Recital Schedule is being worked on and will be posted in the lobby after spring break.



More on recital.....

Parents, please encourage your children to practice their routines for the recital. The students have worked very hard and we want them to look their very best when performing. The students must practice outside of their class time to ensure a good performance on their part. You can ask Sharon or Jennifer to send you a Dropbox link to your dancer's music. We ask that parents help by reminding their children to work on their routines at home.

DANCE PICTURES

Dance pictures will be taken at the studio the week of **April 27th – April 30th** by Photoplay Studio Photography. We are very pleased to have secured this company. It is important for every student to appear in their group picture. Photoplay Studio Photography will be making a large display picture of the students who have their picture taken. We want all students to be remembered so please make every effort to have them here for their group pictures. You are not required to have individuals made and you are not required to purchase pictures. A copy of the Picture Schedule will be emailed separately and posted in the lobby.

MARK THE CALENDER

- STUDIO SPRING BREAK
- PARENT OBSERVATION/ INFORMATION
- PICTURE WEEK
- DRESS REHEARSAL
- **RECITAL**

MARCH 16th – 20th, 2026

APRIL 6th – 9th, 2026

APRIL 27st – 30th, 2026

May 29th & May 30th

FRIDAY, May 29th & SATURDAY, May 30th

Location: Clayton Center

STUDIO REMINDERS... *Please have your children wait INSIDE the studio when being picked up.**

- STUDENTS' HAIR MUST BE PULLED AWAY FROM THEIR FACE IN ORDER TO TAKE CLASS.
- PROPER DANCE CLOTHES ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO TAKE CLASS. NO BAGGY T-SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED.
- CHECK LOST AND FOUND BOX.
- KEEP DRESSING ROOMS CLEAN. NO FOOD ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOM!
- PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON MEMO LINE OF CHECK WHEN PAYING TUITION.
- TUITION IS LATE AFTER THE 10TH OF THE MONTH AND WILL RESULT IN A \$10 LATE FEE.
- MAKE SURE ALL SHOES ARE LABELED. IF LOST, THEY ARE MORE EASILY RECOVERED IF THE STUDENTS NAME IS ON THEM

CLASS ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT THIS TIME OF YEAR. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND CLASSES SO THAT EXTRA REHEARSALS ARE NOT REQUIRED. HOWEVER, PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO CLASS WHO ARE SICK.

DANCE COMPANY REMINDERS

Platinum, Ignite, Turn It Up and Celebration Talent fees should all be paid!
Stage One Nationals fees are due by April 8, 2026.

- Platinum Dance – March 6 – 8 – Clayton Center for The Arts, Maryville, TN
- Ignite – April 10 – 12 – Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN
- Turn It Up – April 24 – 26 – Dalton Convention Center, Dalton, GA
- Celebration Talent – May 1 – 3 – Knoxville Civic Auditorium, Knoxville, TN
- Stage One Nationals – June 24 – 28 – Gatlinburg Convention Center – Gatlinburg, TN

This is a very important time of year for our dance companies. We ask all parents to stay positive and encourage your children. Students are expected to practice and give 100% to our dance program. We appreciate the time and dedication that the students and parents put into our performances and competitions. Let's remember, we are all here to support & educate the dancers! We are proud of our dance company!!!!



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AND, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND!

