
The Dance Warehouse

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The Director's Corner

Dear Dance Families and Friends,

Happy September! I cannot believe that August has come and gone and we are already 3 weeks into our dance season. It has been music to my ears to hear the chit chat and laughter of the dancers filling the lobby and hallways! I have met many new students and families and always enjoy welcoming new people to our home! We are excited to open our doors for our 10th season! We have a GREAT FALL schedule with expanded options this season.

Classes are starting to fill up and usually they will continue to do so until about mid-September. For those of you who have had schedule class changes, thank you for your patience and flexibility.

I have really enjoyed watching classes when I am not teaching and seeing how hard the students are working and how engaged our faculty has been with the classes! I love this! I hope you have been able to observe a bit of one of the classes and see this joyous exchange of learning! If you are happy with what you are seeing and the education your child is gaining, spread the word. That is the best compliment you could ever bestow upon TDW!

IN OCTOBER, WE WILL BE HAVING A BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE WEEK AND HOPE YOU WILL HAVE YOUR DANCER BRING A FRIEND TO CLASS.

Parents don't forget to come and check out our new **MORNING** classes. We have new **FITNESS AND TODDLER** classes for you to take advantage of as you get yourself back into and onto a schedule, or if you would just like to try a something new for yourself.

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Cheryl



Upcoming Events

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★September

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CLI Studios

★CLI STUDIOS

We are excited to announce that The Dance Warehouse has entered into an exclusive partnership with CLI Studios! This is an opportunity for our students to bring tWitch, Allison Holker, Kathryn McCormick, and over 40 of LA's top choreographers to bring studios a new training program. Our dancers were evaluated and reviewed by CLI faculty and a small group of our students were chosen to be a part of this program. This training is exclusive to a limited number of studios this fall and we are the only studio in Lee County to be participating. It has been specifically designed to give our students access for training with the world-renown faculty members of CLI Studios.

Lexi Cole has accepted and will be participating in this phenomenal program and opportunity! Congratulations Lexi!

TDW Ballet Classes

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COLOR: Light Pink

Leotards and Hip Belts can be purchased in several ways:

- You may purchase them from The Dancing Shoe on 41. They have placed an order for these specific items and will carry them in stock
- You may order them from Discount Dance Supply with the following Style Numbers Listed Above
- You may order them from Dancewear Solutions.

All dancers are required to have Capezio Ballet Pink Tights and Canvas Pink Ballet Shoes. Hair is required to be in a **neat, clean** bun for every class.

Inside the Classroom

For those family members who are unable to observe your dancer in class, this section of our newsletter allows you the opportunity to gain an overview and insight of what your dancer is doing and learning in class each month and information that faculty would like to share. As our classes get busy, be sure and read this section to find out what is happening!

★ **MS. CHERYL**

Each of my classes has spent the first 3 weeks being evaluated so as we move forward the class and individual can be set for goals and benchmarks. We will build on previous technique, learn increasingly larger combinations of steps and movements combined, and advance with the artistry at a consistent at the developmental rate appropriate for each student and class.

★ ★ **MS. NIKKI**

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Pre Ballet, Monday, 4:00: With the awesome start of our season, we are focusing on being good listeners and respectful to fellow students. We are also strengthening our knowledge of fundamental basic ballet terminology such as: plie, turnout, parallel, first position, and second position.

Pre Tap, Monday, 4:45: We are focusing on learning different articulation techniques with our feet to ensure we have strong heel and toe sounds as well as gaining strength in our shuffles and flaps.

Advanced Leaps and Turns, Monday, 6:30: We are focusing on gaining knowledge about the body and learning perfect alignment in order to properly execute pirouettes and second turns!

Tap 3/4, Monday, 7:30: In tap we are working on everyone understanding basic fundamentals so we can elaborate on them more to execute more advanced steps in a speedier fashion.

Pre Jazz, Wednesday, 4:45: This class is focusing on gaining more flexibility in all aspects, especially in our splits. We are also working on core jazz steps like chasses, pivots, and pas de bourree.

Jazz 3/4, Wednesday, 5:30: In class, we are emphasizing on gaining more flexibility and strength in every aspect. We are also working on perfecting different types of pirouettes and second turns, second leaps, reverse leaps, grande jete, battements, tilts, and ponches.

Tap 1, Thursday, 5:00: In this class we are focusing on loosening our ankles more while we tap and executing perfect technique by staying on our toes with bent knees for most steps.

Tap 2, Thursday, 7:30: We are emphasizing correct stature and technique for all our steps and specifically working on our shuffles, flaps, irishes, double irishes, and cramp roles.

★MISS MARIA

We have had a very fun and exciting first month of the new season! Everyone is getting to know each other and becoming so close. In all of my classes, we did a lot of basic skills because the students were being evaluated and getting familiar with the genre and skill level. Starting next month, we are going to get more into the groove of things and focus on more challenging skills. I am super excited to see what the new year has to come!

★MISS CORRINNE

Ballet classes are starting off on the correct foot! Everyone has learned to fix their shoes and hair before class. They now understand the reason for wearing their pink belts, which is to work on proper body placement, with a straight long spine and tight stomachs. Ballet I has learned pas de chat, step of the cat. Ballet II is learning the basics of turning, and Ballet III/IV is working on doing foutee turns correctly. We are off to a good start

★MISS ERICA

We are off to a great start here at The Dance Warehouse in Musical Theater Class! So far, students have learned what it means to have a musical theater repertory as well as that there all different types of musicals that each incorporates a different style of dance or movement. We have been working on different turns, leaps, and combinations all while focusing on the performance aspect of dance. Smiles, and jazz hands, everyone!

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Inside the Warehouse

✪ #CHANGES

We have recently made a change to our Merchant Services (our billing service) vendor and are now able to accept American Express.

Thank you for helping us to keep the back area food and drink free during the last month. Please continue to do so and help us remind others to: Respect your dance space, your home away from home! All food and drink stay in the front of the studio, PLEASE!

✪ #DANCEISLIFE DVD'S and INSTAPOSTERS

The recital DVDs and POSTERS are in! If you have not picked your recital DVD or INSTAPOSTER up as of yet, please do so in the office!

PARENTS: *Please remember our walls in the back are not soundproof. When you are observing in our hallways, we ask that you keep your volume to a whisper so as not to distract our students. We also ask that you please keep your children quiet in that area as well. Thank you!*

Dancer's Haven

✪ REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a friend, and that friend signs up and pays for the month of classes, you can receive 50% off for one of your classes that you take for the month!

✪ BRING A FRIEND WEEK

Bring a friend with you to dance class October 10-15th!

✪ CONNECT WITH US



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Tag us with **#TDWFortMyers!**

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Student Spotlight

This is a great spot for you to share your dancers' accomplishments outside of the studio with us!

Let us know what is going on and we will share with our dance families! Submit to tdw.thefrontdesk@gmail.com by the 25th of the month and we will do our best to share your dancers' accolades.

Check out these photos from our Fitness Boot Camp which ran from August 8-12th! The girls worked hard, inside and out!



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Command Performance News

We are looking forward to our team Lock-In on September 3-4! The rehearsal schedule has been sent out and is posted on the Command Performance bulletin board in the back hallway. We have also got the sign-up sheet for the TEAM DINNER POT LUCK on their as well. Below, you can see who has signed up for what!

Set Up:

1. Marissa Rivas
2. Deviled Eggs (Kori Howell)
3. Jill Bunnell
4. Yvette Farmer

Salad:

1. Marisa Reg. Salad
2. Isis Caesar Salad

Entrée:

1. Sharon & Kai – Curry chicken and rice with peas
2. Isis –roast pork
3. Kim – Chicken wings
4. Audrie - Meatballs

Sides:

1. Mac and Cheese – Marissa
2. Guac & Chips/Hummus & Veg – Margaret
3. Potato Salad – Eloise
4. Audrie – Veggie and Fruit Tray
5. French fries

Dessert:

1. Cookies (Kori)
2. Cake-Jill
3. Brownies - Kim
4. Fruit Salad - Eloise

Take Down/Clean Up:

1. Margaret M.
2. Ashley Rivernider
- 3.
- 4.

Reminder: There are 11 dancers on team! This does not include families or siblings so please let us know how many people in your family will be attending! We want to make this a fun bonding experience for the team and families! You can email Ms. Margaret at tdw.margaret@gmail.com with numbers and dishes.

✪ FACEBOOK PAGE

With competition season in full swing it is very important that the CP page be a vital form of communication. Check that page, along with your emails frequently. Please friend Cheryl Sington, then ask to be added to the Command Performance group

✪ IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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TDW DRESS CODE

Please note that ALL dancers must be within dress code to participate in class.

For the safety of our dancers it is important that the correct shoes are worn in all classes, except in ACRO. At no time should socks be worn in the studio as shoes. This is a danger to all dancers and a liability to the studio. All students should have hair secured neatly for ALL classes. No **jewelry** should be worn including rings on any part of the body.

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*If you are always looking side to side,
you will never move forward!*

Dance Strong!

