

****Pre Dance / Beginner Parent Tips:**

We know from Charmette Academy of Dance & Acrobatics, Inc. over 73 years of excellence in dance training, that this is a "TREASURED TIME" as your child slips on their first pair of Tap/Ballet/Jazz shoes, and dances into class. We believe that each child is a special and unique person with their own gifts and talents to share with the world. We are so honored that you have chosen our studio as a part of your child's dance education.

Listed below are a few helpful reminders to make our dance year run as smoothly as possible, and of course to emphasize the most important facets of our program! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us at info@charmette.net or give us a call at #314-962-2002. Thank you for your cooperation and here's to a wonderful year of dance, friends, smiles and DREAMS COME TRUE<3

1. Talk to your child about the first class. Remind them of their teacher's name. They will sit in blue/red chairs, with their bag underneath and you will be watching through our "MAGIC WINDOW"! It's a mirror to the students and you can see through to watch at all times.
2. If you have a question during class, please see the secretary and she can help you. Please let us work with your child and do NOT open the door to remedy a situation. Thank you.
3. ALL shoes should be labeled with NAME on the **INSIDE ONLY**. Please do not wear dance shoes outside. It will quickly ruin your shoes and cause damage to our floors. We appreciate your help in this matter.
4. We will sing songs, meet new friends, there may be girls and boys, they will make their bodies feel strong. Pre Dance will do Tap, Ballet and Acrobatics/Tumbling twice a month. Beginner classes will learn Ballet, Jazz and Tap.
5. All Pre Dance levels begin with TAP shoes and Beginner levels begin with BALLET shoes. Dress Codes can be found on our website as well as dance stores for shoes, leotards... at charmette.net.
6. Please arrive a little early and use the **RESTROOM BEFORE** class begins, even if they did at home:) We try not to leave the classroom once we have begun. Once one student goes then they all have to, as you can imagine.
7. Remember, no toys, food, dolls... should be brought into the classroom. Please NO strollers inside the studio because we just don't have enough space. Thank you for your cooperation.
8. Let the teacher know if your child has any food, nut etc. allergies for when we have class parties.

9. Tuition is due the 1st of each month, but you have until the 15th to pay. A \$37.00 late fee will apply after that date. . You can always see your Studio Director account 24/7 at charmette.net.
Our RECITAL will be June 14th through June 17th! More details will follow.

10. In our classroom we take the time to get to know our students. We want to cherish these moments and learn more about them and their dreams. We talk about colors of dancing school glue, butterfly stretches, tutu/vest choices.... We also discuss dance terminology, how our bodies function or maybe a famous dancer/artist.

11. Please try and relax. Some children may have anxiety, cry or get upset. **This is ALL NORMAL!**
It usually takes most students some time to adjust to the new class, routines, teachers... Some start out just fine and then struggle a month or two later. Other factors such as a new baby, illness, moving, parent traveling, death in the family, work schedules... can have an effect on them as well. We will try and comfort them but unfortunately we do not allow parents in the classroom. Try and just hand the child to the teacher and we will work our "MAGIC":)

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year of DANCE:) The art of Dance will fill your child's life with music, imagination, discipline, creativity, confidence, friends, skill development, dance education and FUN!! We know this experience that you are giving your child will provide you with cherished memories as you watch your child learn and grow.

**Keep Reaching for the Stars,
Miss Margie and Miss Angie
Owners/Directors**