



Health & Safety Update - Just to stay in touch on these areas, thank you! Families have been very responsible about letting us know when there has been distant contact. Appropriate isolating and quarantining has happened, when traveling too. We have implemented our regular sanitizing plan for two full weeks now with our UVC lamps. This is going well. We are grateful for your thoughtful support!

10/12 - Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser - For those families who would like to participate, we are offering a contactless fundraiser. Directions will be included in SportsYou. Customers go online to make selections and all purchases are shipping to the customer's home. Dancers receive 50% of profits, all of which go into dancers' accounts. *(The Studio does not retain any portion of the proceeds.)*

10/22 - 10/28 - Halloween Costumes to Class [optional]

- Dancers may wear a halloween costume of their choosing to dance class.
- This is not required. If your dancer chooses to participate, please make sure the costume is 'dance' friendly and she/he can move. :)

10/29- Thursday - ***NO CLASS***

- Trick-or-Treat is being observed locally and we will not have classes that day or evening. Please join us for make-ups at your convenience.

Spirit Wear Sale

- This year's fall spirit wear sale will be conducted shortly! We are very excited about the fun items and potential holiday presents. The Studio's team jacket will be available as well as The Studio's red snowflake hoodie.
- You will receive a link to the store as soon as possible.

Make Up Class Schedule & Virtual Links

- This schedule can be found on SportsYou and on the web. Remember, this year with our class size and space limitations we need to be contacted in advance.
- Further, we are happy to provide you with a link to take dance class virtually. Please remember to contact us no later than NOON the day of. We can not guarantee requests that come in after that time.

Class Observations

- We will be sending out videos of our work in class this month so you can see what your dancers are learning.

October is Music Month

We spend time this month working with instruments in some of our classes, talking about how to count music, and making our own rhythm patterns.

Dates to Remember:

- 10/12 - Monday, Columbus Indigenous Peoples' Day —we WILL be having class
- 10/12 - Gertrude Hawk Online fundraisers begins
- 10/22 - 10/28 - Dancers may wear their Halloween costumes to class
- 10/29 - Trick-or-Treat locally observed. ****No classes****
- 11/16 - Invitations to participate in June Show and sizing forms distributed
- 12/12 - Save the Date! **Holiday shows for Preschool Dancers, Shining Stars, and Shooting Stars are all on Saturday, 12/12.** Class assignments will be shared shortly.





Holiday Performance Information

Our youngest dancers will be participating in brief onsite performances at The Studio. Per a typical year, their holiday costumes will be ordered for them. The format will resemble our holiday Preschool Show: dancers will arrive in their costumes at a scheduled time and perform on the stage in Studio 5. Families will be permitted to watch. Different this year, we sadly won't be able to offer our "Carols & Cookies" reception. In an effort to offer a performing experience to our younger dancers to ease nerves before the June recitals, we are including our Shining and Shooting Star dancers. The following classes are invited to join us on Saturday, December 12th (times will be assigned):

- All Twinkle Toes
- All Broadway Babies
- Hippety Hop
- All Shining Stars
- All Shooting Stars

Dancers in the remaining Performing Classes will be creating a virtual Holiday Greeting that will be shared with our families. Each performing class will have a costume accessory recommended for purchase for this occasion. This may be a skirt, a tutu, a t-shirt, etc., depending on the genre of the class. There of course will be a cost to purchase the accessory but it will be less than a typical holiday costume. Each class will receive the link to sign up for its costume accessory. We will take care of the purchase for you and bill your account accordingly should you choose to participate. While it's not mandatory, we highly recommend purchasing the costume accessory for your dancer so s/he will look uniform in the Holiday Greeting. These items are more general purpose and can likely be worn again.

It saddens us to not be able to provide our typical Holiday Show at the theater and we are very hopeful for a normal experience next year! We are participating in Harrisburg's Reverse Holiday Parade outdoors on City Island! Cars will drive around the City Island loop, similar to a Hershey "Sweet Lights" experience. This event will occur from 10 - 12pm on Saturday, November 21st with Saturday, December 5th as a rain date. Because we can have only a limited number of participants and dancers need to be fully independent without parents, we have invited our oldest dancers. The following classes have received invitations to participate: Hip Hop F, Ballet I, Contemporary 3, Jazz G - I. If you have a dancer in one of these classes and did not receive the invitation please let us know. And if you have interest in helping with the design and production of the "set" for our performing area please let us know.

Families we would love to see you and it should be a nice family event—please come and see us!

More details about all of the holiday events will be provided closer to the dates. Sign up links for holiday costume accessories will be distributed this week.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUR COSTUME ACCESSORY BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH!