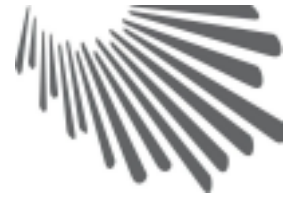


DaySpring Arts & Education

Dance Department - Young Dancers, 21-22

Orientation Letter, Policies and Calendar



Until further notice please refer to the Covid policies sheet, which may override some of these policies.

Welcome DaySpring Dance Department Families!

Whether this is your first or fifteenth year as a student in the Dance Department, we are thrilled to have you as part of the DaySpring family. Our goal for our dance students at every age and level is to create a safe learning environment where the students can develop confidence, cooperation, discipline, and their pursuit of excellence- skills that will serve them not just as artists, but in all areas of their lives. Whether through our Young Dancers Program, the Classical Ballet Program, or our other dance styles classes, we hope to give all students a chance to explore their love for dance! Please read through this information along with the dance policies, dress code, and department calendar included with this letter. Our website provides a list of general policies for the building along with a calendar showing all days we are not in session due to holidays and breaks.

Class Orientation

If you have any questions about your students' class, please feel free to reach out to the Department Head or your students' teacher. Although we are not able to have a group orientation at this time, we would be happy to answer any questions over email or organize a zoom or in person meeting. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Performances

All Dance Department students have the opportunity to participate in the end-of-year *Finale* performance in June. Because *Finale* performance preparation is an important part of our students' dance training, it will take place during a portion of class time.

- There are costume fees for dancers in classes that perform in *Finale*. A costume deposit is charged for each class and the balance of the costume cost is due before you pick up your costume.
- Tickets are available for purchase online as the performance date draws closer.
- There is a mandatory dress rehearsal at the theater during the week of *Finale*.

Students who miss dress rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in *Finale*.

Production Help

Without our volunteers, we would not be able to produce the quality performances that DaySpring is known for. We need your help with painting, sewing, crafting, building, marketing, ushering and more. Anyone who wishes to help out during production time is warmly welcomed, and we will be sure to let you know what needs as they arise!

Contact Us

If you ever have any questions or concerns, we are here to help! Your teachers can be reached through their DaySpring email, the office is readily available to answer questions and I am happy to speak with you via email, phone call, or in person during my office hours. We greatly appreciate you choosing DaySpring and we look forward to working with your children.

Anjuli Kroon

Dance Department Head
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Policies Specific to the Young Dancers' Program

There is so much to learn and gain from weekly lessons in dance and much fun to be had! The Young Dancers' Program at DaySpring includes classes for students aged 3-10 years, including Creative Movement, PreBallet & Tap, Beginning Ballet, Ballet 1, Beginning Tap & Jazz, and Beginning Contemporary Modern.

Communication

- We use email as a main form of communication. Be sure to check your inboxes for important info regarding classes, performances, etc. Your teachers are also available through email. The personal address for each teacher is the first and last name followed by @dayspringarts.org. (ex: anjulikroon@dayspringarts.org)
- Like us on Facebook! Find our pages: *DaySpring School of the Arts*. We post pictures and videos and all kinds of fun links and updates.
- Don't forget about our website, www.dayspringarts.org, and the online parent portal. Most information sent via email is also posted there.

Friendly Reminders

- Be sure to read over the DaySpring General Policies sheet so you are fully informed.
- We ask that you strive to ensure that your child is dressed properly (in dress code) for dance class and that hair is neatly pulled back: either in a bun, ponytail, or braids. Please, avoid distracting jewelry.
- Do not send your child into class until the teacher has opened the studio door and invited them in. If you arrive after class has started, you may open the door and send your child into the room.
- If you are not outside of the studio when the class is dismissed and your child's teacher has another class, your child will stay in the studio until you arrive. Let the teacher see you when you arrive so that your child can be released to you.

Dress Code

Please, note the dress code for your child's level below. All leotards, dance dresses, and performance tights may be purchased from the DaySpring office.

New this year: dancers may (but are not required to) choose flesh-tone tights and ballet shoes in place of pink and we have three color options for dress code and performance tights available for sale in the office. Ballet, tap, and jazz shoes may be purchased at any dance supply store (we recommend St. Louis Dancewear, 9644 Olive Blvd, Olivette, MO 63132, (314) 733-5678)

- **Creative Movement, PreBallet & Tap, Beginning Ballet**
 - Option 1
 - Blue dance dress or leotard and skirt
 - pink or flesh-tone tights or thin white socks
 - pink or flesh-tone ballet shoes
 - Option 2
 - Black above-knee shorts and fitted white t-shirt
 - black ballet shoes and black socks
- **Ballet 1**
 - Option 1
 - Black leotard
 - pink or flesh-tone tights and matching ballet shoes
 - Option 2
 - Black above-knee shorts and fitted white t-shirt
 - black ballet shoes and black socks
- **Beginning Tap & Jazz, and Beginning Contemporary Modern**
 - Solid color leotard or fitted athletic top
 - Black fitted shorts or pants; leggings; or tights (if leotard is worn).
 - Solid color socks (optional)
 - Shoes
 - Tap: black tap shoes
 - Jazz: black jazz shoes
 - Contemporary Modern: bare feet
- **ALL DANCERS**
 - No dangling jewelry, excessive or distracting accessories, or gum
 - Hair secured away from the face. For example: bun, pony tail, or braids

DaySpring Dance Department

Important Dates, 2021-22 Season

Month	Date, Day	Event
September	6, Mon 7, Tues	Labor Day - No classes Classes Begin
November	23-29, Mon-Sun	Fall Break - No classes
December	10-12, Fri-Sun 20-Jan 1, Mon-Sun	<i>Cinderella</i> Winter Break - No Classes
January	3, Mon	Classes Resume
March	21-27, Mon-Sat	Spring Break - No Classes
May	TBD 27, Fri 29, Sat 31, Mon	<i>Finale</i> Portrait Week Last Day of Enrichment Classes Last Day of Dance & Performing Arts Classes Memorial Day - No Classes
June	First Week	<i>Finale</i> Dress Rehearsals & Performances
*date(s) subject to change		