

Our Mission Statement: Dance training is a very special experience for children and adults. It is not only an enjoyable activity, but also one from which you can learn social graces, coordination, physical fitness, appreciation of the arts and a sense of pride and accomplishment. Our staff stresses technique and showmanship to encourage everyone to be the best they can be!

WELCOME & WELCOME BACK! – We are so happy you are here with us this season as we begin our 36th year of dance education! Please let us know immediately of any problems or concerns so we can help to make this year's dance experience memorable for all. Please leave a message at the front desk or on our studio voicemail if you have any concerns so we can address any situation immediately. Many student placement changes are made within the first few weeks of classes to properly place students within classes that suit them best. We make it our priority to accommodate every dancer as best we can. We want everyone to have a great dance year, so please feel free to call with any issues you feel need to be addressed.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL – Monthly newsletters are emailed to registered dancers whose current email addresses are on file at the studio. **Newsletters will not be handed out to dancers in class.** If you do not have access to email, your dancer can pick up a hard copy at the front desk beginning the first class of the month. Newsletters contain important information and notify you of important dates, upcoming events and activities. Monthly newsletters may also be downloaded from our studio website at www.youngdance.biz. Visit the website for important announcements and upcoming events at YDA along with news about our alumni! In addition to monthly newsletters, emails are sent from our studio email, youngdanceacademy@gmail.com. These emails are reminders concerning upcoming events, studio closings, etc. Please remember to provide us with a current email address to stay updated on studio announcements.

YOUNG DANCE ACADEMY APP – Young Dance Academy has an app! Keep updated with all the latest information all in one convenient place! Simply search for *Young Dance Academy* in the Google Play or App store to get started. All of our monthly newsletters will be available within the app as well.

SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM – Thank you to all of the dancers who took advantage of our 8-week summer dance program! Dancers were able to take class from many different teachers and try all genres of dance. Taking classes using our punch card system is a great way to enjoy your summer vacation and still continue to dance when it works into your schedule.

SUMMER INTENSIVE 2018 – Thank you to all who enjoyed classes in our 6th annual summer dance intensive! Master class teachers came from all over the country to teach our students for 2 weeks at the end of August. Plan to participate in the summer of 2018 during our 7th annual end of summer dance event!

DANCEWEAR AND SHOE SALE – On **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**, we will be having a new and used dancewear and shoe sale from **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Stop in to see if you can fulfill shoe and dancewear needs for your dancer instead of purchasing new shoes, etc. for fall classes. You will definitely find some great deals! In addition, we will have many new dancewear items for you to purchase off the racks including Young Dance logo items! Stop in to take a look! **Please note: The dancewear sale continues through the first week of classes, Monday, September 10th through Thursday, September 13th from 4:30 – 8:30pm.**

SHOE ORDERS – At this time, we have many shoes in stock for you to purchase. Any shoes that need to be ordered take 1 – 2 weeks to arrive. If your dancer does not have proper dance shoes for the first few weeks of class they may wear socks over their tights or go barefoot until their dance shoes arrive.

Please remember the shoes you order for class may *not* be the shoes you will need for the June recitals. You will be notified in *January* of the specific style and color shoe(s) your dancer(s) will need for the June recitals. Make sure your dancer is with you when you are ordering / purchasing shoes, as they need to be fitted for a size. If you choose to purchase ballet slippers somewhere other than the studio, please note that some retail stores market a mock "ballet slipper" that have slippery soles and no elastic straps. Please make sure you are purchasing a regulation ballet shoe, leather or canvas, with a suede sole and elastic straps.

MONTHLY TUITION PAYMENTS – **OCTOBER TUITION IS DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER.** All payments made *after SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH* are considered late and are subject to a **\$5.00 per week late fee charge**. Please note, if you fail to pay your \$5.00 per week late fee, it is recorded and you will be billed for any unpaid fees in April. Dancers do not receive costumes in April unless all unpaid fees are paid in full. **A \$20.00 service fee is charged on all returned checks. Please note: We do *NOT* send out reminders for monthly tuition payments. YOU ARE NOT SENT A MONTHLY BILL.** Please visit our Parent Portal and select "Auto-Pay on the 1st" to avoid any late fees.

MONTHLY GIFT CERTIFICATE RAFFLE – Dancers whose monthly tuition is paid by the 7th of each month are eligible for our \$50 gift certificate raffle. **NEW THIS YEAR** – There is no need to fill out a raffle slip for our monthly YDA gift certificate raffle. Our computer generated raffle feature will choose a winner randomly from those who are paid by the 7th of each month. Our drawing is held on the 8th of each month. Gift certificates can be used for recital tickets or dancewear including shoes and tights. **This season, gift certificates may also be used towards your monthly tuition payment.**

IMPORTANT – Monthly tuition payments are the same each month regardless of how many days/weeks of classes are held during any particular month. Vacation days are figured into our yearly calendar and each dancer receives the same number of classes per dance season regardless of which day of the week a class is held.

STUDIO/CLASSROOM GUIDELINES – PLEASE REVIEW ALL OF THE STUDIO GUIDELINES PRINTED IN THE STUDIO BROCHURE!

- **NO** eating or drinking allowed beyond the lobby, including hallways, locker rooms and classrooms! Dancers may however bring capped water bottles to class if necessary. Make sure all aluminum cans/plastic bottles are emptied before placing them in the recycling receptacle located next to the beverage machine in the lobby. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW GARBAGE INTO THE RECYCLING RECEPTACLE.**
- Dancers must adhere to the studio dress code including proper shoes and hairstyle. Please review the studio dress code printed in the studio brochure or on our website. **NO “street” clothes of any kind!**
- **Parents of preschool dancers – Please remember no leotards with skirts or tutus attached.** Preschool dancers tend to “play” with their skirts and not focus as well on the activity of dance.

HALLWAY TRAFFIC – Please keep out of the hallways as much as possible and conversations to a bare minimum. Talking and other noises disturb ongoing classes. **Parents need to remain in the lobby while classes are in session to keep hallways free of congestion. Do not sit in the hallway or classroom doorways at any time.** Please do not be offended if a teacher closes their classroom door as students are easily distracted by hallway activity. We do appreciate your cooperation in this matter!

DRESSING ROOMS – There is no food or drink allowed in the dressing rooms at any time! All food and open drinks are to be consumed in the lobby only! We like to keep our facility pest free! Lockers are provided for the Technique Intensive Program dancers as they spend between 12–20 hours per week at the studio. **NOTE: ONLY FEMALES ARE ALLOWED IN THE GIRL’S DRESSING ROOM. NO DADS PLEASE! MALES ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN THE BOYS’ DRESSING ROOM.**

Please hang jackets and sweaters on the hooks provided. Keep shoes and dance bags under the benches or next to the walls so dancers can move about the locker room without tripping over others’ belongings. **MAKE SURE ALL SHOES (DANCE and STREET SHOES) AS WELL AS JACKETS AND COATS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME!** Countless numbers of coats and shoes have been mistakenly taken home and never seen again. If you plan to bring money for refreshments, please bring it in a small coin purse and bring it into class with you. Teachers will keep it for you until after class. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS OF VALUE TO THE STUDIO AND LEAVE THEM UNATTENDED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS.**

THANKSGIVING VACATION – The studio will be closed for the entire week of Thanksgiving, Monday, November 19th through Saturday, November 24th. I wanted to get this information to you as early as possible for those planning vacations. Classes will resume Monday, November 27th

BEVERAGES & SNACKS – A beverage machine is located in our lobby with the following Pepsi products: *Diet Pepsi Cherry, Mountain Dew, Brisk Fruit Punch, Brisk Lemonade, Aquafina Flavorsplash Raspberry, Aquafina bottled water, Fierce Green Apple Gatorade, G2 Grape Gatorade and Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice.* Prices range from 75¢ to \$1.50. **Water bottles in the classrooms only, no open cans please.** We also have an array of snacks available for \$1.00 each. Kraft Easy Mac is available as well for those who need a quick & easy dinner or snack for \$1.50 each.

YDA’s Annual Halloween Dance Party 2018

Our annual Halloween Dance Party will be held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost is **\$20.00 per dancer** OR bring a friend not currently enrolled at *Young Dance* and you and your friend pay a discounted price of only **\$15.00 per person!** Students age 4 & older only please (no parent supervision required.) **Costumes are encouraged... prize giveaways for the best costumes!** Snacks and juice provided along with crafts, games, dancing and MUCH MORE! Sign up **TODAY** at the front desk! **ALL** profits from this event will benefit the dancers attending Dance Excellence 2020 in Los Angeles! Come dance the night away with your friends... we know you’ll have a **SPOOK-tacular** time!

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask any one of our front desk staff and they would be happy to assist you in finding the answers you need!

Happy Dancing to All!
Sandy Young and Young Dance Academy’s Faculty & Staff