

PLEASE NOTE: This is the **second** newsletter you should have received since the start of the 2018–2019 dance season. Please make sure you have received a copy of the *September 2018* newsletter via email, the YDA app or have picked up a hard copy at the desk. If you have not, you may go to the “Newsletters” section of our website www.youngdance.biz to view monthly newsletters.

OCTOBER TUITION - October is here and just a reminder, monthly tuition payments are due within the first 7 days of each month. Payments made after **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH** are considered late and will require a **\$5.00 PER WEEK LATE FEE regardless of whether or not your dancer is absent during the first week of any given month. Please mail your tuition check to the studio if your dancer misses their class during the 1st-7th of the month.**

Reminder: All **1st of the Month-Auto Pay** payments will be debited from checking accounts/credit cards on the first of each month.

MONTHLY GIFT CERTIFICATE RAFFLE – Dancers whose monthly tuition is paid by the 7th of each month are eligible for our \$50 gift certificate raffle. Our drawing is held on the 8th of each month. Gift certificates can be used for monthly tuition, recital tickets or dancewear including shoes and tights, and recital tickets.

CLASS SCHEDULES – We hope that everyone is happy with their class schedules and enjoying the beginning of the dance season. Please remember to let us know of any questions or concerns you have throughout the year so we may address them right away. Please make sure you have read our brochure thoroughly so there are no surprises. Be aware, for example, that there is a limit on recital tickets and that you may not videotape our recitals as they are professionally videotaped. Please be informed! If you have questions, please refer to our Parent Portal or ask one of our front desk staff!

DON'T FORGET WHAT'S COMING IN OCTOBER! – Our Halloween Dance Party!

We are hosting our annual Halloween Dance Party on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH** from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost is **\$20.00** per dancer. **If you bring a friend not currently enrolled at Young Dance, you will receive a \$10 credit to your account at Young Dance!** Students age 4 & older only please (no parent supervision required). *Costumes are encouraged... prize giveaways for the best costumes!* Snacks and juice are provided along with crafts, games, treats, dancing, a haunted house and MUCH MORE! Sign up **TODAY** at the front desk!

REMINDER TO PARENTS and DANCERS – We would like to remind parents and dancers to please keep the hallways clear. **Do not sit or stand in front of classroom doorways.** Hallway conversation disturbs ongoing classes and makes it necessary for teachers to close their doors. Sitting in the hallways also interrupts traffic flow to and from the lavatories and locker rooms. **Please enjoy our lobby! In addition, the lavatories are NOT to be used for changing clothes please!** Use the boys’ and girls’ locker rooms only. Thank you for your consideration.

HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY AT YOUNG DANCE! – Just a reminder that Young Dance Academy offers **birthday party packages!** Birthday parties are available on Sundays between 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. OR 2:00–4:00 p.m. Book your party today as dates are filling up quickly! Cost is only \$15.00 per party attendee and includes the following: set-up and clean-up, decorations in your choice of favorite colors, paper goods and utensils, snacks and juice, games, face painting, activities, and dancing!

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK – Please make note that our first **Parent Observation Week** will be held **next month Monday, November 12th through Saturday, November 17th.** This is primarily for parents **ONLY**, as we do not have room to accommodate additional relatives and friends. The only seating available is the floor. You may bring a folding chair with you for your comfort. Please remember to be considerate of dancers, teachers and other parents and take crying and/or noisy children out of the room. Siblings are not permitted to wait outside the classrooms unsupervised. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATIONS DURING YOUR DANCER'S CLASS AS A COURTESY TO BOTH THE DANCERS AND TEACHERS.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping make observation week run smoothly!

STUDIO DRESS CODE – Please make sure your dancer is coming to class with the proper dance attire. Street and school clothes are not acceptable. Dance clothes make you feel like a dancer and therefore the atmosphere is that of a dance class. I know we occasionally forget if we are coming right from school, but please be conscientious about being prepared for class. This includes proper hairstyle and dance shoes please! Students who continuously come to class without proper dance attire will be instructed to sit out of class and observe. Feel free to ask your child’s teacher if you have a question if a specific item they have is acceptable. **PLEASE REVIEW THE DRESS CODE ON THE PARENT PORTAL!**

REMINDER for OUR PRESCHOOL AGE DANCERS – **Skirts and tutus** are *not* to be worn to class as it states on our website under our dress code policy. It can be difficult for our youngest dancers to understand the “no skirt or tutu” rules if **other** dancers are wearing them. The purpose of this rule is for the dancer to focus on the activity of dance. Thank you for your help in this matter!

DANCERS IN COMBO CLASSES – Please make sure that your dancer has the proper *regulation* ballet shoes – **ALL LEATHER OR CANVAS, NO-SLIP SUEDE OR CANVAS SOLE WITH ELASTIC STRAPS**. Please have the proper shoes by the end of October. Orders placed here at the studio take approximately 2 weeks to come in if we do not have the shoes you desire in stock.

TAP DANCERS – Please make sure your dancer is able to walk on the balls of their feet without the heel of their shoe sliding off of their foot. It is difficult to tap dance properly on the balls of your feet if your shoes are too big.

NEW DANCEWEAR – New dancewear items are available for you to purchase off of our racks in the studio lobby at this time! More new items, colors and designs will be added throughout the season. You may special order items on our racks in the size you need if the size you desire is “sold out”. However, there will be an additional \$5.00 per item “special order fee”.

JUNE 2018 RECITAL AND REHEARSAL DATES – The following recital dates are ***confirmed*** performance dates at the **GREENDALE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**. These dates are also listed in the studio brochure and on our website.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, JUNE 10th	THURSDAY, JUNE 13th	SATURDAY, JUNE 15th
SUNDAY, JUNE 9th	TUESDAY, JUNE 11th	FRIDAY, JUNE 14th	

Ticket prices are \$15.00 per reserved seat for all of our recital performances. Make careful note of the above listed show dates on your June 2018 calendar. Mark your calendars TODAY!

In late April or early May you will receive a dress rehearsal schedule with exact dates and times that each specific class will rehearse *on stage, in costume at the Greendale High School Auditorium*. Each class will rehearse approximately 25 minutes onstage and spend approximately 35 - 40 minutes off stage for warm-up and off stage rehearsing. The dates below are confirmed rehearsal dates. Remember you will not receive a specific rehearsal date and time for each particular class until April or May. Saturday, June 1st rehearsals will begin at approximately 12:00 noon and all weekday rehearsals will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m. Please put **all** rehearsal dates on your calendar until you receive an exact schedule.

FRIDAY, MAY 31st	MONDAY, JUNE 3rd	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th
SATURDAY, JUNE 1st	TUESDAY, JUNE 4th	THURSDAY, JUNE 6th

IMPORTANT: Please realize that school will still be in session for most dancers during rehearsal week. I plan to do my best to accommodate graduations, but cannot work around class field trips, especially trips that are not put on school calendars until after our recital/rehearsal schedule comes out. If you have information concerning graduations (including 8th grade) and other school related activities that are already on your school’s June calendar, let me know ASAP in note form. I plan to start preliminary work on the recital schedule in November and December. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE TURNED IN CONFLICT NOTES.**

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOWCASE – Our 11th Annual Holiday Showcase will be held **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th** at the Henry Ross Auditorium in Greendale High School. **There will be 2 shows, a matinee at 2PM and an evening performance at 6PM.** The theme of this year’s showcase is ***“A Candy Land Christmas”*** and will be presented at both 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. This is an amazing performance opportunity open to ALL dancers of ALL ages at *Young Dance!* Sign up for the Holiday Showcase will begin **Saturday, October 6th at 8:00am.** More information coming at the end of this week!

Thank you!
Sandy Young & Staff