

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR



Hello Pancers!

Congratulations! You are now officially a part of the J'adore Dance family! If we have not met, my name is Lauren Gareau and I am the Artistic Director of J'adore DANCE. On behalf of myself and the entire J'adore team, I'd like to welcome you to our studio. We are so glad you are here!

There is nothing like starting a new, fresh season of dance. The studio is buzzing with excitement, new ideas and lots of music and dancing as the faculty and I prepare for dancers just like you! I love seeing returning students and meeting new dancers and I hope to see you around the studio soon!

To help you get ready for your first day of class, my team and I have put together this packet of helpful notes and tips. This packet is only to get you started. A Season 14 handbook including important dates, performance information and much more will be sent out at the start of the season. For now, I encourage you to flip through this packet as you pack your dance bag and look for that perfect leotard.

I hope you are as excited as I am to begin a new season of dance. It is my mission that every dancer at J'adore feels at home and leaves each night feeling stronger, inspired, encouraged and loved. It's no secret....I LOVE DANCE and I am so thankful that I get to share my love and passion for dance with you.

LAUREN GAREAU

# WELCOME TO J'ADORE

Everything you need to know to help you get started for your new season of dance can be found in this welcome packet. Of course, you may have additional questions beyond this packet, and that's okay! Our team is ready to assist you. Using the contact information below, we welcome you to connect with us at any time for support, guidance or just to simply remind you how much you are crushing this dance parent thing.



#### **CONTACT & COMMUNICATION**

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#### SOCIAL MEDIA





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#### WELCOME TO THE BAND APP

Before the start of the season, you will receive a notification to join a private group for dancer's specific class(es) in the app, BAND. Through the BAND app, we can send instant notifications to your phone, share photos and videos and even livestream from inside the classroom so you can view your dancer in action.

Please be sure to use the QR code below to join the "FULL STUDIO" group in BAND so you can stay up to date on studio information. Be sure your notifications for BAND are turned "ON".





# DRESS CODE

Dance With Me - Comfortable athletic clothing.

**Creative Movement -** Pink or Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes. (skirts & tutus are optional)

**Princess Ballet -** Pink or Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes. (skirts & tutus are optional)

**Ballet Tap Combos -** Pink or Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes & black patent leather tap shoes. (skirts & tutus are optional)

**Ballet Jazz Combos -** Pink or Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes & Tan leather jazz shoes (skirts, tutus or dance shorts are optional)

**Ballet Tumble Combos -** Pink or Black leotard, pink convertable or footless tights & pink leather ballet. Dancers will go barefoot for the tumble portion of class. (skirts & tutus are optional)

**Hip Hop Tumble Combo -** Comfortable athletic clothing such as t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, leggings or sweatpants. Please use clean sneakers that are only worn inside and for hip hop class to help protect our flooring. Dancers will go barefoot for the tumble portion of class.

**Little Tappers -** Comfortable athletic clothing such as t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, leggings or sweatpants. Black patent leather Mary-Jane tap shoes or black leather lace up tap shoes.

**Jazz Tap Combos -** Pink or Black leotard, optional pink or tan tights, black patent leather tap shoes & tan leather Jazz Shoes. (skirts, dance shorts or leggings are optional)

**Triple Threat -** Black or Pink leotard & pink tights with pink leather ballet shoes, black patent leather tap shoes & tan leather jazz shoes. (dance shorts, skirts & tutus are optional)

# DRESS CODE

**#SQUAD Ballet/Contemporary -** Black leotard & pink tights with pink leather ballet shoes and optional skirt. Dancers will change to barefoot for contemporary and can add on dance shorts, leggings or joggers to their leotard.

**#SQUAD Jazz -** Black leotard with dance shorts, leggings or joggers with tan leather jazz shoes

ALL Tap Classes - If not already coming from another class that requires a specific uniform; dancers should wear comfortable athletic clothing with black leather lace up tap shoes.

**ALL Hip Hop Classes -** Any combination of athletic clothing such as T-shirts, leggings, sweat pants or joggers. Please use clean sneakers that are only worn inside and for hip hop class to help protect our flooring.

**#SQUAD Production Class -** Black leotard with dance shorts, leggings or joggers with tan leather jazz shoes.

There are also a few other items we suggest to dancers to help make their time at the studio safe and enjoyable. Make sure items are clearly labeled with the dancer's name.

#### Supplies for class -

- Small dance bag
- Water bottle
- · Cover up for entering and exiting the studio
- Optional mask

# Older dancers will want to keep the following items in their dance bag -

- Extra hair ties and bobby pins
- Deodorant
- Band aids
- · A small screw driver for tap shoes
- Toiletry bag with feminine products if necessary

# HAIR REQUIREMENTS

**ALL Ballet Classes -** Hair must be pulled back in a neat and secure bun, *no exceptions*.

**All other classes -** Hair should be pulled back neatly and securely in a bun, low ponytail or braid. Hair may not be worn down for any class.

# STUDENT DROP OFF

- Parents will slowly drive up to their dancer's assigned classroom, no more than 10 minutes before the start of class, using the drive thru area in the back of our building (see diagram attached to this email). Each studio has a number on the exterior door to indicate which studio is which. (Dancers needing to go to Studio 5 or 6 will enter through the middle door labeled "Dancers & Faculty Entrance Only".
- Please wait with your dancer in your car for their teacher, or J'adore faculty member to open the door and welcome dancers into the classroom.
- If your dancer is old enough to get themselves out of the vehicle, please have them ready to quickly and safely exit the vehicle **ON**THE BUILDING SIDE ONLY.
- If your dancer needs assistance getting out of the car, please be sure you are being quick and efficient in helping them so you do not slow down the entire line.

YOU MAY ONLY ENTER THE DROP OFF LINE FROM ONE DIRECTION, PLEASE BE ALERT. IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE LINE FROM THE KIDMED SIDE OF THE BUILDING YOU ARE ENTERING INCORRECTLY.

# STUDENT PICK UP

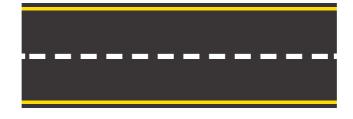
All dancers will be dismissed through our lobby door by their teacher, classroom assistant, or J'adore faculty member.

THE PARKING SPOTS IN FRONT OF J'ADORE DANCE ARE 15 MINUTE PARKING ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THESE SPOTS FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR DANCER'S CLASS.

# STUDIO DROP OFF & PICK UP DIAGRAM



Front of building (student pick up)



Craig Rath Blvd

# DROP OFF TIPS & ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TINY DANCERS

Coming to dance class "all by themselves" is a huge step for our tiniest dancers. Dancers who experience separation issues may have trouble during drop off. This is completely normal and our faculty is very comfortable working through this process if and when it happens.

As tough as it may be, we encourage you to drop off quickly and not feel the urge to enter the classroom. The faculty have more success when they are able to bring dancers in to the classroom on their own. Most dancers quickly adjust within minutes after the parent leaves and the class begins. If there is a dancer who is not adapting well even after class has begun and they need to be picked up; someone from our team will be there to hug and care for your dancer until you are able to meet us in the lobby.

If this if you...don't give up! The routine of going to dance class may take a few weeks including the drop off process. Stay in contact with us as your dancer adjusts and lean in to our team for help when you need it. We will never push a dancer to do more than he/she is ready to do and will work with you and your dancer to help them adjust so they (and you) enjoy coming to dance class.

# **CLASS VIEWING**

Watching class from the windows is not permitted. We understand the excitement and curiosity that comes from watching your dancer learn and participate in class, however outside viewing is extremely disruptive to the progress of the class and can at times, make the older dancers feel uncomfortable or self conjous while participating. At J'adore, we want all of our dancers to enjoy class and work to become the best dancer they can be without any outside pressures or distractions. Please help your dancer and your dancer's teacher by refraining from watching the class from the outside (even though it is tempting).

Scheduled parent observation days and livestreaming using the BAND app will be available throughout the year for your enjoyment.



#### 2023-24 Fall/Spring Tuition Guide

The pricing listed is for hours taken **per dancer** weekly during Season 14.

Families with multiple dancers will receive a 10% discount on each additional dancer.

Full tuition is divided into 10 equal payments to be paid August 2023 - May 2024.

30 mins. <b>\$45</b>	5 hrs. <b>\$250</b>
45 min. <b>\$60</b>	6 hrs. <b>\$275</b>
1 hr. <b>\$70</b>	7 hrs. <b>\$300</b>
1.5 hrs. <b>\$95</b>	8 hrs. <b>\$320</b>
2 hrs. <b>\$135</b>	9 hrs. <b>\$340</b>
3 hrs. <b>\$175</b>	10 hrs. <b>\$350</b>
4 hrs. <b>\$215</b>	

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- Monthly installments do not vary based on the number of classes held during each calendar month.
- Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Cash and Personal Checks are all acceptable forms of payment. J'adore DANCE also offers automatic payment plans for an easy payment option.
- Tuition installments are due by the 1st day of each month.
- After the 10th day, all accounts with an outstanding balance will be subject to a **\$25 late fee.** The fee will be automatically added to your invoice.
- There is a \$35 fee on all returned checks.

#### 2023-2024 Performance Fee:

The 2023-2024 Performance Fee includes:

- Holiday costume rental fee
- Theatre & production fees for (2) live performances
- Holiday video package
- Spring Showcase video package

#### Performance Fees:

\$250 per dancer or \$350 per family.

#### 2023-2024 Spring Showcase Costume Fees:

- Creative Movement, Little Stars & Dancing Divas & Dudes: \$65 per costume
- #SQUAD Dancers: \$80 per costume

#### Withdraws:

To withdraw your dancer from class you are required to provide your request *in writing no later than October 27th,* 2023

After October 27th you assume full financial responsibility for your dancer's entire 2023–2024 tuition.

J'adore DANCE does not offer refunds for classes not attended by the choice of the dancer or family. Lack of attendance does not alter the price of tuition.

# IMPORTANT DATES

August 25th - Dance Dance Palooza Event!

August 28th - Classes Begin

September 4th - Studio Closed for Labor Day

September 9th - Labor Day Make Up Classes

September 11th - 17th - BringYour Bestie Week

October 31st - Studio Closed for Halloween

November 4th - Halloween Make Up Classes

November 20th-25th - Studio Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 16th-21st - Holiday Spectacular Rehearsals & Shows

December 25th - January 6th - Studio Closed for Winter Break

January 8th - Classes Resume for 2nd Semester

April 1st-5th - Studio Closed for Spring Break

May 24th - 25th Studio Closed for Memorial Day

June 3rd - 4th - Memorial Day Make Up Classes

**June 3rd-9th -** Spring Gala 2024 (exact rehearsal & show dates TBD)

#### \*\*\*Show dates are subject to change based on the needs CCPS\*\*\*

Any additional dates or events added after the release of this list will be posted on our website, through email correspondence and on the BAND app.

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