

#### STUDIO NEWS...AND ALL THAT JAZZ

September-October 2025

# Dance classes begin the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to dance with you!

#### WELCOME to the 2025 - 2026 dance season!

We are so happy you will be joining us on the dance floor. We are looking forward to having the dance studio full of dancing hustle and bustle. Your support of our studio means the world and we can't thank you enough! Over the years we put a lot of thought into what kind of studio we wanted to become. Dancin' Plus wasn't going to only be a place to learn fancy footwork. We wanted it to be a place to strengthen confidence, build selfesteem, and develop friendships. We wanted to create a place where hard work, dedication, smiles and a lot of laughter came together to result in something you didn't just talk about but something you could feel. We wanted a place where our dancers could see the results of goal setting, working hard and team effort. We wanted a unique and fun atmosphere for our dancers to learn that they are the ones responsible for making their dreams come true on and off the dance floor. Year after year we have held true to those goals while we share our passion for dance. Because of wonderful dance families like yours, we have watched the studio grow into more than we ever imagined.

With much gratitude – WE THANK YOU!

# FIRST TUITION PAYMENT: SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THE 10<sup>th</sup> OF SEPTEMBER. – THANK YOU SO MUCH!

For your convenience, all payment totals and due dates are listed in your copy of the studio handbook. There are three easy ways to make your payment.

- 1. When they come for class, dancers can deposit payments (cash or check) in our locked payment drop box on the wall near our front desk. If paying with cash, please be sure to put it in an envelope marked with dancer's first and last name.
- 2. Mail it to our mailing address: Dancin' Plus 310 S Hampton St Fairmont MN 56031
- 3. Pay online through the link sent to your email. Fees apply. Please note....

We DO NOT have an outdoor drop box to drop payments in after hours. Think of our online payment system as the after-hours drop box.

#### **OUR TEACHING TEAM**

Ms. Laura has been dancing at Dancin' Plus since 1996. She became an assistant instructor in 2006. After a break from dance to attend college, Ms. Laura returned to the studio to assist in teaching again. In 2019 Ms. Laura started to choreograph and teach her own classes along with Ms. Aurora.

Ms. Aurora has been dancing at Dancin' Plus since 2001. In 2011 Ms. Aurora became an assistant teacher. In 2019 with Ms. Laura, Ms. Aurora started to choreograph and teach her own classes.

This year, Ms. Laura and Ms. Aurora are not only teaching but are the new owners of Dancin' Plus. They are very excited about this new opportunity and want to thank all of you for your continued support!

#### **HALLOWEEN**

We love celebrations! Feel free to dress up for class the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure your costume allows for movement and does not drag on the floor. Dance safe!

#### **STAYING UP TO DATE**

We want our dancers and their families to feel welcome, comfortable and well informed. One of the ways we do that is by keeping you informed through our newsletters. Each time a new edition of our studio newsletter is available, a copy will be emailed to you. It will cut down on your paper piles at home and will help us run things efficiently on the office duties end of our busy business. Our newsletter, STUDIO NEWS AND ALL THAT JAZZ, will help you stay up to date on what is going on at Dancin' Plus. There are four regular issues posted each season: September/October, November/December, January/February, March, one dance production (April) issue just before show time and a season wrap up issue in June.

If you have not already, please take a moment to meet our two office assistants. "Miss Studio Handbook" and "Mr. Studio Website." They are a wealth of information that helps our dance studio run smoothly. They very rarely do not know the answers to your questions. They both know that lives are busy, and you appreciate having information fast and at your fingertips. The studio handbook was mailed to you in the packet you received after you registered. A copy can also be found on our website.

Did you know we have a Facebook and Instagram page? We do!

Like us and stay up to date!

Be sure to check out all the great photo galleries!

#### **READY...SET...DANCE!**

The first few weeks of dance are busy ones for our dancers. Many are taking their first classes and can be a bit overwhelmed by it. For returning students, classes can be a challenge as we pass into the next level of learning. No matter the age of the dancer or the amount of experience, we remind them that we do not expect them to remember EVERYTHING that is taught each week. Just remind them to always do their best, be patient and have fun. Dancers learn through repetition. The results will begin to show in time. Because everyone likes immediate results, we also like to spend some time in each of the first few classes working on what we call attainable dance skills. These are combinations that anyone can do without much practice, but we ask each dancer to put their own "flare" into it. Attainable dance builds confidence and allows each dancer to find their own style. This teaching style gets students comfortable and ready to get to work on the material that demands a bit more effort.

Especially for our ages eight and up dancers: Another good point to remember is that dancers are in class for themselves. "Don't compare yourself to others in class. Everyone works on their weaknesses and shines with their strengths, and those things are different for each dancer. Just because someone in class has a little more dance experience doesn't mean you're a terrible dancer. It just means you must work to reach a higher level of training. That's the time to be determined and work hard. Wonderful things happen when you stop focusing on others and start focusing on yourself. You can do it!"

#### **JUST BE SUPPORTIVE**

The first few weeks can be especially tough for our youngest dancers. For many, it can be difficult to separate from mom or dad. They may cling to you or be a little apprehensive about joining in class activities. There may be tears during your goodbyes. It is all very natural behavior. Crying children usually do best if you make a quick exit. Lingering makes it even harder for them to separate and join class. We are used to working with young children and we can tell you that by the time you have reached the car (feeling badly about leaving your crying child) the tears are already dry, and we are giggling and learning. After a class or two they understand the routine of coming to class, they know what to expect and the tears and apprehension

disappear. They even feel proud of themselves for working through some tricky feelings.

**A REMINDER....** As classes change over, traffic congestion can get a little thick. We also share the area with other businesses and that creates even more traffic. We ask that you please do not double park and make a dash into the studio to pick up dancers and please – no dropping off or picking up students at the stop sign intersection outside our building. For safety reasons we ask you to please park your car legally for pick-ups and dropoffs. –Thank you

## **Missed Back to Dance Dayz?**

If you missed our Back to Dance Dayz events, we can still assist you in getting shoes, tights and dancewear for your dancer! Please e-mail us at <a href="mailto:dancinplusstudio@gmail.com">dancinplusstudio@gmail.com</a> to set up an appointment for a shoe fitting. For your convenience we have tights available all dance season at the studio. We are also able to order shoes throughout the year.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Week Of September 15 - Classes Begin

First Tuition Payment Is Due Before or on September 10<sup>th</sup>

October Tuition Is Due No Later Than October 10th

Halloween Dress Up Week: Week of October 27th



The next FOOTNOTES skip your way in the last week of October.

Thank you much! We are looking forward to a fantastic dance season!