

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2011 NEWS

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Christmas Season

Christmas parties will be held **Thursday, Dec 15 - Wed, Dec 21** during regular dance classes and our Intro to Music Class. Parents and siblings are invited to attend and enjoy our celebration. Students will be dancing and the last 15 minutes will be our party.

The studio is closed for our winter break from Thursday, December 22 through Wednesday, January 4. Classes resume on Thursday, January 5, 2012.

We wish all of our families a safe, happy, and joyous Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year!

December Birthdays



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| Emily N. | Delilia W. |
| Kai Val H. | Falon M. |
| Alyssa A. | Victoria S. |
| Shawn D. | Gabrielle O. |
| London O. | Cole C. |
| Sadie B. | Nayah T. |
| Isabella P. | Hannah B. |
| Laura M. | Kayla P. |
| | Sara L. |

Upcoming Dates:

- ✓ Dec 22-Jan 4 - No Classes
- ✓ Jan 9 - Zumba (Free Class at Harvey)
- ✓ Jan 10 - 3rd Revue Payment Due
- ✓ Jan 11 - Zumba (Free Class at Marrero)
- ✓ Feb 16-22 - Mardi Gras Holidays
- ✓ Feb 27-March 3 - Revue book Ads & Pictures are due

Classes will be held on Monday, January 16 (MLK Day).

It's time to ZUMBA! FREE classes in January!

Come see what the buzz is about! We were the first to have Zumba certified instructors on the westbank and we are ready to get you back in shape again. Join us for a free Zumba class held Jan 9 (Harvey) and Jan 11 (Marrero) to see what it's about!

What's Zumba? The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a one of a kind fitness program that will blow you away! We want you to love working out! Zumba fanatics achieve long-term benefits while experiencing an absolute blast in one hour of calorie burning, body energizing, awe inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life.

The routines feature interval training sessions where fast & slow rhythms are combined to sculpt and tone your body with burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and you've got a Zumba class!

Sign up at the desk TODAY to reserve your spot for a FREE trial class. Bring your friends too!

Monday, January 9 - 7:30-8:30pm at Harvey
Wednesday, January 11 - 7:30-8:30pm at Marrero

Class cards are sold for \$75 for 10 classes, \$40 for 5 classes or a drop-in rate of \$10/class.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



January Birthdays

Gracie B.	Kyndell M.
E'Mari L.	Taylor S.
Olivia R.	Ashlyn H.
Abigail V.	Aiden M.
Trinity H.	Ashley D.
Falynn A.	Abby D.
Hannah H.	Amya S.

We're on the web!
www.CreativeDanceStudio.com

Dance Costumes

We have started receiving costumes and will have all costumes in by the end of February. In some case we embellish costumes, so you might see us trying them on the children before we add rhinestones or trim. Costumes will begin distribution after the third revue payment which is due on 1/10/12. Parents must come into the studio to sign for costumes. At that time you should check for all pieces and let the desk know if something is missing. We have a very small window of time to contact the manufactures for missing items. **ONCE YOU LEAVE THE STUDIO, WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSING PIECES OR SOILED COSTUMES.**

Please try them on as soon as you get home. In most cases we size them larger to allow for growth. If you need minor alterations, we have someone that can do them for you. But please wait until we get closer to pictures to allow for growth.

Also, stage tights are included with your revue fee. Please put these aside and only use them for pictures and the revue. They are part of the costume and we require all students to have matching tights for the stage. The tights may not all be in when we give out costumes but they will be in before pictures.

Read the following FAQs and let us know if you have any questions.

Dance Costume FAQ's

Why are costumes ordered so early?

Most companies do not stock costumes, but make them to our order. This can take 8-12 weeks. We take pictures in March so we must have all costumes received by the end of February.

How do you size the dancers?

In October we measure all students' bust, waist, hips and girth. We add 1-2" for growth, especially for our younger dancers. Each costume company has it's own size chart. We select the size mostly based on girth (body length) since generally fabric does not stretch up & down, but side to side. The next most important measurement is hips. If a student is on the high end of the chart, we will probably size them up. We would rather the costumes be too big than too small.

Do I need to sew?

Most costumes arrive assembled and in many cases, we attach pieces as possible. It is always smart to hand stitch some things in place or double secure straps. For the stage, some pieces should be pinned in place, such as skirts or tutus so they don't move around or fall down.

Are costumes custom made?

No, costumes are made to fit a size pattern, such as a girth of 38-40" (and corresponding bust, hips, and waist measurements). A custom made costume would entail the company making the costumes to each child's measurements. While some companies do this, it's extremely costly and not practical for us.

What if my costume doesn't fit?

Immediately let us take a look. Costumes too small must be exchanged immediately. Costumes too large can be taken in, but remember there's still several months of growing to come. We can temporarily make adjustments for loose costumes for pictures, but usually they are grown into by the show.

How does a size exchange work?

The studio must get a Return Authorization # from the costume company. Most companies also charge an exchange fee or restocking fee. Plus shipping must be paid both ways. It can be very expensive. For that reason, we take care in sizing big knowing we can always take in a costume. If it's our fault, we will pay those fees. If it's the company's fault they will pay. If it's just your preference, you will pay. We rarely need a size exchange except for costume company's errors.

How do we care for our costumes?

Never allow your children to play in dance costumes before the show. All costumes should be stored on a hanger in a plastic bag for protection. Hang your tutus upside down to help them fluff. For your convenience, the Studio delivers all costumes on hangers with plastic garment bag coverings. Never iron. Never wash or dry in a machine. Hang them in a steamy bathroom to remove wrinkles.