

# SEPTEMBER NEWS

## Welcome to a new year!

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Welcome to Creative Dance & Music Studio! It's hard to believe that summer is over & we are back in classes. We hope you had a great summer & are ready for another fantastic year.

To our new students & parents, we would like to thank you for choosing our studio and placing your trust in us. We know you'll have a great time! To our returning students, welcome back to another exciting year and a new start.

If you pre-registered, you may not have received your registration packet. Please check your folder or the office. This packet holds important information such as holiday & important date calendars, current brochures, dancewear requirements, etc.

Each month a newsletter is distributed via folders to keep you updated. You can also check our website which is updated as often as possible.

Please give the faculty a few weeks with each class & student to make sure they are placed in the best class for them. While we use age as a guideline, skills, levels & attendance are also important to make sure students remain challenged & interested in their lessons. The first 1-2 weeks of class are typically in review so the teacher can be aware of the current class level. If adjustments are necessary, teachers will talk to parents about a class change after approval from the director.

If your child is in our Baby or Mini class, please be aware that we try as much as possible to keep the studio doors closed and parents in the waiting room. This will ensure that every student receives the maximum from each and every class with minimal interferences. We understand that the little ones need time to get to know their teachers and fellow dancers, and might want to check on mom from time to time, but each time the door opens and closes, the class loses attention from the teacher. The television and viewing windows allow for ample space to watch your child in class.

### DESK STAFF & CUSTOMER SERVICE

Our desk staff is available during almost all class times to assist you with ordering supplies, answering questions, and customer service. This year, you will see Brandi & Stephanie Braud at Marrero, and Stephanie Perez & Megan at Harvey. If someone is not available, please call 390-2552, 491-1674 or email us at [info@creativedancestudio.com](mailto:info@creativedancestudio.com) with your questions. Here's to a great year!

### Upcoming Dates:

- 9/24 - Trial "Intro to Music" class at Marrero
- 9/27 - Trial "Acro" at Harvey
- 9/29 - Trial "Acro" at Marrero
- Oct 3-8 - Bring-a-friend week

## Free Trial Classes (Acrobats & Music)

The last week in September, we will offer free classes in "Acrobats" and "Intro to Music". Give it a try & see if your children like it. You've got nothing to lose!

**Acrobats** is open to all students ages 5 and up. It is the perfect compliment to dance classes & adds increased control, balance, flexibility and strength.

**Beginner Music** class is open to boys & girls ages 5-7 years old. It is a fun way for young children to get a head start on music lessons. They use musical instruments such as rhythm sticks, maracas, and tambourines to learn basic patterns and rhythms. It is really helpful to prepare young students for voice, piano or guitar lessons.

**Trial Class Schedule - You must sign up at the desk to attend.**

- ✓ Saturday, September 24, 11:15am-noon - Marrero Studio - Intro to Music
- ✓ Tuesday, September 27, 7:15-8:00pm - Harvey Studio - Acro Class
- ✓ Thursday, September 29, 7:00-7:45pm - Marrero Studio - Acro Class

### Contact Us!

#### Harvey

2175 Lapalco Blvd.  
Harvey, LA 70058  
504-491-1674

#### Marrero

2201 Barataria Blvd.  
Marrero, LA 70072  
504-390-2552

## September Birthdays

Kaila G. Marlee W.  
Brooke S. Laiden C.  
Gia H. Karla M.  
Mary H. Abigail J.  
Jane Y. Mackenzie M.  
Casey B. Abigail R.  
Camille L. Susan P.  
Gabrielle C.

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[www.CreativeDanceStudio.com](http://www.CreativeDanceStudio.com)

## Dance Class Etiquette

- ✓ Appropriate dance wear must be worn to each class. T-shirts, shorts and other street clothes are not allowed.
- ✓ Appropriate dance shoes must be worn to each class.
- ✓ Respect must be given to fellow dancers as well as teachers.
- ✓ Hair should be secured out of student's face. A pony tail or bun is preferred for students 6+. A bun is required for Classical Ballet class.
- ✓ Students must turn off cell phones during class. Parents, please call the Studio to reach your child during class.
- ✓ No chewing gum in the Studio.
- ✓ No running in the Studio or hanging from ballet barres.
- ✓ Please attend class regularly, be punctual & let the teacher know of planned absences.
- ✓ No food or drinks allowed other than water. Water is encouraged but students should not stop dance class repeatedly to take a drink. All bottles left at the Studio will be thrown in the trash at the end of the day.

## Bring a Friend Week - October 3-8

At the end of September students will be given invitations to invite a friend to attend their dance class. All guests must complete the back side of the invitation to participate in class. For each friend that registers with our studio, you will receive a \$30 credit toward your dance revue fee. **There's no limit!**

## Congratulations to our Awesome Dancers!

Congratulations to Sara Lejeune, Gia Herring, Grace McLean, Meaghan Jones, Mackenzie Melvin and Emily Weil who were accepted to the Pre-Professional program with New Orleans Ballet Association! The girls auditioned for 2 hours last month at Tulane University in ballet and modern dance.

Way to go girls! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

## Important Notes to Parents

- ✓ Please enter & exit thru the door nearest your dance room. That will ensure that we see who each child is leaving with.
- ✓ Parents who stay during class...we love to have you stick around but please remain in the waiting area. It is distracting for the class when parents & siblings come into the classrooms. The waiting areas are large enough to seat you comfortably. We understand if our Baby Dancers need to know that they are safe & moms and dads are nearby. Please work with your child to make them feel comfortable in this new activity.
- ✓ Please no food or drinks allowed in the waiting room. If siblings are waiting with you, please bring them an activity to stay busy. We've learned that portable DVD players are great! And please do not let them climb and stand on the seating.
- ✓ Please no gum chewing, even in the waiting room, especially for younger siblings. Gum ruins carpets and it's a mess on the concrete outside, especially if you step in it.
- ✓ We will once again use our folder system for all handouts. Teachers will not hand out papers during class times. Each family will have a folder labeled with their last name, organized alphabetically by last name. Please check this folder each & every week for notices, reminders, forms, statements, etc., especially at the beginning and end of the month. It is the parents' responsibility to stay informed. We will continue posting notices on the bulletin board in the waiting room as well as on the website. Please check it often. Thanks!
- ✓ If your child is sick with flu or cold-like symptoms, please keep them at home. We will do our best with hand sanitizer to keep the children well. The staff knows to wash hands after leaving the restroom and to use hand sanitizer in between classes or more often if necessary. We also regularly clean light switches, door handles and acrobat pads with Lysol. If you are concerned with Perfect Attendance, please make up the class on another night.
- ✓ Regular attendance is critical to see progress. Please attend weekly and on-time (warm ups are very important).
- ✓ Supplies - if you need new tights or dance shoes, please come 15 minutes before class. There might be a wait due to parents from the previous class being helped after class.