

Welcome!

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome, and thank you for joining us here at The Community House Dance Academy. For over 50 years the Dance Academy has provided a positive family environment to foster a love of dance in students of all ages. We believe in the value of the arts for all and that the friendships made and lessons learned will last a lifetime. Our interest isn't just building great dancers, it's cultivating great individuals. Concepts such as self-confidence, positive self-image, personal and social responsibility, respect, and community mindfulness are at the core of our mission to make each student not only their best dancer, but their very best self.

As a Liberal Arts studio we emphasize a balance of knowledge when it comes to dance. We encourage our dancers to study the different styles of dance without bias as they all have different roots and history. There is an aesthetic to tap instruction that varies greatly from ballet or jazz, yet no genre has "more" or "less" value than the others. Every dancer will find their own unique preferences, interests, and skills throughout their dance journey, and we strive to do everything we can to help them in their pursuits.

Our season runs from early September until June and culminates in a Spring Recital. The recital gives students the opportunity to practice performance skills and show off everything they have spent the year learning! We always love to see the sense of pride and accomplishment our students bring to the recital. We also feature a performance company, Encore, for those students who would like to grow their experience performing for different audiences. In addition, we produce a staging of the Nutcracker in the Fall with auditions open to all!

We once again thank you for joining us for another great season and hope you are as excited to get dancing as we are!



Registration

Registration opens on August 1st for the Fall season, and January 1st for our Spring season. There is an annual \$15 per family registration fee. Registration can be completed online or by calling us at 248.644.5832.

Tuition and Fees

The tuition number that is displayed online represents the total due per class per season. The Fall season runs September through the end of January, and the Spring season starts the first week of February and runs through June. When registering your child for class you have the option to pay the full tuition upon registration, or to enroll in a payment plan. The payment plan will require you to save a card on file and have the tuition charged in equal monthly instalments. Monthly withdrawals will be made on the first of the month. Tuition is \$55/month for 45 minute classes and \$60/month for hour long classes. Students enrolled in payment plans should please note that the registration fee will also be divided into their monthly payments. A \$20 nonrefundable fee will be charged for late payments or failed transactions due to insufficient funds.

Discounts

We offer discounts for those dancers enrolled in multiple classes per season; the more classes you take the higher the discount! The discounts apply to single students, and are only valid for Dance Academy classes.

Number of Classes	2	3	4	5	6	7
Total Discount	4%	9%	15%	22%	29%	36%

Cancelations

In the event of inclement weather, The Dance Academy may cancel classes for the safety of students and staff. Cancelations may not necessarily follow school closures. If inclement weather forces more than two cancelations throughout the year, make-up classes will be scheduled by the instructor. Parents will be notified of cancelations via email at least one hour before class was scheduled to begin, and all closures will be posted on our Facebook page!

Credits and Refunds

The Dance Academy abides by the credit and refund policy set forth by The Community House, which can be viewed below:

If you cannot attend a class, you may request a class credit before the class is to be held. Class credits may be applied toward the cost of any future Community House (TCH) class within the next year from the date of issuance of the credit.

A refund will only be given if TCH cancels a class or TCH is given a note, within one week from the scheduled class, from a doctor or medical facility stating the class taker had a medical emergency. TCH reserves the right to change class locations, schedules, fees, and instructors when necessary.

Substitutes

All of our teachers are contracted and committed to teaching their scheduled classes for the year. That being said, life happens to us all and situations may arise where the scheduled instructor is physically unable to attend class. In that event the Dance Academy reserves the right to fill in an appropriate substitute for class. In the event an appropriate substitute cannot be found a makeup class will be scheduled with the regular instructor. Having a substitute teach class is not grounds for a refund, as stated in The Community House’s refund policy.

Attendance

Students are expected to be on time and ready to go at the start of every class. Excessive absences may lead to gaps in a student’s knowledge. If a student misses an excessive amount of classes they may be prohibited from participation the spring recital.

Parent Viewing

The Dance Academy does not allow parents in the classroom for several reasons. In our experience the presence of a parent forces the child to split their attention between the teacher and their parent and can inhibit learning. We want dance classes to be a complete educational experience, and part of that experience is allowing children to build relationships with their peers and instructors. We do offer show and tell dates throughout the session where parents will be invited into class for the last 15 minutes to view their child’s progress and discover skills they are working on mastering!

Bring a Friend to Dance Week

Two times a year we host a “bring a friend to dance week” where students are able to bring a friend along to class free of charge! Friends do not need to strictly adhere to the dress code, but please make sure they are prepared to have no street shoes in the studio (bare feet are okay!)

Contact and Communication

Email is the primary form of contact and communication used by the Dance Academy, so please ensure that we have the proper email information for you on file! If you would like to contact a teacher personally please direct your inquiry through the Company Coordinator and they will get you in contact with your instructor. For the privacy of our staff we do not provide staff cell phone numbers.

Dress Code

Students are expected to be dressed appropriately for every dance class. Specific class attire can be found below. For the safety purposes, students will not be allowed to wear jewelry other than small stud earrings. Street shoes are not permitted on the dance floor and parents should ensure that children do not wear their dance shoes outside. Shoe debris can be hazardous to dancers and decreases the life of the flooring.

Class	Attire
Grownup and Me	Comfortable clothing or dance attire; ballet shoes or bare feet; hair preferred out of face.

Creative Dance	Girls: Any color or style of leotard (skirted okay); pink ballet tights; pink full sole ballet shoes; hair pulled back/out of face. Boys: Comfortable clothes that are easy to move in.
Ballet Level 1, 1/2, 2, 3	Girls: Solid black leotard; pink footed ballet tights; pink leather full sole ballet shoes; hair in a bun. Boys: White t-shirt; boys black tights; black leather full sole ballet shoes.
Ballet Level 4 and Up	Girls: Solid black leotard; pink footed or convertible ballet tights; pink canvas or leather split sole or full sole ballet shoes; hair in a bun. Boys: White t-shirt; boys black tights; black canvas or leather split sole or full sole ballet shoes; dance belt.
Pointe	Black leotard; pink ballet tights; pointe or pre-pointe shoes; black ballet skirt okay; hair in a bun. No pop up shanks.
Jazz 1, 2, 2/3, 3	Girls: Tan slip-on jazz shoes; black leotard; pink or tan tights; black spandex shorts over tights okay; hair pulled back/out of face. Boys: Black slip-on or lace-up jazz shoe; white or black t-shirt; black shorts, black jazz pants, or black exercise pants. No sweat pants or baggy pants
Jazz 4 and Above	Girls: Tan slip-on jazz shoes, foot paws, pirouettes, or bare feet; black leotard; pink or tan tights; black spandex shorts over tights is okay; hair pulled back/out of face. Boys: Black slip-on or lace-up jazz shoe; white or black t-shirt; black shorts, black jazz pants, or black exercise pants. No sweat pants or baggy pants
Contemporary 1 and Above	Girls: Tan pirouettes or bare feet; black leotard; pink or tan tights; spandex shorts over tights okay; hair pulled back/out of face. Boys: Tan pirouettes or bare feet; white or black t-shirt; black shorts, black jazz pants, or black exercise pants. No sweat pants or baggy pants.
Beginning Tap	Girls: Black Mary-Jane tap shoes or black lace-up tap shoes; any color leotard (skirted okay) or tank top; pink tights, black spandex shorts, black cropped legging, or black jazz pants (above the heel); hair pulled back/out of face. Boys: Black lace-up tap shoes; white or black t-shirt; black shorts, black jazz pants, or black exercise pants. No sweat pants or baggy pants.
Tap 1 and Above	Girls: Black lace-up tap shoe; black leotard or tank top; pink or tan tights, black spandex shorts, black cropped legging, or black jazz pants (above the heel); hair pulled back/out of face. Boys: Black lace-up tap shoe; white or black t-shirt; black shorts, black jazz pants, or black exercise pants. No sweat pants or baggy pants.
Adult Classes	Please adhere to the shoe guidelines listed in children's classes; however adults may feel free to make changes to the given attire.

*For any recommendations on specific brands, styles, and suppliers, please view our recommendations on page 7.

The Nutcracker

All students ages 7 and up are able to audition for our annual production of the Nutcracker! These auditions are open to dancers and performers from any studio so be sure to tell your friends to join you!

Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 30th and the schedule is as follows:

Ages 7-12 1:00-2:30 PM

Ages 13-15 2:00-3:30 PM

Ages 16-18 3:00-4:30 PM

Adults 4:00-5:30 PM

Dancers should be prepared to fill out some paperwork, participate in a barre and across the floor exercises, and learn a short routine to perform. Upon casting a formal rehearsal schedule will go out that details when students will be expected to be at rehearsal; for the most part rehearsals will run on Saturday afternoons. Tech rehearsal is December 12th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, dress rehearsal is December 13th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and the show is December 17th at 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM; these are mandatory for all dancers.

Spring Recital

An annual event, the spring recital gives every student enrolled in a Dance Academy class the opportunity to perform! Dances and choreography will be developed and polished each week in class and will display the skills that the dancers have been learning throughout the year. The Spring Recital is wonderful event for dancers to feel the pride and accomplishment that comes with showcasing their talents for family and friends! The Spring Recital will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at the Groves Little Theatre with a dress rehearsal on the 22nd. An additional costume fee will be charged for each dance a child participates in; the costumes are theirs to keep and all our instructors are committed to doing what they can to keep costs down!

Encore

For those dancers looking for more opportunities to perform and grow their dancing skills we do offer a Performance Company, Encore. Encore focuses on excellence in all styles of dance and believes in the importance of providing diverse performance opportunities for dancers. Encore will attend competitions when it is desired and requested by team members and coordinators, and will focus on several community and volunteer performances throughout the year. We are already excited for our dancers to participate in the "Bates Street Trick or Treat" Halloween event held right here at The Community House, as well as a Holiday Tour to different retirement communities within the area. For those interested in Encore the audition date is September 23rd with ages 8-12 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and ages 13 & up 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Additional Policies

Student Care and Illness

TCH is not responsible for student care before or after class. Students are not to be left at the studio for excessive time periods. We ask that parents of young children stay at the studio while class is in session.

A student, who is ill, must stay home if they are contagious, have a fever, excessive cough, or are vomiting.

Release of Liability

As the legal parent or guardian, I release and hold harmless The Community House Dance Academy , its owners and staff from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the participant and/or the undersigned, while in or upon the premises or any premises under the control and supervision of The Community House Dance Academy, its owners and operators or in route to or from any of said premises. The Community House Dance Academy is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Medical Emergency

The undersigned gives permission to The Community House Dance Academy, its owners and staff to seek medical treatment for the participant in the event they are not able to reach a parent or guardian. I hereby declare the participant to be in good physical and mental health.

I have fully read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the above policies.

Date: _____ Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child _____. In consideration of my minor child _____'s participation in _____ by/with The Community House ("TCH"), I hereby consent to any photographing, images, or audio of my child on videotape, film, audio tape, paper, digital medium, or otherwise (herein referenced as "Images"), by TCH, its officials, employees, members, agents, contractors, consultants or representatives (collectively, the "TCH Parties"). I acknowledge TCH's ownership of the Images and I authorize the use and publication of such Images by the TCH as it deems appropriate, including, without limitation, for educational or promotional purposes by TCH and the TCH Parties, either on public or commercial outlets including, but not limited to, standard television, non-standard television, in print, the internet and other forms, and hereby on behalf of myself and my minor child release and discharge TCH and the TCH Parties from any claims I or my child may have against TCH or the TCH Parties, including, without limitation, claims for libel or violation of any right of publicity or privacy, arising from the use and publication of such Images.

I warrant and represent that all material and information furnished by me is mine or for which I have full authority for such purposes. I understand that neither I nor my child will be monetarily or in any other manner compensated for my child's participation in these Images.

Studio Recommendations for Class Attire for TCH Dance Academy

Ballet

Girls Pink Tights- Bloch Endura Tight

Girls Pink Tights for Performances- Bloch Endura Tight with Seam

Boys Black Tights- Body Wrappers, Mireela, Wear Mei. No shiny tights.

Ballet Slippers- Full Sole Leather Pink and Black Bloch Dansoft, Capezio Lily

Split Sole Leather Pink Bloch Prolite II, Juliet

Split Sole Leather Black Capezio Romeo

Split Sole Canvas Pink Bloch Pump, Bloch Synchrony, Grishko, Hanami

Split Sole Canvas Black Bloch or Grishko

Pointe

All shanks must be roll through shanks. No pop up shanks allowed.

Bloch, Capezio, Russian Pointe, Grishko, Suffolk are approved brands.

Jazz

Girls Pink/Tan Tights-Bloch Endura Tight

Boys Black Tights-Body Wrappers

Jazz Shoe- Slip-on Split Sole Tan and Black Bloch Neo Flex

Lace-up Split Sole Black Bloch Jazzsoft

Contemporary

Tights same as jazz recommended.

Pirouettes- Board Platform: Bloch Eclipse Canvas Tan

Tapered Platform: Capezio Pirouette II Canvas Tan

Tap

Little Girl Tap Shoes- Mary-Jane Black Capezio Jr. Tyette Ribbon Tie

Little Boy Tap Shoes-Lace-up Black Leos or Bloch

Tap Shoe- Adult Beginner to Advanced Lace-up Bloch Audeo

Shoes must be hard sole and hard toe for Tap 2 and above.

Dance Store Recommendation

Barres “n” Blades

694 S. Lapeer Road
Lake Orion, MI 48362

248-693-8420

bnbinfo@barresnblades.com

*All students must be approved for pre-pointe and pointe shoes by the Company Coordinator, and those approved should plan on making a fitting appointment at Barres “n” Blades. Please do not sew anything on the shoes, mark the shoes, or wear the shoes until the Company Coordinator has approved the fit on your feet. Once they are sewn they cannot be returned.



2017-2018 Calendar

August 1 st	Registration begins
September 11 th	First Day of Fall Session Classes
September 23 rd	Encore Auditions: Ages 8-12 from 10:00-11:00 AM, Ages 13 & Up from 11:30- 12:30 PM
September 25 th -30 th	Bring a Friend to Dance Week!
September 30 th	Nutcracker Auditions: Ages 7-12 from 1:00-2:30 PM, Ages 13-15 from 2:00-3:30 PM, Ages 16-18 from 3:00-4:30 PM, Adults from 4:00-5:30 PM
October 23 rd -28 th	Parent Show and Tell Week!
October 30 th	Bates Street Trick or Treat, 6:00-8:00 PM
October 31 st	No Classes, Happy Halloween!
November 22 nd -26 th	Studio Closed, Thanksgiving Break!
December 4 th -9 th	Parent Show and Tell Week!
December 10 th	Sugar Plum Tea, 2:30-4:00 PM, The Community House Ballroom
December 17 th	The Nutcracker Performance, 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM, The Community House Ballroom
December 21 st -January 7 th	Studio Closed, Winter Break
January 22 nd - 27 th	Bring a Friend to Dance Week!
January 29 th	First Day of Spring Session Classes
March 5 th -10 th	Parent Show and Tell Week!
March 30 th - April 7 th	Studio Closed, Spring Break!
April 30 th - May 5 th	Parent Show and Tell Week!
May 28 th	Studio Closed, Memorial Day
June 22 nd	Spring Recital Dress Rehearsal
June 23 rd	Annual Spring Recital