

FLASH POINTE DANCE – General Information – 2008/2009

FPD was created to provide an environment where the art of dance and movement could be appreciated and shared. It is our intent to continue to bring to Fairfield County the best and most exciting instructors and classes available. We offer the hottest new trends in the dance world, as well as the most pristine of the classics. We are committed to keeping our finger on the pulse of the community and provide the very best available in the dance world to satisfy the needs of our clientele. Our instructors are chosen for their excellence in their field, as well as for their ability to offer instruction in a supportive and nurturing manner. Maintaining an environment permeated with positive energy is instrumental in creating an optimum environment to learn, and the staff at FPD is committed to this concept.

Not everyone who walks through our studio doors is destined to become a professional dancer, in fact most will not. But if they walk away with a love of dance, an understanding that using your body daily is important to good mental and physical health, and a certainty that they have found more within themselves than they thought they had, we will have lit the spark that is the reason for ***Flash Pointe Dance***.

School Year Calendar – Studio Closings We will follow the Fairfield Public School calendar for major holidays. Please watch our website, www.FlashPointeDance.com for closings due to inclement weather or any last minute issues, as well as to confirm holiday closings. Students who miss a class due to illness or schedule conflicts may be able to take a make up class, pending studio approval and availability. Our dance school year will run between 30-32 weeks.

Payment Policies Registration Fees are as follows: 1st family member \$25.00, \$10.00 each additional member. At time of registration a \$60.00 deposit per dancer, applicable to the 2008-09 tuition must be paid. Fees/deposits are non-refundable and must be renewed each year. A 5% tuition discount will be applied for students paying the entire tuition in full by September 30th. Siblings are also eligible for a 5% discount. Students taking 1-2 classes may pay in 3 installments, due on August 15th, October 15th, and January 15th. Students taking 3+ classes may pay in 4 installments due on August 15th, October 15th, January 15th, and March 15th. Payment may be made by cash, check or MC/Visa. We are not currently set up for automatic withdrawal. Returned check fee is \$30.00. Unfortunately, payment made after the 20th will incur a 10% or \$10.00 late fee, whichever is greater.

Recital and Pictures FPD feels that an end of term performance is valuable in the instruction of a performance art. Just as you would not feel that a rough draft of a term paper completes a student's writing and presenting abilities, working on technique and combinations is only a portion of the art of dance. Recital is an important culmination of the process of teaching a performing art, and an exciting part of the year for the students. To present this performance, the studio invests a significant amount of time and effort to pull all of the details together. Tickets will be sold for the performance to defray the cost of the facility and stage hands. Recital costumes will not exceed \$85.00 + Tax, and payment will be added in to the first 3 tuition payments, or collected at the beginning of the year for families paying their entire balance prior to September 30th. The 5% discount does not apply to costumes. After October 15th, costume fees will not be refunded. Prior to that date, withdrawal from class/recital must be presented in writing.

We do provide a day(s) for studio pictures in costume. The purchase of studio pictures is optional, but we do expect all dancers to support their group and to be present for the group photos. Solo/friend pictures will be taken for all who are interested.

Referral Fees & Scholarships A \$50-100 referral bonus will be awarded to families who refer a new family to the studio. The new family must attend at least 80% of the year, complete the program through recital, and be paid in full. Referral bonus amounts are based on the number of classes enrolled. So we do not embarrass any members, bonus' will be issued at the end of the year, after all accounts have been paid in full. FPD does offer scholarships for families in need. Please contact the director, Victoria Carey, for more information.

Refund Policies Registration is a commitment for the entire season. Once we register your child in a class, we are committed to a teacher, to hold a spot for your child, and to conduct the class once we have the minimum number of students. We do understand that families and children have unexpected events occurring in their lives. In the event that your child cannot continue with the program, our policy is as follows: Withdrawal from class will forfeit all payments made including registration, regardless of how many classes your child has attended. All discounts/referral bonus' will be forfeit with early withdrawal. Written notice must be provided at the front desk or by mail to withdraw and end any future financial obligation to the studio. Please contact us ASAP if you must withdraw, as you will be liable for all payments due prior to notification of withdrawing.