



## Welcome Dance Students!

Welcome to the Norridge Park District School of Dance! We are all looking forward to what is sure to be another fantastic year of dance. At this time you may have several questions regarding your child's dance class. This packet is designed to clarify things as well as to assist you throughout the entire year of dance.

Please visit the Norridge Park District website ([norridgepk.com](http://norridgepk.com)) for updates, information and schedules located under the dance tab. Again, welcome back and good luck in the upcoming year!

**Location: Norridge Recreation Center East**

**4652 N. Olcott**

**Harwood Heights, IL 60706**

**708-457-0961**

**Proper Attire for Dance Classes:**

Please make sure students are dressed and ready in proper dance attire and shoes, and their hair is pulled back and off of their face. Proper dance attire should include articles of clothing like: tights, leotards, bike shorts, and stretch-pants. Please NO jeans, jean shorts, or dresses. You may ask your dance instructor what shoes are appropriate for the class your child is in. Face masks will be required during classes.

**Bathroom Usage:**

Students should try and use the bathroom prior to coming to dance class. Students are allowed to use the bathroom during class, but please be aware that they will be going to the bathroom without their dance instructor's assistance.

**Parents During Class:**

While students are in class, all parents are to wait in the lobby until their class is through. Please do not open the door while class is in session. This is a distraction to the dancers as well as the instructor. If the instructor needs your assistance with a student, they will let you know.

**Special Note:**

There is absolutely *NO* gum, food, drink, toys, cell phones, etc. allowed in class!

**Fall Season Schedule:**

- *September 12 – December 17*
- *Break week: NO CLASS November 21 – 26*  
(You will be notified should there be any changes in the current schedule.)

**Dance Costumes Measurements:**

Make sure you and your child are present at class the week of *Oct. 3 – Oct. 8* During this week your instructor will take measurements of each student for their Dance Recital costume. A parent or guardian will need to be present to ensure that the correct measurement is made and the correct size costume is ordered.

We will require that at this time parents/guardians sign off on a measurement that is agreed upon between the parent and the dance instructor. By giving your signature you are stating that you are comfortable and accepting of the costume size being ordered for your child.

**NO RETURNS for costumes:**

The Norridge Park District will not be able to return costumes for alternate sizes. If your child should unfortunately find that their costume does not fit correctly we suggest that you take the costume to be altered properly.

**Helpful Hint When Determining a Costume Size:**

When measuring your child if there is a question as to which size is best, it is suggested that you decide to go up in size. It is better to have a costume that is too large than too small. If the costume is too small, there will not be extra fabric to work with when doing alterations. If it is too large, it is much easier to downsize the costume with an alteration. Norridge Park District will not cover the cost of any alterations incurred.

**Dance Schedule for Winter/Spring 2023:**

- Begins January 9 - May 13
- Payment for the Winter/Spring session will be due before the Winter/Spring session begins. Please note that these fees must be paid prior to the first class of the Winter/Spring session. Students will not be permitted to participate in class until all fees are current.
- Fee for Winter/Spring: \$148 R / \$170 NR (includes cost of recital DVD)
- Break Week No Class March 27 - April 1

**Dance Class Holiday Parties:**

- **Halloween Parties: October 24 - 29**, Dancers may choose to bring a **prepackaged**, purchased treat to pass out at end of class to take home (no nuts) and wear a Halloween costume. Costumes must allow for dance movements.
- **December Holiday Parties: December 12 - 17**, Dancers may choose to bring a **prepackaged**, purchased treat to pass out at end of class to take home. No Nuts.
- Should you have any inquiries regarding important dates, please refer to the bulletin boards for all current dance information. Extra copies of notes/reminders will be available at the front desk as well.

### Dance Pictures:

Dance picture days have a tentative date of **April 6 and April 7, 2023**. You will be notified should there be any changes. Each student will need to come to pictures dressed in full costume attire and have in their possession an individual picture order form. Students will receive picture order forms and picture time schedule closer to the date of pictures.

### Dance Recital:

Date for the Dance Recitals are tentatively scheduled **Saturday, May 20**. There will be two separate shows this year on the same day, a **12:00p.m. & a 3:30p.m.** performance; with a Dress Rehearsal on **Friday, May 19**. Location: TBD

There will be two separate shows at the recital. Each class will be given a show assignment as to which show they will be performing in. Several students are in multiple classes and may have siblings that dance as well. It would be ideal for all siblings to be in the same show, however that is not practical. We will do our very best to accommodate families in the same performance, but we cannot guarantee that will happen. The performance assignments will be given out no later than **February 18**. Please keep both recital performance times available until you have been given confirmation of your child's performance assignment.

Please let your dance instructor know if you are unable to attend your assigned performance time. If you are not able to dance in the recital or wish to cancel your recital costume purchase please contact the Norridge Recreation Center East office at 708-457-0961 to do so. **Costume purchase cancellations will only be accepted until October 29, 2022**. Thereafter there are no refunds for costume purchases. Dancers who are unable to perform in either recital due to date conflicts are still welcomed and highly encouraged to remain in dance class! ☺

**Dress Rehearsal:**

*Friday, May 19. Location: TBD. This is a mandatory rehearsal for all dancers. All students are to wear their full costume attire to the dress rehearsal. The dress rehearsal provides staff the chance to get the proper lighting, stage set up, etc. ready for the actual recital performances, as well as it gives the dancers another opportunity to get the feel for what they need to be doing during the actual performances. You will receive further information regarding the rehearsal time as soon as possible.*

*Thank you for your support of the Norridge Park District School of Dance. We hope you have a wonderful year of dance! Any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Good luck!*

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