

# *LaVerne Meier School of Dance*

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## **WELCOME TO OUR 2023-2024 DANCE YEAR!**

Dear Parents and Dancers,

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of dance! Enclosed you will find a list of suggested classes for your child. **Returning students have the option to register online through your parent portal.** Beginning Monday, July 17, log in to your portal to register for classes online. As classes become full, they will be closed. Likewise, classes may be canceled or rescheduled if minimum enrollment is not met. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jaana Schweitzer

Owner/Director

### **Registration Dates**

**\*OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, July 22 2pm-4pm—Invite interested dancers!\***

**Wed, Aug. 2 6pm-8pm // Tues, Aug. 15 6pm-8pm // Thurs, Aug. 31 6pm-8pm**

If your dancer needs new shoes, please bring she/he with you to registration so we may size them correctly. Shoes will be ready for the first week of class. Prices are as follows:

Beginner tap: \$12 (used)/\$30 (new)

Advanced tap: \$35

Ballet: \$25

Baton: \$35

Jazz: \$35

Tights: \$10

Lyrical: \$20

Leotard: \$20 (child)/\$25 (adult)

Hip hop: \$30

## **CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5!**

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## Please keep this for reference throughout the year!

### REGISTRATION FEE

There is an annual registration fee due upon enrollment. If registering prior to the start of the year, the fee is \$20/immediate family. Once the dance season begins, the fee increases to \$25.

### TUITION

**Tuition is due by the 10th of every month.** Monthly tuition is required in full every month even if your child is absent from class. Tuition is based on an average number of weeks in each month and is not pro-rated.

Listed below are the monthly tuition rates for the number of hours each student dances per week.

1/2 HOUR PER WEEK	\$45		
3/4	50	3 1/4	75
1	53	3 1/2	77
1 1/4	55	3 3/4	79
1 1/2	58	4	81
1 3/4	60	4 1/4	83
2	63	4 1/2	85
2 1/4	65	4 3/4	87
2 1/2	68	5	89
2 3/4	70	5 1/4	90
3	73	5 1/2	91

**Sibling Discount:** \*2nd child – \$2 less/month

\* 3rd child – \$3 less/month

When you pay for the entire year, you receive one month free. The full season discount applies only if paid in full by **September 21**. When you pay three months at once, you receive 10% off your tuition.

### **LATE FEES**

If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month, a \$10 late fee is applied. If tuition has not been paid by the last day of the month, the fee will increase to \$15 for each month not paid. If your tuition is not paid by the end of the month, your child will not be allowed to attend classes until payment is made.

### **BOUNCED CHECKS**

If a check is returned, you are responsible for all associated fees, including those incurred by the studio.

**A BALLET CLASS (ballet or lyrical) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS** except those in hip hop only.

### **DANCE ATTIRE**

Students are required to wear appropriate **form-fitting** attire to every class. This includes leotards, tights, tank tops, biker shorts, leggings, or unitards. Jeans, skirts, hoodies, t-shirts, and sweatpants should not be worn to dance.

A solid black tank leotard may be included as part of a costume for performances. It can be purchased at the front desk at any time during the year. It can also be worn to class.

Required shoes include pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes, nude jazz shoes, nude lyrical shoes, and black hip hop sneakers (for older students). **Appropriate shoes must be worn to every class.**

Students in pom classes will borrow poms from the studio.

Students in baton classes should own their own batons. They should be ordered through the studio.

The studio is not responsible for lending shoes to students. All supplies, except for pointe shoes, can be ordered through the studio. Items must be paid in full when the order is placed.

**Hair should be UP and out of the face for every dance class!**

**Bring a water bottle!**

**NO GUM!**

**NO JEWELRY!**

**NO FOOD!**

**NO CELL PHONES!**

### **PERFORMANCES**

Two performances are held during the year. The Holiday Show will be held in December at Florissant Civic Center on Wednesday, December 13. Only selected classes perform in the Holiday Show. A list of classes performing will be sent out in our newsletter.

Our year-end Recital will be held in the spring. More information about these events will be made available throughout the year. If you prefer not to participate in these performances, please inform us as soon as possible. Please see our Attendance and Costume Payments policies for more information.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance and practice are essential to learning and improving! We track attendance and place a high value on consistent class attendance.

Poor attendance may impact a dancer's ability to participate in performances. At the studio director's discretion, students with poor attendance may be prohibited from performing. Costume payments cannot be refunded if your child's poor attendance prevents them from performing.

### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS and COMMUNICATION**

Newsletters are emailed at the beginning of the month. They contain important information and are a great tool for communication between the studio and parents. Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the front desk. If you find you are not receiving these emails, please let us know so we can resolve the problem.

Teachers are not able to meet with parents during their scheduled classes. Questions and concerns can be directed to the studio owner through a call to the studio or an email to [info@lmdance.com](mailto:info@lmdance.com).

**You are always welcome to visit the front desk for information!**

### **PARENT PORTAL**

After registering you will receive an email prompting you to set up your parent portal. Here you can make and track your tuition and costume payments. Auto-payment can be set up for tuition. Your dancer's performance music is also available here for practice at home.

### **PARENT WATCH WEEK**

Parents are invited to Parent Watch Nights, held during the first full of week of November and March. As a courtesy to our dancers and teachers, these observation nights are limited to adults only.

### **COSTUME PAYMENTS**

Costume prices will be sent home in January. All recital costumes must be paid for in full by Thursday, January 25, so that we may order them in time for recital. Children's costume prices range from \$60 to \$70 each.

Adult costumes range from \$60 to \$75 each. We encourage you to make small payments throughout the fall so the costume total is not overwhelming in January. Costume payments cannot be refunded so make sure your child is committed to performing in recital before making your payment.

Professional group and individual photos of the dancers in costume will be taken in the spring.

Costumes for the Holiday Show will be provided by the studio and must be returned in January.

### **PARKING/DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

Public parking is available on the street or at two public lots in close proximity to the studio.

For your child's safety, please accompany them into and out of the building. Remind your child to wait inside the building until you have arrived to pick them up.

Students should be dropped off no more than 10 minutes before the start of class and picked up promptly after class.

### **FUNDRAISING**

A fundraising opportunity will be available for those who are interested. Fundraiser information will be available in the fall. Money raised can be put toward tuition and/or costume payments.

### **HOLIDAYS**

The studio will be closed on the following holidays: Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Holiday Break, and Memorial Day. The studio will be open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day.

# REGISTRATION FORM

*\*Please fill out a separate form for each student\**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (newsletters, invoices, and other communication will be sent to this email address)

**In case of an emergency, and no one is available at the above numbers, please list the name and number of someone to be contacted.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

The below section can be completed at the studio with the assistance of school staff.

**\*\*ALL students must take a ballet class, with the exception of those enrolled only in a hip-hop class.\*\***

<u><b>Type of Class</b></u>	<u><b>Day</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Hours/Week</b></u>
Tap and Ballet	_____	_____	_____
Tap, Ballet, Acrobatics	_____	_____	_____
Tap, Ballet, Jazz	_____	_____	_____
Acrobatics	Thursday	_____	.75
Poms	Thursday	_____	.5
Baton	Thursday	_____	.5
Hip Hop	Thursday	_____	.5
Lyrical	Thursday	_____	.75
<b>Total Hours / Week</b>			_____
<b>Monthly Tuition</b>			_____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

For and in consideration of the undersigned's child's, \_\_\_\_\_, participation in the programs offered by LaVerne Meier School of Dance, the undersigned, individually and on behalf of the undersigned's child, personal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby waives, releases, forever discharges, indemnifies, hold harmless and will defend J + J Dance LLC, dba LaVerne Meier School of Dance, including but not limited to Jaana Schweitzer and any employees, agents, volunteers, heirs, personal representatives and assigns ("Owners") of, from, and against any and all liability, claims, actions, causes of action, suits, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, cost, loss, damages, and demands of any kind of nature, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen ("Loss") sustained by the undersigned's child, which may be caused, directly or indirectly by the child's participation in the programs, the negligence of Owners or other persons, or some other cause. In addition, I hereby release the undersigned's child's image to be used in videos and photos for marketing purposes.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_