

STUDIO POLICIES

REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.dancewith8count.com
330-563-4017

2021/2022 CALENDAR

CLASSES START: SEPT. 13th
HALLOWEEN WEEK: OCT 25th - 30th
REC. COSTUME FEES DUE: NOV 8th
THANKSGIVING BREAK: NOV. 23rd - NOV. 27th
WINTER BREAK: DEC. 20th - JAN. 1st
SPRING BREAK: MARCH 28th - APR. 2nd
RECITAL TICKET SALES: TBA (Typically Early-April)
PICTURE DAY: TBA (Typically Mid-April)
DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL: Tentative May 12th, 13th, 14th 2022
(Dates above are subject to change)

COMMUNICATIONS

At 8 Count we go to great lengths to keep you informed and up to date. We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your dancer or our programs. Let us know if we can help you in any way. **Informed parents make for a smooth and stress-free season! Please help us help you by reading all studio communication.**

- Email, Social Media, Lobby T.V. and window signs.
- A Recital Handbook is emailed at recital time with organized details.

TUITION FEES & PAYMENTS

- Tuition is based on a season regardless how many weeks are in a given month. The season is divided into NINE equal installments with the first payment due upon registration & the final payment due in May.
- New students must pay a \$25 registration fee per family.
- All registered families must keep an up to date credit card or debit card on file.
- Monthly tuition fees will be auto-deducted on the first of each month.
- Any balance due will be charged to your account using the card on file on the 8th of the month with a \$15 late fee.
- All other Fees will be given a specific due date for auto-deduction.
- If discontinuing classes, an adult who is financially obligated must submit a Withdrawal Form before the 1st of the month to avoid your card being charged. The parent will continue to be financially responsible for tuition up until the date a Withdrawal Form is received. Until a student is officially withdrawn, we will consider them to be an active student in our dance program.
- 8 Count does not offer any refunds. **This includes: Registration Fees, Costume Fees, Competition Fees, Tuition, Late Fees, Recital Tickets, Misc. Fees, Dancewear, and all other fees acquired to your account.**

DISCOUNTS

- Dancers are encouraged to take advantage of our Unlimited Class pricing.
- Full-Year Payments can be made with a discount applied. Please contact the front desk to inquire about full-year payment if you are interested.

NSF PAYMENTS

- NSF payments will incur a \$35 NSF fee which is to be paid at the front desk along with the payment that is due.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS

- A two week notice from the first of the month is required to discontinue any payments. To withdraw, a parent must:
 - 1) Inform the studio in person
 - 2) Complete and sign a withdrawal form. Automatic charges will stop after the two week notice period.

RESCHEDULING AND SUBSTITUTION

- 8 Count reserves the right to provide a substitute teacher if the regular teacher is ill or is otherwise unable to teach. 8 Count reserves the right to reschedule or combine classes due to low enrollment, etc.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- In the event of inclement weather, an e-mail will be sent and social media post made by 2:00 PM. Please note that we do not necessarily follow school closings. Any cancelled classes may be made up on your own time from our regular schedule of classes (space permitting). In the event there is not a make-up class available, a replacement class will be scheduled.

EXTENDED CLOSURE & VIRTUAL LEARNING POLICY

In the event that we have to have an extended closure such as, but not limited to, a global pandemic, or act of god, we will immediately resume our current schedule through virtual learning and tuition will be discounted 25% via account credits. Full tuition will resume once we are back in the classroom.

LOST AND FOUND AND SECURITY

- The lost and found will be kept behind the front desk for a time period of two weeks. After this time period, unclaimed items will be donated. Please label your child's belongings so they can be returned to you if necessary. Unlabeled belongings will be donated. **8 Count is not responsible for student property.**
- Our facility is under video surveillance at all times.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is very important. In order for your child to progress with their growth and technique, they need to be in class every week. We understand that emergencies come up that cause students to miss and consider these to be excused absences. However, this is not to be taken advantage of. When an absence occurs, make up classes are available in a different style and need to be scheduled within the same month. Make up classes can be scheduled at the front desk (space permitting).
- There are absolutely no credits, refunds or prorated tuition due to your child being absent for ANY REASON. Ex: Vacation, Illness, etc.
- If your child is sick, please do not bring them to class. A parent must call, text or email the studio and let us know that they will be absent. If leaving a message, tell us your child's name and class(es) they will be missing.
- **Students should arrive no sooner than 5-8 minutes prior to class start time completely ready to begin class.**

BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to act in a kind, respectful and acceptable manner at all times. Bullying, Poor Attitudes, Negativity, and Entitlement will not be tolerated. Any unacceptable behavior through social media will not be tolerated. This includes any implications of illegal activity, drugs, alcohol, or promiscuity. Disorderly conduct of any kind, especially while representing the studio, could result in probation and or dismissal from the studio.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE:

First Offense: Verbal Warning

Second Offense: Asked to sit (parent will be contacted)

Third Offense: Dismissed from class and parent contacted.

If the problem persists, your child will be dismissed from 8 Count.

CLASS RULES:

- Students are not permitted to bring anything into the classrooms other than water.
- NO food, candy, gum, or pop on the dance floor.
- NO cell phones in class, it is a distraction to all students. 8 Count has a strict dress code. Students are expected to be ready and in appropriate dancewear at the start of class.
- Please use the restroom before or in between class.

****Parents are not permitted in the classrooms at any time unless approved by the teacher. Meetings can be scheduled with teachers to discuss student progress throughout the season.****

RECITAL COSTUMES

Costumes are required for our annual recital. Costume fees will be auto-deducted on November 8th, 2021.

Beginning Level and Under Classes: \$69.39 (includes tax)

Elementary Level and Up Classes: \$80.86 (includes tax)

ANNUAL RECITAL

- Each May, we end our season with our fully-staged, professional Recital at The Canton Palace Theatre. We encourage, but do not require, participation.
- All students participating in the recital must attend dress rehearsals.
- All balances must be paid in full in order for recital tickets to be purchased in April.
- FULL recital details will be communicated in early 2022 and are subject to change.