

Towsontowne Recreation Council Dance Program

August, 2017

Dear Parents & Dancers,

On behalf of the council and teaching staff, I would like to welcome you back to an exciting new season of dance. We are already making plans for an even more spectacular recital. The date of the recitals is tentatively planned for mid-May (to be announced upon confirmation of dates and venue).

CLASSES OFFERED

ALL CLASSES WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. SCHEDULING OF CLASSES WILL BE DETERMINED BY ADEQUATE REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR EACH CLASS.

Classes Offered	Student must be	Length of Classes	Other Requirements:
Ballet	4 years old by 12/31/2017	½ hour	N/A
Jazz	5 years old by 12/31/2017	½ hour	N/A
Tap	6 years old by 12/31/2017	½ hour	N/A
Hawaiian	6 years old by 12/31/2017	½ hour	N/A
Maori (Advanced Hawaiian)	6 years old by 12/31/2017	½ hour	Must have 1 year of Hawaiian or at discretion of Instructor
Dance Company	9 years old by 12/31/2017	¾ hour	Tryouts **
Sr. Dance Company	12 years old by 12/31/2017	¾ hour	Tryouts **
Hip Hop Company	9 years old by 12/31/2017	¾ hour	Tryouts **
Pointe	12 years old by 12/31/2017	½ hour	Must have 5 years of Ballet and at discretion of Instructor. Ballet MUST be taken concurrently with Pointe

** Tryouts will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Ridge Ruxton School. (see 'Company Tryouts' info below)

Day of Week	Location	Address	Classes Start
Monday	Riderwood Elementary School	1711 Landrake Road, 21204	10/02/2017
Tuesday (Company Classes Only)	Ridge Ruxton School	6916 Charles Street, 21204	10/10/2017
Wednesday	Cromwell Valley Elementary School	825 Providence Road, 21286	9/27/2017
Friday	Riderwood Elementary School	1711 Landrake Road, 21204	9/29/2017

REGISTRATION FEE:

The registration fee is **\$165.00** for a ½ hour class. The registration fee is **\$175.00** for a 45 minute class. The registration includes lessons for the entire dance season (Sept - May), \$35.00 towards the cost of the costume (excluding shoes, tights, and gloves if applicable), awards, certificates, and a small gift from the Council. If you have registered for more than one class, your child will receive a costume for EACH class.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- Visit www.TTREC.ORG to obtain the registration form and letter.
 - Returning parents will receive notification via email or mail that the information is available on the website.
 - Please mail the completed form (one form per child) with a check made payable to: **TOWSONTOWNE RECREATION COUNCIL** to

Chris Rothlingshofer
4814 Norrisville Rd
White Hall, MD 21161

- **WALK-IN REGISTRATION** will take place on:

Date	School	Location	Time
Monday, 9/18	Riderwood Elementary	Outside the gym (lobby)	5:00-7:00 pm
Wednesday, 9/20	Cromwell Valley Elementary	Outside the gym (lobby)	5:00-7:00 pm

Registrations will be accepted at either location.

- Classes will be filled on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS**.
- We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you return your mail-in registration form and money (**DEPOSIT REQUIRED**) to us as soon as possible to reserve your spot.
- Registration forms and money **MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017. MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE PROCESSED WITH WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS.** This is to allow us ample time to set-up a tentative schedule of classes.
- **PLEASE NOTE: WE MUST HAVE A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF STUDENTS IN ORDER TO SCHEDULE A CLASS.**

DANCE ATTIRE/HAIR:

What is acceptable:	What is NOT allowed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leotards, tights, dance crop tops, bike shorts/pants. Must be tight fitting. • No color preference • All hair must be pulled back off the face (not tucked behind the ears). • Ponytails, braids, buns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-Shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters • No hoop or large earrings will be worn in class. • No gum or candy is allowed in class. NO CELL PHONES ARE ALLOWED IN CLASS!!

SHOES:

What is required:	What is NOT allowed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballet, Jazz, Hawaiian/Maori and Sr. Dance Company -> PINK Ballet shoes with elastic straps are required for • TAP -> TAN tap shoes • Dance Company and Hip Hop Company -> Black Jazz shoes (Please do not purchase shoes for Company until you are notified that you have been selected.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or white ballet shoes. • 'Slippers'

COMPANY TRYOUTS:

- A serious attitude, dedication and the proper approach to a Company is as important as the technical abilities of the dancer. It should be noted that without such qualities, one cannot succeed in Company. **It is only fair to the other members of a Company that a dancer CANNOT REMAIN IN COMPANY unless ALL of the above requirements are met.**
- You may tryout for Dance Company, SR. Dance Company and/or Hip Hop Company as long as you meet the age requirements.
- If you were in any of the Companies last year, you still must tryout again.
- Sorry, no parents are allowed to observe the tryouts; the dancers will be nervous enough.
- Days and times of the Company classes cannot be established until after tryouts.
- All companies will perform in **BOTH** recitals.

Tryouts to be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017 at RIDGE RUXTON CENTER in the cafeteria

DANCE COMPANY	5:00 - 6:30 pm
HIP HOP COMPANY	6:45 - 8:15 pm
SR DANCE COMPANY	8:30 - 9:20 pm

All Companies are tentatively scheduled to meet regularly on **TUESDAYS** at Ridge Ruxton in the cafeteria. This year's Dance Company is scheduled to perform a Jazz (broadway style) number in the recital. (This is subject to change). Jazz and Ballet experience is preferred for Dance Company but not required. SR. Dance Company is scheduled to perform either a Lyrical Ballet or Lyrical Jazz number. A **STRONG** Ballet background is required for SR. Dance Company and Jazz experience is preferred but not required. As far as Hip Hop Company, it is **STRONGLY** preferred that these dancers be able to execute certain dance techniques such as the Roger Rabbit, Running Man, etc. but this is not a requirement.

PLEASE NOTE:

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are trying out for any of the Companies, you **MUST** still register for at least one regular class. If you are selected for Company(s), you may continue in your regular class(es) or choose to dance only in the Company(s). We are sorry but we **MUST** know your decision regarding this matter **BEFORE WALK-IN REGISTRATION** so we can avoid overloading the waiting lists. You will be notified by mail within one week after tryouts.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **WEDNESDAY** classes will perform in the **12:30 pm recital.**
- **MONDAY** and **FRIDAY** classes will perform in the **4:00 pm recital.**
- **TUESDAY** classes will perform in **BOTH recitals.**
- An observation day called "Parents Sit-In" is tentatively scheduled for sometime in January/February).

REFUND POLICY:

After your child takes **ONE CLASS**, there will be **NO REFUNDS AND YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO THE PROGRAM (AND THIS INCLUDES COSTUME)** if you child drops the program **FOR ANY REASON** during the '17-'18 dance season (Sept - May). **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** If you have a problem, you **MUST** notify the chairman (not the instructor) immediately **BEFORE YOUR CHILD TAKES CLASS.**

Any changes or additions of classes will be approved by the Chairman. No changes will take place within the 1st two weeks of classes.

All money is due at the time of registration and MUST be paid by the 1st class.

If you have any questions or comments now or during the course of the dance season, please feel free to give me a call. **PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS AFTER 9:00 PM.** We are looking forward to another exciting dance season. Thanking you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

**Chris Rothlingshofer
VOLUNTEER CHAIRMAN
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