

Dear Dancers and Parents,

August 9, 2021

Welcome to the GC Community Dance 2021-2022 program!! This is the 26th anniversary year of the dance program at GC! We are so excited about the year ahead! Welcome returning students and our new students too. You should have gotten a fall dance letter in June or when you registered. Attached to this letter is the yearly calendar. Please keep it in a safe place and refer to it as the year progresses.

Reminders: Please remember that **dance shoes** are not to be worn outside and should be carried into dance class and then put on. **Please put your name in all shoes.** Every year we have a large box of lost and found articles. Please put your **hair up** for dance class. Dancers with very long hair should have it up completely and not just in a pony tail. Pony tails get in the way while turning. Dancers cannot learn with hair in the face. Remember to **wear only dance wear** to class, and not sportswear such as shorts. Dance wear helps the instructors to see the body the best and also looks professional. **Solid color leotards, tights, and an optional sheer dance skirt are required. Remember to wear a cover-up to and from class too. Please try to be on time for class.** If you miss a class you may make it up in a lower level class. St. Stephens, will wear whatever they wear to school that day, to class. There are just too many students for the instructors to change their clothes before dance class. Those students do need ballet shoes however, worn with thin socks. Girls wear pink and boys wear black ballet shoes. Hip hop students may purchase jazz dance sneakers at BoBo's Dance Wear in Macon or on line at site such as Discount Dance.

Parents please check the bulletin boards and walls at the studios for important notices. E mails are sent out on a weekly basis and sometimes several times a week. **Please make sure the registration office has your correct E mail address or you will miss out on important announcements!!** That is our best way of communication with you! ALL letters this year will be sent by e mail.

Dance Shoes: All students need pink ballet shoes for ballet classes and black jazz shoes for the jazz classes. Black tap shoes for tap classes will be needed as well. These are the shoes that will be needed for the Nutcracker and spring concert. BoBos Dance Wear in Macon is the closest retail store for dance wear. There are also sites on line such as Discount Dance Supply.

GC Dance apparel (all types of shirts, dance bags, shorts, jackets) with our GC Dance logo is available all year at 42nd Floor, Hancock Street, for you to order. Last year's Nutcracker design is still available to order. We will have a new Nutcracker shirt design very soon!

Please remember that tuition payments are due by the first lesson of the month. You may pay online, use the slot on the studio door, hand it to the staff in the registration office, Chappell Hall, or call it in at (478) 445 – 5277 and put it on your credit card. **Students two weeks behind will not be admitted into class.** A \$20.00 registration fee per family should have already been paid. **Students must have their tuition completely paid up to date before dancing in**

productions.

Plans for our 25th anniversary Nutcracker are well under way. Please check the bulletin board by the studio for the cast list that will be posted by Labor Day. Photographs of the costumes will soon be posted by the dance studio doors in both studios and at St. Stephens. Soon you will receive information about the costumes and an order form by e mail. You will receive a Nutcracker rehearsal schedule very soon. Rehearsals will begin right after Labor Day! **Costume orders are due Friday, September 17.**

Parents, please try and be on time picking up your child after class. We try very hard to dismiss students on time. It is impossible to watch children in the lobby area and teach at the same time! The instructors cannot be responsible for children left in the building after class is dismissed. This is very important for the Chappell Hall studio as the instructors often are trying to get to their own technique class in Miller and cannot wait. **Students left over 15 minutes after a class will have an immediate fine of \$20.** Students left when the instructor is leaving to go home will be taken to Public Safety. This will be strictly enforced this year again.

Spring Concert: The spring concert pictures are on Smugmug. The user name is amelia.pelton@gcsu.edu, the password is Nutdancer222. Individual pictures from the spring concert are in the registration office, Chappell Hall, and need to be picked up.

Thank you for choosing the GC Community Dance Program for the dance education of your child. I am excited about the year ahead and developing a love of dance in each student. Please E mail me with any questions or concerns.

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Best,

Amelia Pelton

GC Director of Dance

Dance Calendar for the GCSU Community Dance Program 2021-2022

August 2	First day of dance classes
Monday, September 6	Labor Day Holiday - NO dance classes
Friday, September 17	NUTCRACKER COSTUME ORDERS DUE
November 24 - 26	Thanksgiving Holidays - NO dance classes
Sat., Dec. 4	Monday Nov. 22, and Tuesday 23rd classes WILL meet Parent meeting and finale rehearsal for ALL dancers in Russell 9:30-11 a.m.
December 6, 7	Regular GC studio classes held in Russell auditorium
December 8	<u>NUTCRACKER DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ALL DANCERS</u> 5 p.m., Russell - full costumes, makeup
December 9	Classes will not meet
December 10	<u>NUTCRACKER 1st PERFORMANCE - RUSSELL AUDITORIUM</u> 9:30 a.m.. School performance, all dancers must report to Russell by 8:00 a.m. <u>2nd PERFORMANCE – 7:00 P.M.</u> , All dancers report by 5 pm.
December 11	<u>3rd PERFORMANCE</u> - 7:00 p.m. All dancers must report to Russell by 5:30 p.m.
December 12	<u>4th PERFORMANCE</u> - 2:00 p.m. All dancers must report to Russell by 12:30 p.m.
Monday, January 3, 2022	Dance Classes Begin
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King holiday - no dance classes
March 14-18	GC Spring Break, no dance classes
May 16-20	All Milledgeville GC dance classes meet in Russell
May 21	<u>DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE SPRING CONCERT, RUSSELL AUDITORIUM</u> Pictures - 12:00 noon, rehearsal begins at 2:00 p.m. Full costumes and makeup
May 22	<u>SPRING DANCE CONCERT, RUSSELL AUDITORIUM, 2:00 p.m.</u> All dancers must report to Russell by 12:30 P.M.

**Please also refer to the separate Nutcracker Rehearsal
Schedule to be distributed soon**

GC Community Dance Program Studio Rules

2021 - 2022

- 1. Please try to be on time to class. It is important for the students to participate in the warm-ups at the beginning of class!**
- 2. Proper attire consists of solid color leotard and tights, sheer dance skirt (optional), and ballet, tap, pointe, or jazz shoes. Each dancer **MUST** have her hair securely held back away from the face. No excessive jewelry please. No shorts and tee shirts in class.**
- 3. Absolutely no gum, food, or drinks allowed in the dance studios. Water bottles with lids are allowed. Use the lobby area for eating and drinking.**
- 4. Please wear a cover-up to and from class. Never wear dance shoes outside!**
- 5. Put your name in all articles brought to class and to the theatre.**
- 6. Use the studio phone only during the period between classes, and only for an emergency. **NO CELL PHONES in class!!!****
- 7. Parents: please pick up students promptly after class! Students waiting to be picked up should wait in the lobby area and not outside. After a student is left for a 15 minute period or longer after class there will be immediate fine of \$20. We **CANNOT** supervise children left in the lobby.**
- 8. Sorry, but no visitors are allowed in class. We will make every effort to open the door at the end of class so that parents can peek in to see what we are doing that day.**
- 9. Proper classroom etiquette includes: proper attire, no gum, no talking, no sitting down or hanging on the barres between exercises. Please go to the bathroom between or before classes!**
- 10. Tuition, payable to GC, is due by the **FIRST** day of the month. Students cannot dance in productions if tuition is owed. Students are not allowed into class when they are more than two weeks behind in tuition. Tuition can be paid online by credit card, by phone (478) 445 – 5277, or you can drop it in the payment slot on Miller studio door, or near the front door of Chappell Hall.**
- 11. Promotion is decided upon on an individual basis by the instructor in regard to ability, age, maturity, and work habits of the student. Promotion to another class cannot be given if a student has been absent**

- more than 1/3 of the year.
12. **Nutcracker parts** are given based upon dedication to dance, work habits, class attendance, age-appropriateness, talent, attitude, and is the sole responsibility of the director. Solos are generally given to the top students in the highest level of technique class.
 13. **All dance bags, school book bags, and personal articles should be taken into the dance studio and NOT left out in the hall. The GC Community Dance program is not responsible for student's personal belongings.**
 14. **Pointe shoes** are given on an individual basis based upon age, correct posture, weight, years of study in ballet, over all technique level, maturity, and dedication to dance.
 15. **The instructors and director** of the program are happy to meet with parents at any time to discuss the progress of their student.
 16. **Generally speaking, when GC is closed, our dance program is closed.** This is would be due to holidays or inclement weather. An e mail will be sent out notifying students and parents. Since we have so many students in so many different schools, we will follow the spring break schedule of GC, not the one for the public schools. We do NOT observe fall break.