

2024-2025

Welcome to



To all of the new families, welcome to our tribe & studio!

To all of the returning families, a huge thank you for your loyalty & we are so glad to have you back!

In this packet you will find important information to help you throughout the year.

Our main & best sources of communication are e-mail and text, so please be sure to add us to your contacts!

COMMUNICATION

E-mail and text are our main forms of contact. We also update Facebook & Instagram often so they are up to date with what is going on at our studio. On occasion, we will pass out flyers or forms after class. Most of the time these will also be available on our website: www.The8thCountDanceStudio.com.

We will typically have someone at the desk during class hours. Please stop by and say "Hi" - we want to get to know you and your dancer! You can also email us at: The8thCountDanceStudio@yahoo.com, call or text during lobby hours to speak to someone directly (947-414-1510). Our instructors have tight schedules and are not typically available between classes. Please schedule an appointment if you would like to speak with an instructor.

LOBBY

Our lobby is open to parents and guardians. You are welcome to drop off your dancer if preferred. For dancers 9 & under, always be sure to be inside for pick up at least 5 minutes before the class end time.

While waiting in the lobby we ask that you keep noise level to a minimum. Dancers or their siblings should never run or rough house. We do not allow any gossip or talking poorly about anyone in the studio as negativity does not create a good learning environment. If you are found to be doing this you will be kindly asked to leave.

The restroom is located down the hall to the right. Please have all young children use the restroom before they go in to class.

During weeks when our viewing windows are open, please refrain from waving or distracting the children in class. The window can be closed at any time if the instructor finds it is becoming too distracting.

SNACK CENTER, ARRIVAL & PICK-UP

We have a snack center in our lobby. Most items are \$1 or less, CASH ONLY. If you would like to purchase a Snack Center card for \$10 please visit the front desk. A \$2 fee will be added if credit cards or online accounts are used for snack purchases. NO IOU's.

Dancers should arrive at the studio at least 5 minutes before their scheduled class time to get ready for class. Dance shoes should never be worn outside. Parents should arrive promptly at the end of class to pick up their dancer. A parent should never enter a room without the consent of our front desk manager or an instructor. Please do not open the door to any room while class is in session.

MISSED CLASSES

In the event of inclement weather we may cancel classes. If so, we will notify all families via e-mail by 9:00am for morning classes and by 3:00pm for afternoon classes as well as post on our Facebook & Instagram pages. We do not hold make-ups, however, your dancer is welcome to make-up the missed class on their own in a different class within their age range. We just ask that you let the front desk know at least 24 hours in advance. We will then let you know if the make-up is approved.

COSTUMES

Costume fees will be due December 1st. If you would like to set up a payment plan please do so before then as we need all accounts paid in full by December 1st so we can order costumes. Costumes are \$140 and include the required tights or socks, as well. All dancers in a combo class (ages 3+) will have 2 routines in recital and will either have; a 2-in-1 costume or an added accessory. Tumbling/acro classes do not have recital routines. Costumes paid after December 1st for any reason will have a late fee added.

RECITALS

Our recitals will be held on Sunday, June 8th 12:00pm & 4:30pm at Walled Lake Northern High School. Most dancers will be in just 1 show. Your assigned show is noted on our main schedule. Tickets will go on sale May 5th.

We strive to make your experience at The 8th Count as convenient and easy as possible. We will always notify you as early as we can for all upcoming events and due dates. You can also check our website day or night for up to date information about events, and you can now check your account too at www.dancestudio-pro.com/online/danceat8th.

We are here not only to teach your child dance, but to also instill self-respect, integrity, commitment, resilience & passion, as well as respect for fellow students, parents and instructors. We are proud to be entering our 14th year & we are so glad you are a part of our 8th Count family!

Dance on!
The 8th Count Staff



Dress code & shoe requirements

***COMPETITION TEAM HAS DIFFERENT SHOE REQUIREMENTS.
PLEASE SEE THE TEAM WELCOME PACKET***

COMBO CLASSES & BALLET (8 & under)

Attire: Any color Leotard and tights with optional tutu or any activewear.

Shoes: Black Capezio Mary Jane tap shoes recommended, however, any **Mary Jane style** tap shoes are okay but **NO TIES** & any brand classic pink ballet shoes (ballet shoe ties should be knotted & then cut off).

Hair: Must be pulled off of face.

Boys: Any brand black lace up tap shoes & any brand black ballet shoes.

BALLET (8 & up)- Under 8 see combo classes

Attire: Black leotard and pink or tan tights.

Shoes: Any brand classic pink ballet shoes.

Hair: In a secure bun.

Boys: Any brand black ballet shoes, black pants or shorts with white t-shirt.

JAZZ/LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY/MUSICAL THEATRE

Attire: Form fitting activewear. Tights and dance shorts encouraged.

Shoes: Slip on caramel (or skin tone color) jazz shoes.

Hair: In a secure ponytail or bun.

Boys: Black slip on jazz shoes for jazz & musical theatre (for lyrical & contemp. see instructor)

TAP (8 & up)- Under 8 see combo classes

Attire: Form fitting activewear (not covering feet).

Shoes: Any brand black lace up tap shoes (Bloch or Capezio brands highly encouraged)

Hair: In a secure ponytail or bun.

HIP-HOP

Attire: T-shirt or tank top, shorts, leggings or sweatpants. All of the above apparel is acceptable as well.

Shoes: Black & White Converse Chuck Taylor high tops or any Black & White high top Converse like shoe.

Hair: In a secure ponytail or bun.

ACRO/TUMBLING

Attire: Form fitting activewear. No loose clothing, as it can be dangerous.

Shoes: No shoes required.

Hair: In a secure ponytail or bun.

***Dance shoes should NEVER be worn outside of the studio.
It will ruin the shoes, as well as damage our floors.***



2024-2025 Calendar

	September 2024:
September 9th	Classes begin!
	October 2024:
October 2nd-4th	Rosh Hashanah- Studio CLOSED
October 11th-12th	Yom Kippur- Studio OPEN
October 14th-19th	Bring a Friend to Dance Week (Friends must be within the age range of the class)
October 24th-30th	Halloween week! Dancers can wear a costume & will participate in Halloween themed activities. *Be sure your child can safely dance in their costume*
October 31st	Halloween- Studio CLOSED
	November 2024:
November 25th- December 1st	Thanksgiving break- Studio CLOSED
	December 2024:
December 1st	Costume fees due in full- \$140/each
December 16th-21st	Holiday celebration week! <i>Studio wide spirit week! Dancers will participate in Holiday themed activities.</i>
December 23rd- January 5th	Winter Break- Studio CLOSED
	January 2025:
January 20th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Studio CLOSED

	February 2025:
February 8th	Competition Team Dress Rehearsal at Walled Lake Central
February 8th-13th	Love Week! <i>Dancers wear red, white & pink and will participate in a love themed activity.</i>
February 16th-21st	Mid-Winter break- Studio CLOSED
	March 2025:
March 22nd-30th	Spring break- Studio CLOSED
	April 2025:
April 18th-20th	Easter Weekend- Studio CLOSED
	May 2025:
May 5th	Recital tickets go on sale (www.tututix.com)
May 19th-22nd	Picture week (at the studio during class time)
May 23rd-26th	Memorial Day Weekend- Studio CLOSED
May 29th	Dress Rehearsal at Walled Lake Northern
	June/July 2025:
June 8th	Recitals at Walled Lake Northern High School 12:00pm & 4:30pm *Team dancers perform in both shows*
July 8th-31st (Tentative)	Summer classes (4 weeks)- Schedule available in late Winter
	August 2025:
August 11th-21st	Summer Intensive- REQUIRED for all 2025-2026 competition team members



Days that have been scheduled off have been taken into account in your child's tuition & may not be made up, unless paid for. No pro-rations will be given. Tuition is based on classes for the full year split into installments, not classes per month.