



Student Member Packet  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE 2011-2012 SEASON

COMMUNICATION Back Stage Dance Center, LLC has developed this student member packet to serve your needs. Back Stage Dance Center, LLC is always open to your suggestions, comments, and constructive criticisms. Please direct your concerns to the Artistic Directors, Stacey Nagel Lankarge & Michelle Cretella.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS We are closed **November 21<sup>st</sup> through November 27<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving, **December 19<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>** for Holiday Break, **February 20<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>** for Winter Break and **April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>** for Spring Break. Additional Holidays include: Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Good Friday and Memorial Day. We follow the Regional School District 17 public school schedule.

BRING A FRIEND WEEK is **October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**. Bring your friends to enjoy a free dance class and if they become a member, we will show our appreciation with your choice of Back Stage Dance Center Merchandise. Please note – friends are always welcome to watch class.

PHOTOS On **Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and **Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012** class and individual portraits will be taken at the studio. On **Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012** portraits will be available at the dancing school, purchase is optional. Photos are optional, however, they will be used in the recital program. BSDC reserves the right to use all photographs in future advertisements and publications.

HALLOWEEN PARTY Saturday **October 22, 2011** from 12:30PM to 2:00PM. Get dressed in your most creative costume and join Back Stage Dance Center, LLC for a Halloween get together. Music, dancing, Halloween arts and crafts and goodies for all ghosts and goblins. This party is for all members; however R.S.V.P. is necessary.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS should be reported immediately to Back Stage Dance Center, LLC in a **written notice**. Any medications should be given to the students before class (students with inhalers should bring them to class).

BIRTHDAY PARTIES you bring the guests & we will supply the fun. We would love to share this special day with you. Discounts are available for members. Brochures are available in the office.

OUR SPRING PERFORMANCE is not scheduled at this time. Please watch the bulletin board for additional information, it will be posted ASAP. To accommodate a larger audience, two performances will be held, one on a Saturday evening and one on a Sunday afternoon in late May or early June.

NON-PERFORMANCE CLASSES are available throughout the season. These classes are an option for those students who do not wish to perform in the show, or those who would like to take an extra class.

BULLETIN BOARD, located in our waiting room, changes monthly. **You are responsible for all information located on the board.**

COMPETITION PROGRAM- Join our team! Students interested in competing or pursuing dance on a professional level are encouraged to develop themselves in our competition program. We will compete in four regional competitions this season. You must receive approval from a director to be part of the team. Accept the challenge!

MAKE UP CLASSES may be made up at anytime. There is no need to call for an appointment. Review the schedule, choose a convenient class offered for your age and come on in! Approved make up classes include: if you are out ill, there is a snow day or a personal religious holiday. We strongly encourage making up any classes missed to maintain the continuity of your child's dance education.

CLASS PREPAREDNESS is very important! Not only should you arrive early, but get a drink, go to the bathroom & make sure your hair is up **BEFORE CLASS STARTS!** The beginning of class is designed to warm up the body to prevent injuries. If the child has missed the warm up, the teacher may ask them to sit down and watch the class to prevent injury.

SNOW DAYS may happen! If they do, the best way to check if we're closed is to tune into WTNH channel 8, call the studio and check our phone message machine or receive our group emails. Make-ups for these classes may be made at anytime! Check your master schedule.

PERSONAL PROPERTY is not the responsibility of Back Stage Dance Center, LLC. Please put the student's name on the tags of clothing, jackets, bags, in shoes, etc. There is a lost and found bin located in the student dressing room area.

COSTUMES will be ordered the first week in November, in order to assure availability of sizes and prompt arrival. Your costume payment will be spread out over three months (October, November & December). Final costume payments must be received by December 1, 2012. Costumes not paid in full will not be ordered.

DRESS CODE POLICY – Students should be dressed properly in order to receive proper guidance from the instructor. This policy is important for the safety and education of the student. Please read carefully and contact us with any questions or concerns.

**FOR ALL CLASSES:**

HAIR must be up: i.e. (pony tail, braids, buns).

Short hair should be pulled up off the face as much as possible.

TIGHTS must always be worn. Tights help to warm up muscles and protect the dancers legs and feet.

LEOTARD may be whatever sleeve length the dancer is comfortable in. Unitards are also acceptable.

SHOES     **Jazz & Hip Hop:** Bloch DN981L or G, Color: Tan  
              **Ballet:** Pink Leather Ballet Slippers (any brand)  
              **Modern, Lyric, Acrobatics:** Bare Feet  
              **Tap:** Bloch "Tap-Ons" S0302L or G, Color Tan

**Local Dance Stores**

1. **Dancer's Boutique, 224 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512 203-469-6637  
[thedancersboutique.com](http://thedancersboutique.com)**
2. **Dance Outfitters, 68 Washington Avenue, Middletown CT 860-638-0086**
3. **Dancer's Outlet, 1921 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT 06498, 860-399-9442**
4. **The Dancer's Closet, Route 1, Guilford, CT 06473. 203-458-8277**
5. **The Dancer's Shop, 1935 State Street, Hamden, CT 06517,  
[www.thedancersshop.com](http://www.thedancersshop.com), 203-498-7837 (step)**

**HOUSE RULES Please review them, they are enforced to ensure the safety of your child.**

- There is **absolutely** no Food, Drink, Gum, or Street Clothes allowed in the Dance Studios.
- No Running or Roughhousing in the facility.
- All children in the waiting area must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- We are not responsible for any children outside the studio rooms or the facility
- Parents are required to pick up their children inside the building.
- Please be sure students are on time for class.
- Clearly label all personal property (especially shoes)!
- We are not responsible for lost articles.

BSDC POLICIES- The following policies will be strictly enforced. Your signature below is a testimony that you, the undersigned, have read this document and will comply with all of the following policies:

1. Children are not to be left unattended in the waiting room area.
2. Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be charged a late fee. All returned checks are subject to a \$30.00 charge. If legal action is required to receive payment, you will pay all legal fees

and attorney fees in addition to the balance owed. Tuition and costume payments are non-refundable.

3. Although tuition is paid on a monthly basis, please notify Back Stage Dance Center, LLC (BSDC) if your child is not continuing. Without notification BSDC will continue to accrue tuition onto your account. Note – If your child has an extended absence due to vacations, illness or the demands of other extracurricular activities, tuition payments are still required. The student has the right to make up all missed classes, please see the schedule.
4. Costumes must be paid in full by December 1, 2011. BSDC WILL NOT order a costume for your child without complete payment.
5. Any student attending or participating in Tap, Ballet, Point, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Acrobatic or Hip Hop classes throughout the 2011-2012 season with any dancing school other than Back Stage Dance Center, LLC must notify Back Stage Dance Center, LLC.
6. All choreography is the property of Back Stage Dance Center LLC. Students wishing to utilize choreography must obtain authorization from the choreographer prior to the performance.

Thank You, we appreciate your cooperation!