



Dear Parents and Dancers,

We hope you had a happy Labor Day weekend! We are super excited about the new dance year at Covington Dance Company!! Classes are set to begin next week~September 8th! We are celebrating 19 years of dance at CDC this year! You should have received the welcome letter, class schedules, and dance attire requirements via e-mail. Please contact me if you did not receive your welcome packet. I will send monthly newsletters to the e-mail address you provided on the registration form and they will also be posted online at www.covingtondancecompany.com.

**Short Parent Meetings-1st Week:** Each teacher will be available to answer any questions for their class during our first week. We hope that it will help answer any questions you or your dancer may have and give you an opportunity to talk with the teacher before class begins. We will also go over important yearly information pertaining to your specific class. So, please try to attend, especially if this is your first year with CDC.

<u>CDC Group Me</u>: Please join the Group Me for the studio. I will send reminders and important information through this app. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join\_group/109855339/TH6tUpdP

<u>Holidays/ Cancelled Classes</u>: I do not follow ALL of the Tangipahoa Parish School System's Holidays. We close for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mardi Gras and the Easter Holidays. Extreme weather situations will be monitored and closures are determined on a case-by-case basis. If I decide to close the studio, I will send an e-mail to all parents and it will also be posted on our Group Me, Facebook and Instagram pages.

The studio will be closed on the following dates this year:

- o Thanksgiving-November 24-28
- o Christmas/ New Year- December 22-January 2
- o Mardi Gras- February 16-20
- o Spring Break/Easter- April 6-10

**2026 Recital Location & Date:** The 2026 recitals will be held on May 15 & 16 this year at the Columbia Theater in Hammond. We will have 3 shows- 1 on Friday night & 2 on Saturday. Please mark your calendars!

Our picture day is February 28 with Tee Wheeler.

<u>Tuition/Late Fees</u>: Tuition is due on the first of each month. A \$10 late fee will be automatically added to your account, if not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. (*Tuition for September is due the first week of classes*.) We accept cash, checks or Venmo. The studio's Venmo ID is @LauraLynne-Matthews.

One of our office assistants will be at the front desk each Monday-Thursday. You can drop off payments, ask about your account, turn in forms, etc. We will still have the two drop boxes as well, if you can't make it during these hours. Front Desk office hours are:

- Monday-4:00-5:30
- Tuesday- 4:00-6:00
- Wednesday- 4:00-5:30
- Thursday- 4:00-6:00

<u>Tricks & Leaps, Competition Team & Musical Theater:</u> We are super excited that we had so much interest in the three new programs we added to CDC last year! We are continuing with these programs and excited to see them grow!

- 1. Tricks and Leaps- This class is intended to enhance a dancer's tricks, leaps & jumps. The instructor will rotate weekly.
- 2. Competition Team- The competition team will compete at three competitions in January and February. Please contact our Competition Team Director, Kylee Magee, if interested. Her number is 985-515-1317.
- 3. Musical Theater- The musical theater class will focus on basics of musical theater, voice and dance. To join, please contact our Musical Theater Director, Liz Addington at 985-215-1307.

<u>Perfect Attendance Policy:</u> Students who attend every class during the year will receive a trophy at one of the recitals for perfect attendance. There are NO MAKEUPS for Perfect Attendance. If a child misses for any reason, it will be counted as an absence. Any dancer that is 10 minutes late to class will be marked absent.

Thank you for this opportunity! I am looking forward to a great year!!!