



Dance News

Glenda's Dance Center ~ 1321 Kentucky Ave., St. Cloud., FL 34769

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Welcome to or Welcome Back to GDC!!

Classes begin tomorrow. It was fantastic meeting so many of you at our Open House!! Thank you for coming in....

If you didn't get a chance to read our first Newsletter....I've included it at the end of this one. All of our Newsletters can be found on our website for easy reference.



Thank you in advance for helping keep our dancers safe and GDC open....

COVID POLICIES RE-EVALUATED: Last season, we had zero covid cases in the studio. We attribute this to making the dancers wash their hands upon entry, keeping them as far apart as possible, and keeping the parents out of the lobby (with the exception of the Combo 1 and 2 parents). Masks were optional...we certainly don't mind if they wear them in class, but not required.

For this year...we would like to keep some of the same procedures as they obviously worked since there seems to be a spike happening right now:

- a) Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes in the lobby for your class. We will continue to spray down and sanitize the studio in between classes.
- b) Dancers will be asked to wash hands upon entering the studio. Masks are still welcome but not required. If your dancer is not feeling well, we ask that you keep them at home and use the Zoom feature for class that week.
- c) At this time, I'm not going to mandate that parents of Level 1-5 dancers stay out, **BUT we would appreciate you signing into our Zoom links and watching the class from your car.** For the safety of our dancers, we do NOT need any unnecessary bodies in the lobby. I will give it a go this way for 2 weeks then re-evaluate to see if I need to take stricter measures. For any parent that does enter the lobby, please be sure it is only ONE parent per family entering.
- d) Parents are welcome to wait at the bottom of the steps and once their dance class is over, I will walk the dancers to the first platform and wait for you there. They are not allowed to leave the platform until we see you. We usually let one class out before the other as to limit the traffic flow in the lobby. If you need to use the restroom, pay tuition, use the dancewear store, you are welcome to come in...but if you just want to visit and watch or chat with friends, we are asking that you exit the lobby and utilize Zoom for now.
- e) So with all that said, all instructors will have the Zoom feature turned on in all classes for the time being. The same Meeting ID and password will be for every class of that instructor, every week.

Ms. Payton: Meeting ID: 428 133 7971, Password: Payton (must use capital P)

Ms. Anna: Meeting ID: 995 686 7971, Password: xyz5

Ms. Glenda: Meeting ID: 529 349 8380, Password: msglenda

Ms. Kim: Meeting ID: 709 426 4853, Password: mskim





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- f) If your dancer is quarantined from school, they are quarantined from dance. As soon as they can go back to school, they can come back to dance. If they are feeling well, they can use the Zoom feature to continue taking their class at home until they are cleared.
- g) If you signed up for Auto Pay...those will be run tomorrow, August 16th.
- h) Please remember, when videoing or taking any pictures in the studio...be sure that you are not posting pictures or videos of the other dancers without their family's permission.
- i) We are loosing one of our instructors...Ms. Lindsay's husband took a new job in a different state. (boo hoo!!!!) All of her classes will now be taught by Ms. Kim. We have some wonderful new TA's, as well as some fantastic returning ones. We can't wait for your dancer to get to know them all!!

NEWLETTER #1 begins on the following page....some of the information was added to or amended above.



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Hello Everyone!!

We are TWO WEEKS from starting our new season!!! There's a TON of information in this email....please read carefully and completely. (I will be sending this email again as time nears to begin as well as we will have more join us :D



We are so excited it's almost time to start our 2021-22 Season!! This is year 32 for GDC....and we are so glad you are all here for a great dance season!! Just wanted to mention and request a few things as we open up for classes on Monday, August 16th.....

COVID POLICIES: Here at GDC, we do not require our dancers or their families to wear masks. They are totally optional...you are welcome to wear one in class or while waiting in lobby. We are not taking temperatures anymore, but we would still like the dancers to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entering. We will also not have the Zoom option available daily, we will have the option upon request. (mainly for those who may have covid, or are quarantined at home...we will turn on the zoom for you to attend class) Should you need this option, simply contact GDC and a link will be sent to you.

Parking: There are several places to park....**a)** in the parking lot, **b)** in the overflow dirt parking under the water tower, **c)** in the grassy median on the side of the building and in front (but park far enough away from the hydrant!)..**d)** there is parking on the street on the other side of The Cup Diner (formerly known as the Koffee Kup), and **e)** also in the lot BEHIND Mutts, there's a strip of grass you can park in (the main part of the empty lot is roped off but the right of way is open). **The only place you cannot park until after 6:00 pm (which is when they close) is NAPA....they get really upset if my customers park in their lot...after 6 pm, you are welcome to park there!! :) We do have 5 minutes in between classes...spots open up after the class before you leaves.**

Tuition: Tuition payments are due the first week of every month. Your online accounts have all been made. Just go to the web site (www.glendasdance.com), click on the customer portal tab. Enter the email address you registered with, and if this is your first time logging in, just hit "forgot password" and create your own. That will be your personal log in. Some of you have asked about "reoccurring" or AutoPay payments....you are the only one that can sign up for that.....using your online account, go ahead and make your August payment...in that process it will ask you if you'd like to make these "automatic payments". Just click yes if you'd like that service....or no, to pay manually each month. If you do automatic withdrawals, those payments will be run on the 1st of each month. **IF YOU HAD AUTOPAY LAST SEASON, YOU WILL HAVE TO SIGN BACK UP TO USE THAT SERVICE IF YOU WISH TO USE IT THIS SEASON.** Once I archive the old session, all records are erased.

IMPORTANT!!! Viewing Class: The first week of classes is very exciting...especially for the new Combo dancers. BUT, it can get **very** crowded in the lobby, making it difficult for the new dancers to feel comfortable and calm. **So we ask that for at least 2 weeks that only 1 parent per family arrive with your dancer(s) upstairs in the lobby.** In September, we welcome other family members. Things do calm down and less traffic...just the first few weeks get crowded.

Store/Office: The store/office will be open during all classes. It is a small office/store area and only 1 person can be helped at a time so please be patient and we'll get to you as soon as we can :)

Recital Day: Recital Day is booked for Saturday, June 4th at Harmony High School. Dress Rehearsal is booked for Friday, June 3rd at Harmony High School. Mark your calendars now!!

Class Times: Pay attention to the start times for classes. There is 5 minutes in between classes.



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Registration Fee is Due Now: And for this session, August's tuition is only 1/2 as we are starting in the middle of the month. The automatic program I use charges the full amount so I have to go in and manually fix everyone's August tuition. I have adjusted all August's tuition...if you find an error, please let me know!

LTD Competition Team: For all those dancers aged 6 and up who are interested in joining our competition team, *there is a mandatory parent meeting at the studio on Friday, August 27th at 6:30pm.* You are under no obligation to join at that time, you can just listen to all the information and decide by Sunday August 29th by 5pm.

Open House: GDC will be open on Friday, August 13th from 5:30-7:30pm and Saturday, August 14th from 11am-1pm. If you are new to GDC and want to look around and meet some of the faculty, come on in!! If anyone needs dancewear...shoes, leotards, tights, etc....this is a great time to take care of that before we start. If you wait till the first class to try on shoes, please be patient as there's usually a long line.

Combo Classes: These are combination classes of ballet, tap, jazz and acrobatics! These are fantastic to give your young dancer an overview of several different genres! They will be doing only 2 genres per week, then switching to the other two the next....in other words if they do ballet/acro one week, they'll do tap/jazz the next and continue to switch :) They will always begin class in ballet shoes. **So...all combo dancers need ballet and tap shoes!** They will wear their ballet shoes for acro and jazz. (Note: we do have a small store in the studio and carry all these items...but you are most welcome to purchase them from any place! And just an fyi...dance shoes do not run true to size).

Dress Code for Ballet, Pointe & Combo Classes: The dress code for these classes is as follows: solid black or light pink leotards, light pink tights, pink ballet shoes and black tap shoes. All other classes must also be in leotards/tights or leggings. NO street clothes to class! (shorts, jeans, etc..) Hair must be pulled up out of face.

If you are a Returning Dance Family: I ask that you take a few minutes and update your online account. Many addresses and phone numbers have changed and we need current information please.

As you can see, your email addresses are all hidden so no fear of your email information going out to anyone. If you lose (or delete lol) your copy of any Newsletter...we will have a copy on the web site. Oh...and if you have a FaceBook, please go to Glenda's Dance Center's page and click "LIKE"...I give short reminders and announcements on there. As well as Instagram, I give out birthday shoutouts to everyone there...search and request to follow glendasdance.

As always...if you have any questions or concerns, email me or catch any instructor in between classes. Have a fabulous new week and looking forward to seeing you all very soon..... and thanks for reading my novel! hahaha!! :)))

*Dancingly yours,
Ms. Glenda
(and Ms. Kim, Ms. Lindsay,
Ms. Payton, and Ms. Anna)*

Newsletters: All prior newsletters are found on our website for easy reference.

Facebook: If you have Facebook...go to GDC's page and "like".

Instagram: Glenda's Dance is now on Instagram.

GDC App: Free Glenda's Dance Center App (Apple or Android).

