

# Backstage Dance Studio



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NEWSLETTER  
FALL 2009

## STUDIO CLOSURES

2009-2010

November 25-29, 2009

Thanksgiving Break

December 21, 2009 -

January 2, 2010

Winter Break

February 15-20, 2010

Mid Winter Break

April 5-10, 2010

Spring Break

May 28 - 31, 2010

Memorial Day

**For all weather related  
closures, please  
check the website or  
call the voicemail.**

**WE DO NOT FOLLOW A  
PARTICULAR SCHOOL  
DISTRICT FOR ANY  
CLOSURES.**

## Other dates of interest:

- *December 1, 2009 - 2nd Trimester Tuition Due!*
- *December 12, 2009 - Costume Measurements and Payments Due!*
- *February 6, 2010 - "Footnotes" Competition Show*
- *March 1, 2010 - 3rd Trimester Tuition Due!*
- *June 5 & 6, 2010 - Spring Recital!!!*

## Back to Dance

Another year is underway and we would like to welcome everyone to Backstage. We hope that you all are enjoying your classes and that you have a fantastic year. We take pride in our excellent staff and hope that if you have any problems or concerns you will contact us right away. At Backstage, we strive to create a warm and encouraging environment, build self-esteem and confidence, as well as promote teamwork and creativity. We believe that with support and patience, our teachers will motivate students to work to their full potential. For those of you new to Backstage, make sure that you review the Backstage Studio Policy Plan, which is available on our website.

## *Smart Choices... Healthy Minds...* **Bodies At Work**

Now available at Backstage - healthy meals and snacks for busy dancers and their families! We will be offering a variety of sandwiches, salads, snack packs and beverages in our new coolers located in the lobby. All items may be purchased at the front desk with credit card or cash. You may also purchase a reloadable gift card so your dancer can buy items when you are not at the studio. All proceeds from this project will benefit the "Bodies at Work" foundation.

**BODIES AT WORK MISSION STATEMENT:** Dance is an avenue for self-expression that any child should be able to experience. With contributions raised, this non-profit foundation can spread the love of the arts and give children in our community an opportunity to share that love, in hopes of fostering future, continued outreach. Kids teaching kids through choreography, both performed and then taught, with costumes and stage time, will allow others to experience a dream monetarily untouchable, while furthering the education for those pursuing dance on their career path. Promoting the arts, contributing to self-esteem, and giving back to society...Bodies At Work.

## Dress Code

All students are required to come to class in appropriate dancewear. Leotards, tights and correct footwear (ballet, tap or jazz shoes as appropriate or CLEAN sneakers for hip hop) must be worn. No loose, baggy clothing except for hip hop. No jeans! Please remember to come to class with your hair secured back. A detailed list of requirements is displayed at the dance studio, as well as on our website at [www.backstagedance.org](http://www.backstagedance.org).



## Other Policy Reminders

- If it becomes necessary to drop a class, Backstage requires a written notification by the 15th of the month prior to cancellation.
- **WE DO NOT BILL!** Monthly tuition is due on the first of each month. Trimester tuition is due at the first of December and March. A late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed after the 10th of each month for unpaid tuition charges. We offer an auto pay credit card program - please contact the front desk to enroll!

## Make-up Policy

Students that are not able to attend their regularly scheduled class are welcome to participate in a make-up class. The dancer may choose from any class of similar style and level to the class that was missed, even if it is listed as full, for a make-up class. You do not need to schedule a make-up class in advance. Please visit the front desk on the day of the make-up for a class pass. Backstage does not offer a monetary refund for missed classes. Please visit the front desk if you have any questions.

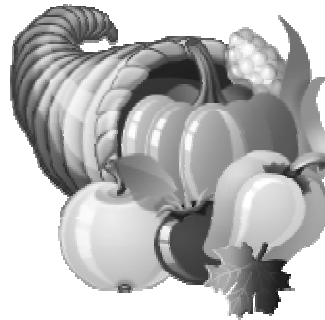


### Spring Show Costumes

We will be sending out costume notices for classes (except Terrific 2's and Creative Movement) in November. PLEASE WATCH YOUR REGULAR MAIL for this important information. In order to receive costumes in time for our Spring Show, orders must be placed by January 1st. Although students are not required to participate in our show, it is a wonderful experience and they are encouraged to do so! Student measurements and costume payments will be due by December 12, 2009.

All costumes are non-refundable and will only be ordered if the measurements and payment are received by December 12th! Backstage makes every effort to select reasonably priced and age appropriate costumes that satisfy both the theme of the class dance as well as the theme for our annual Spring Show.

# Happy Thanksgiving



### A FEW REMINDERS...

Please be respectful by following a few simple rules:

- Eat only in the designated eating areas.
- Do not play in the dressing rooms.
- Walk, don't run.
- No sitting on the homework table.
- No climbing in the porthole windows.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

Did you remember to pick-up your **Spring Show Pictures and DVD?** These items are available for you near the front desk.

### LOST AND FOUND...

The Backstage lost and found is located in the study room.

### CHECK THE WEBSITE!!

The website is often a great source of information regarding current events at Backstage. Starting in November, a special "web only" promotion will be offered under the "What's New" link. Be sure to check it out for retail sales, tuition discounts and more!!

[www.backstagedance.org](http://www.backstagedance.org)

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday:	11:00-8:30
Tuesday:	11:00-8:30
Wednesday:	11:00-8:30
Thursday:	11:00-8:30
Friday:	4:00-6:00
Saturday:	9:30-1:00
Sunday:	CLOSED



### Backstage Dance Instructors

We would like to welcome the newest members of our choreography team: Kristyn Contratto and Christie Elling. Their biographies and headshots will be posted online shortly. We would also like to welcome back: Katie Black, Michelle Chandler-Smith, Rhonda George, Kim Gockel, Erin Hocevar, Jenny Ingram, Lizzy Melton, Tani Ohashi, Brittany Pulliam, Marty Roberts, and Kelsey Ruth. You may direct any specific questions for each instructor to their email at: [firstname@backstagedance.org](mailto:firstname@backstagedance.org).

### Front Desk

Stop by and say hello to your 2009-10 Backstage Desk Staff. Kathy Elling, Chrisanne Lawrenson, Melyssa Noren, Julie Owen, Shirley Telford, and Julie Wendleton are here to help answer any questions you may have throughout the year. If you need to contact a Front Desk employee, please email them at [firstname@backstagedance.org](mailto:firstname@backstagedance.org) or [info@backstagedance.org](mailto:info@backstagedance.org).

### JR Scholarship

We are proud to announce the JR Scholarship has raised over \$4000 since fundraising began over a year ago. This year we awarded four scholarships to dancers who would otherwise not be able to afford dance class! This financial aid scholarship is available to dancers between the ages of five and 18. If you, or someone you know, may benefit from this opportunity, please contact the front desk for details.

We are excited to announce the return of the JR Scholarship drive this holiday season! If you would like to hang a dance shoe in honor of your favorite teacher, please make your donation at the front desk, starting the week of November 16.

### Parking Lot Safety

Please drive slowly and carefully through the parking lot. Please do not use the area between the handicap spaces as waiting area. We have many students coming and going, and we do not want any accidents. Be **VERY** aware of children and other drivers as you come and go. Please be careful when parking and opening your car doors. Many of our parking spaces are for compact vehicles. You are welcome to park behind our building as well. It is also important to be prompt when picking up your child after class, as Backstage staff cannot be responsible for students left unattended before or after class. **DANCERS**, remember to wait for your ride **INSIDE** the building. Safety is everyone's number one priority!