

North Shore Dance

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Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

Welcome Back! We are beyond excited to kick off the year at 2 Melville Rd. North!

If you have not already come by, please stop in during our **Open House:**

Tuesday, August 29th - Thursday, August 31st

Tuesday, September 5th - Thursday, September 7th

4pm- 7pm

We have merchandise for creative combo and beginner ballet dance classes.
We will also be having a **FREE creative combo class:**

**Creative Combo Wed, September 6th
5:00pm-6:00pm, ages 3-5 yrs.**

It has been a wonderful, exciting summer for us at NSD! In July, our competition team attended Nationals at Foxwoods Resort where our dancers were **OUTSTANDING** and we took home the **SENIOR NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP!** We had a wonderful time with our dance family and created memories that will last us a lifetime!

During the summer, Company members attended our in house dance intensives as well as classes here all summer long. Our youngest dancers attended our princess camp here at the studio where they practiced ballet; tap and hip hop as well as created some beautiful arts & crafts! They even had a visit from Anna and Elsa, Moana, Belle, & Princess Poppy! We hosted a 3 day master class intensive with guest artists Lauren Froderman from SYTYCD as well as Antoine Olds, Ricky Maalouf, Kristie Fair, Juan Rodriguez, and Sam Litvack. Our dancers danced their hearts out over the 3-day intensive and we simply cannot wait to get this year started!

This notice is filled with information that covers the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to someone at the front desk at your earliest convenience. We request that you keep all communications for the school year as you receive them from NSD. Our Nutcracker is Scheduled for Dec 9th & 10th for all company dances and select recreational dances. You will be receiving information about our annual spring recital in January. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding any of our policies or procedures at any time.

Our home has 4 spacious dance studios with professional flooring, closed circuit viewing of each studio, a large dressing room and an even larger lobby space for families. Please note that the waiting rooms are made available for the convenience of our students and our families. The waiting rooms are for waiting, reading, snacking, conversation, homework, and children playing with toys brought from home. We ask that

you please respect the activities of others and the classes in session. Please only bring water or tightly covered drinks and dry Non-Peanut snacks! Your courtesy is greatly appreciated!

We request that you arrive at the studio with adequate time to prepare for class- parking, changing, restroom, etc. Parents, for your children's safety, please be available in the waiting room to receive students when dismissed from class. Please call whenever delayed for class start time or pickup.

We welcome and encourage you to watch your child's development throughout the year. If you ever have a question or concern, please feel free to discuss it with your child's teacher or someone at our front desk. Your feedback is very important to us. When a teacher is finished with a class, they are usually beginning their next class right away! So we are certain to give each class and each parent with a concern our full attention, we request that you email or give the studio a call to communicate with your child's instructor. If any parent/student wishes for a private conference concerning your individual dance goals, please don't hesitate to ask!

Studio Director: Our web based program allows you to log on from home to view your account, see your dancer's schedule including room and teacher assignment, and make account changes such as contact information! Please log on to:

<https://www.thestudiodirector.com/northshorestudioofdan/portal.jsp>

Please enter the email address you gave us upon registration and click on 'forgot my password'. Proceed to create your account, if you have not done so already.

Please take note of your studio assignment to help avoid confusion on your first day of dance!

NSD School Calendar: The calendar can be found on our website www.northshoredance.net. As soon as we receive confirmation on competition, and recital dates we will send you the information right away! Please continue to check the website and Facebook for all updates.

Snow Days: Any time that there is a snow closing or delay we will post the information on our website, Facebook, and we will email all classes.

Tuition: Our tuition is based upon 3 payments throughout the year. The balance of the first tuition is due the first week of classes, the second is due by November 15th, and the third and final payment is due by March 1st. At registration we require the 1st payment and the non-refundable, once a year registration fee. No refunds or credits will be given for missed classes. If you miss a class due to illness or injury you may makeup that class. Makeups do not expire and can be taken throughout the year.

Costume payment: Recital costume payment is due by October 15th. We begin measuring students during class time in October and place our orders in November and December. All costume payments are non-refundable. Costume companies do not allow us to cancel an order or return a costume.

Photo Weekend: Date and Time TBD . Specific day and time information will come at a later date. Your class photo schedule is NOT your class time. The schedule will be

posted in several places inside the studio as well as on our website. Photos are not mandatory, but we do take a class picture that is used in the slideshow at the recital. Photos are delivered here to the studio.

Newsletters: Newsletters will be posted on the website and sent by email every 2-3 months. If you do not “do” email, let us know and we will ‘snail mail’ a copy to you. The newsletters are very informative and can alleviate a lot of questions you may have.

Recital: Our annual recital will be held at Half Hollow Hills High School East on Vanderbilt Pkwy in Dix Hills. It is usually the first or second Saturday or Sunday in June. We plan to have 4 shows during that day. Most recreational classes will perform in only one show. Company classes will perform in more than one show. Our priority is to accommodate siblings and students with multiple classes to dance together in one show. We do our very best to accomplish this. Families who do not have all of their dances in one show, not including company and competition, will receive 2 free recital tickets.

Recital tickets will go on sale on or about May 1. We will be using the same online ticket purchase system as last year. Due to safety reasons, we *must* have assigned seats but you DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT ON LINE to purchase or to get into the auditorium! Tickets will be purchased online at your convenience! We will announce the date and time tickets will go on sale and you can purchase them from the comfort of your home! Every student will be entitled to 5 or 6 tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased 2 weeks before recital.

The Last Week of Classes: After our recital there will be one or two more weeks of classes, depending upon the recital dates once confirmed. In the very last week, twenty minutes before the end we will have a trophy presentation in each class. Students are encouraged to wear their recital costume to their last class, but it is not mandatory to do so.

Our first day of dance class is Monday, September 11th! PLEASE be sure to have all of your dance clothing and shoes before your first class. The first week is always very busy and we want to make sure each student gets a full class! If you are unsure of the day or time of your child’s class please feel free to give us a call or send an email inquiring!

Dress Code: It is important for students to abide by a dress code policy for several reasons.

- A neat and tidy appearance sets an attitude of attentiveness and respect for students, teacher and the art of dance.
- Teachers must be able to see the dancer’s body outline clearly in order to make proper corrections on posture, alignment, etc.
- For your safety you must wear Hip Hop sneakers to class. Please make sure sneakers are used only for dance.

Please refer to our website for appropriate attire and shoe in each class.

Studio Policies

At NSD we strive to create the most positive and safe environment for all of our students. As teachers and parents, we also love the dedication, discipline and etiquette that dance teaches you! As role models and educators we ask that:

- Dancers arrive 5-10 minutes before class begins in dance clothes with hair up
- Please use the restroom before your class begins
- If you need to enter or pass through the studio while a class is in progress, please knock softly on the door and wait for the instructor to call you in
- Please remove your street shoes before entering the studio; it helps to keep our dancers' feet clean!
- No chewing gum inside the studio at anytime
- No eating food within any of the dance studios at anytime
- All dancers adhere to the dress code.
- School age children and teens: *please practice respect*. Students are not to be socializing in a disruptive manner during the class with other students. Please honor your teacher and fellow students by giving full attention and cooperation.
- No cell phones within the dance studio room

Dance class is education and fun, however, an important part of class work is developing an attitude of discipline and respect for teachers and fellow students. We trust that following our classroom etiquette will provide an environment whereby classes at NSD will be a pleasure for all involved!

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information and thank you for choosing NSD, we are looking forward to a fantastic year! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call us (631) 549-0777, email us NorthShoreDance@optonline.net, or stop at the front desk!

Office Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri 3pm-9pm
Tues & Thurs 9:30am-9pm
Saturday 9:30am-1pm
Thank you so much!

Warmest regards,

Miss Danielle

Miss Stephanie

"Dancing with the feet is one thing, dancing with the heart is another!" -
Author Unknown