
Our Studio

We offer a variety of classes:

BALLET (including lyrical), **MODERN/CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ, TAP, POINTE, HIP HOP, WIGGLE GIGGLE**, and **ADULT CLASSES**.

We use dance to develop character and life skills including spiritual principles, discipline and self-confidence, etiquette, healthy body image, math/memory skills, teamwork and dependability. Students share their talents with family, friends, and the community at our Recital, Showcase, and/or Spirit Rally productions each Spring. Our dance **RECITAL**, designed for students 6 years and older, is held in June. **SHOWCASE** is designed for those dancers who are 3 to 5 years old, and is held every year in May. **SPIRIT RALLY** is also held in May, and is designed for our beginning Hip Hoppers.

Dress Code

It is very important that your child is properly dressed for classes.

Proper attire goes a long way in helping your child look, act, and feel more like a dancer. It is also important that we, as teachers and students, are able to see the dancer's body to insure proper alignment and prevent injuries due to improper body placement. Proper dance attire is designed to support the student's legs and torso, while providing the opportunity for maximum flexibility. We are asking for your help, as a parent. Please be sure your child arrives to class properly dressed.

Female

- ❖ **Wiggle Giggle:** (ages 2-3) Leotard and footed tights preferred (not required) or comfortable athletic clothing. Please NO costumes, shorts, dresses or jewelry.
 - ❖ **Ballet/Tap Combo:** (ages 3-7) Black or pink leotard, pink footed tights. LEOTARDS should be one piece WITHOUT RUFFLES OR SKIRTS ATTACHED. Please NO costumes, skirts, dresses or JEWELRY.
 - ❖ **Ballet/Tap/Jazz/Pointe:** (ages 8+) Modest solid-colored leotard (one piece), pink or black footed tights. Capri leggings over footed tights are permitted for ages 8+ and required for ages 12+.
 - ❖ **Mod/Cont:** (ages 8+) Modest, 1-piece, solid-colored leotard, pink or black convertible tights, black Capri leggings (req'd age 12+). No shoes.
 - ❖ **Hip Hop:** (ages 5+) Modest solid-colored leotard (one piece), pink or black footed tights. BLACK, made-for-dance solid color hip hop pants, sweat or jazz pants or black dance leggings.
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Male

- ❖ **All Classes:** Black or white muscle shirt or t-shirt, and biker shorts or sweat pants. Please, no jeans. Please wear socks with all shoes.
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PROHIBITED in ALL Classes

- ❖ Shorts, pants, skirts, **UNDERWEAR UNDER TIGHTS**, t-shirts, toast tights, and panty hose.
 - ❖ No rings, earrings (including pierced), necklaces, bracelets, or anklets.
 - ❖ **Jewelry must be removed before entering the dance studio.**
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Hair

- ❖ Hair must be securely fastened away from the face and eyes, in a ponytail or bun.
 - ❖ Ponytails are acceptable as long as hair does not get in the face or eyes while turning.
 - ❖ If a ponytail is too long, a student may be asked to put it in a bun or clamp it to the head.
 - ❖ Please no scrunchies! Only cloth headbands are allowed, no plastic headbands.
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Shoes

Parents, please see that your child brings the proper shoes to class. Shoes that are not made for dance, as well as shoes that are too big or too small, can severely hinder your child's progress and cause damage to foot and leg muscles. Dance shoes will be available through the studio **AT REGISTRATION ONLY**.

Note: Shoes may have to be spray painted to match recital costumes at the end of the year.

Proper shoes will be required for the appropriate dance classes as follows:

- ❖ **Wiggle Giggle:** Ages 2-3: Leather Ballet shoes or socks over tights. NO ballet slippers.
 - ❖ **Ballet/Tap:** Ages 3-7: Pink leather ballet shoes with elastic strap. Tap shoes should either be Capezio or Bloch tan, princess-style with full heel and toe taps attached.
 - ❖ **Ballet:** Ages 8 & up: Pink leather ballet shoes, full or split sole.
 - ❖ **Tap:** Ages 8-12: Flat black lace-up Capezio or Bloch tap shoes. Ages 12 & up: Flat black Capezio or Bloch tap shoes and/or tan 1-1/2" heel Capezio or Bloch tap shoes.
 - ❖ **Jazz:** Tan leather jazz shoes, full or split sole.
 - ❖ **Pointe:** Pink pointe shoes. (See teacher for details)
 - ❖ **Hip Hop:** Ages 5 and up: Black Hip Hop shoes
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Monthly Fees (Per Student)

Fees are based on the type of class, the length of each class, and the number of classes taken. Here is a sampling of our class fees: Wiggle Giggle (ages 2-3) \$65, Ballet/Tap Combo \$65, Ballet/Tap/Jazz (3 classes) \$85, Hip-Hop \$57

There is a family discount of \$10 per month per additional family member. Please contact us at 287-6331 to discuss dance options for your family.

2018-2019 Calendar & Special Dates

Sept. 4	Dance classes begin	Jan. 7 (Mon)	SDS classes resume
Oct. 15	1 st Costume deposit due	Mar. 18-22	Spring Break – No classes
Nov. 15	2 nd Costume deposit due	Mar. 25 (Mon)	SDS classes resume
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving, no classes	May 11 or 18 **	SDS Showcase/Spirit Rally
Dec. 15	Final costume deposit due	June 3&/or 4 **	SDS Recital
Dec. 22 (Sat.)--			
Jan. 4 (Fri)	Christmas Holiday – No classes		

SDS is **IN SESSION** on all of the following school closings/holidays:

Oct 15, Nov 12, Jan 21, Feb 15, Feb 18, Mar 15, Apr. 19, May 27

**SDS end of the year performance dates are tentative and will be confirmed in the fall.

Financial Information

1. **REGISTRATION FEE:** Is a processing fee due upon registration. The Registration Fee is \$40 per child or \$60 per family.
2. **TUITION:** Tuition is due on the **1st day** of each month. A grace period of 9 days is given to insure plenty of time to avoid the late fee. After the 10th day of the month all drop off boxes are cleared and any checks received beyond that date will be considered past due and policy will be enforced. Any outstanding balances over 60 days late require approval of management to continue classes.
3. **LATE FEE ~ \$10:** A \$10 late fee will be added to your balance on the 11th day of the month if tuition has not been paid. This fee must be included with your tuition payment for that month to insure your child's participation in class.
4. **RETURNED CHECK POLICY:** A fee of \$35 will be charged on all returned checks.
5. **MISSED LESSONS:** A student's place is reserved for each class, each week. Missed classes on the student's part cannot be refunded unless under extreme circumstances. Therefore, missed lessons may not be deducted from tuition payments.
6. **TERMINATION:** A 30-day written notice to the office is required for termination. Termination notices are available on our website or in the studio
7. **PERFORMANCE COSTUME COST POLICY:** SDS has to order and pay for performance costumes in January. They are non-refundable. Therefore, costumes must be paid for by December 15, 2018. The performance costume costs will be paid in three (3) installments (10/15, 11/15 and 12/15).
8. **PERFORMANCE COSTUME COSTS (per costume): Showcase: \$55 Spirit Rally: \$60 Recital: \$80.** You will receive a statement by October 1st informing you of the costume fee (plus tax) and performance fee required and the amount of each of your three (3) installments.
9. **PERFORMANCE FEE:** A one-time performance fee will be assessed as follows: Showcase/Spirit Rally: \$25 per child/\$40 per family. Recital: \$70 per child/\$100 per family.
10. **ADDITIONAL RECITAL ITEMS:** In March, a list of miscellaneous items your child will need to complete their costume will be provided. This could include things like special tights, shoe spray, a small prop or other accessories. Orders will be taken in March for tights and shoe spray.

Dance Company

Switzerland Dance School (SDS) began the junior and senior Dance Companies in the Fall of 2001. Auditions are held in late August for interested students age 10 and older. The Dance Company is designed to teach students how to use their talents for service and worship. Students are encouraged in their spiritual walk through worship and Bible Study. The Company dances throughout the year in local churches, malls, nursing homes, schools, festivals and civic/special events. Dance outreach/mission opportunities are available locally/nationally throughout the dance season and internationally in the summers for Company members.

The SDS Mini-Movers Company was started in 2015. Designed for ages 6-9, Minis also receive the benefits of Dance Company performance and worship opportunities at an age-appropriate ability and commitment level. Mini auditions are held in late September.



Ballet ~ Tap ~ Jazz ~ Pointe
Hip Hop ~ Wiggle Giggle
Modern/Contemporary ~ Adult

"Come Praise the Lord With Your Feet"



2018~ 2019

Our 43rd Season

We have been bringing the joy of dance to Mandarin & Switzerland communities since 1976. Our philosophy is to teach dance in a loving, wholesome, and Godly manner. At Switzerland Dance School, the abilities and needs of each student are fostered and nurtured in a loving environment. The children, and their talents, are valued and strengthened through our dance programs. Collectively, our instructors have over 55 years of teaching experience. We appreciate the confidence you have with the studio by entrusting your child's dance education with us.

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