

# INSIDE THE STUDIO... Keeping You a Step Ahead!

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Welcome to the 2009-10 dance year at the New Prague Dance Company! Please help us maintain lower tuition costs by accepting newsletters and monthly invoices via email this year. If you prefer to have monthly tuition statements mailed to you, please make note of it on your first returned tuition invoice. All newsletters will also be available in each dance studio and online at:

[www.newpraguedanceco.com](http://www.newpraguedanceco.com).

*The dance school year begins Tuesday, September 8th and ends May 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents of dancers attending class in Studio I are welcome to attend a short introduction at the end of the first class. Parents of dancers attending class in Studio II are welcome to attend a short introduction at the beginning of the first class.*

## Class Attendance Rules

Please call the dance studio at 952/758-2034 the day you know you're going to be absent from class. Any student missing three classes in a row will automatically be dropped from the class roster. **Any student missing more than four classes during the school year will not be allowed to participate in the Spring Recital.**

## Make -up Classes

If you have missed a class and would like to make up the lesson, call Rebecca at 952-233-3727 to reschedule a time with a class of similar ability level. Make up classes will not be permitted after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Vacation Days—No Classes

Classes will not be held the following dates:

**10/14-10/17** MEA  
**11/23-11/28** Thanksgiving Vacation  
**12/21 - 1/2** Christmas Vacation  
**3-29 - 4/3** Spring Break

## Class Cancellation

During bad weather, listen to KCHK radio for cancellation announcements or call the studio (952-758-2034) for a recorded message regarding cancellations.

## Billing Information

The cost of all lessons is totaled and divided into nine equal monthly payments. Statements will be issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month. The balance on the statement is due by the first of the month and there is a seven-day grace period. After the grace period, a finance charge of 18% (APR) will be applied to any past due amounts, with a minimum charge of \$5.00.

This finance charge will continue to accrue on any unpaid portion of the balance due. Payments should be made

by check or money order and mailed to the following address: **New Prague Dance Company**

Rebecca Gladhill  
 7430 Derby Lane  
 Shakopee, MN 55379

## Charging Tuition, Other Fees

If you wish to have your tuition and other related dance fees charged to a major credit card, please fill out the credit slip at the end of this newsletter and return it with your first tuition statement. Fees will automatically be charged the first day of each month.

## Parent Visitation

Parents are allowed to watch classes anytime through our one-way mirror. Parents are not allowed in the classroom during the dance hour but may visit classes during the following week:

### Parent Watch Week

Studio I March 8-13  
 Studio II March 15-20

## Open House Dates

Studio I: Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
 from 6-8 pm

Studio II: Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
 from 6-8 pm

Register for free tuition, shoes and prizes!

## Dozinky Parade:

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to participate in the parade at open house. (1<sup>st</sup> grade and older)

**Recital**

The recital is the highlight of our year. It is a wonderful way to observe the progress of our students. It also gives students the opportunity to experience performing before a large audience, giving them a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence.

**Recital Fee**

This fee not only covers the cost of one costume, but tights and accessories as well.

**Combination classes: \$55.00 (only one costume required)**

**Tap/jazz, lyrical ballet/jazz, Pointe, jazz/hip-hop, tap/jazz/ballet, and Jewels: \$60.00/costume (2 costumes required)** Invoice will be divided up into two separate statements: \$60.00 due November 1<sup>st</sup> and \$60.00 due February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Gems, Dazzlers, Sparklers, Pearls, Rubies, Starz, and Diamonds:** will be invoiced according to costume prices and will purchase three costumes. (The first two costume fees will be due November 1<sup>st</sup> and final costume due February 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**Diamonds and Starz:** will be invoiced for an opening number top prior to recital performances.

All recital fees are due November 1<sup>st</sup> and will appear in your October 20<sup>th</sup> statement. If recital fees are not paid by November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will assume you have decided not to participate in the Recital and a costume will not be ordered for your child.

**Important Recital Information**

**(Pending approval from the High School)**

Recital Dates

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Recital Location

New Prague Senior High School

**Dress Code/Shoes**

**All combination classes** are required to wear a leotard/tights or fitted dance wear of any color/style. All other classes are required to wear **FITTED DANCE WEAR.**

**Where to Buy Dance Apparel and required shoes**

*Body Expressions*, 102 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Chaska, MN 952/368-3444

***This vendor has a list of the brand name of shoes required for NPDC dancers***

**Dance Wear Website: For additional apparel and accessories**

[www.newpraguedanceco.com](http://www.newpraguedanceco.com)

Dancewear Designs and More

3713 W. county Rd. 42

Burnsville, MN 55306

952-808- 0929

Dance shoes may be purchased at the Open Houses, August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Studio I and Studio II.

**Shoe Requirements for 2009-10:**

*45 minute & one hour combination classes:*

(tap/ballet/tumbling) black paten tap shoe with tie ribbons and pink ballet slippers.

*Tap/Jazz:* Black tie tap oxfords, Tan jazz shoes

*Tap/Ballet:* Black tie tap oxfords, Pink ballet slippers

*Lyrical Ballet/Jazz:* half sole ballet slippers, tan jazz shoes

*Tap/Ballet/Jazz:* Black tie tap oxfords, half sole ballet slippers, tan jazz shoes

*Hip-Hop/Jazz:* tan jazz shoes, tennis shoes

*Pointe:* ballet slippers and Pointe shoes fitted by qualified person

*Jewels:* tan Mary Jane tap shoes, pink ballet slippers

*Gems:* tan Mary Jane tap shoes, pink ballet slippers and tan jazz shoes

*Dazzlers & Sparklers:* black tie tap oxfords, pink ballet slippers and tan jazz shoes

*All other competition groups:* black tie tap oxfords, half sole ballet slippers (will be purchased in bulk for entire group later in the year) and tan jazz shoes

**Used Shoes:**

Dancers are welcome to sell used shoes during the open houses. Please place shoes in zip lock bag. Insert a 3x5 card containing your address, phone number and price of the shoes. All unsold shoes may be picked up after the open house. Shoes remaining after October will be given to charity.

**Other Items Available at the Open House:**

NPDC warm up suits and dance wear, including short, t-shirts and hoodies. These items contain a NPDC logo some may be personalized. These items make great gifts for your dancer!

**Studio Locations**

Studio I: 200 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE. (Across from the New Prague Senior High School)

Studio II: 1302 1<sup>st</sup> St NE (between Ace Hardware and New Prague Appliance)

**THANK YOU PARENTS** for supporting our dance *program!* *If you have any questions about this newsletter or about dance, please call Rebecca Gladhill at 952/233-3727 or 952/758-2034*  
[rjgladhill@comcast.net](mailto:rjgladhill@comcast.net)  
Website address: [www.newpraguedanceco.com](http://www.newpraguedanceco.com)

**2009-10 Credit Card Information (for those who wish to charge tuition and dance related items)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE ON BACK \_\_\_\_\_

CARD HOLDER'S MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and insert with your first monthly invoice. All charges will be made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.

