

Hello Everyone,

I have spent the past few months putting together information for our new season, and then revising again and again as the situation has been changing. While everything is still quite fluid, we are ready to get back to the studio with your dancers to enjoy dance together.

Our first month or so will be focussed on regaining our strength, flexibility and technique. It is not clear at this time what performance opportunities will be available to us this season, but we will be re-evaluating regularly with the hope that we will have the chance to perform in some capacity. This season, choreography and technique will be held in the same class for all genres.

Registration will be online this year through Jackrabbit, which will go live on Wednesday, September 16th on our website. Classes begin September 29-October 2. Here's what you need to know:

COVID Accommodations

VSB will be following AHS recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I will be publishing more information on this over the next 2 weeks, but for now please know that your family's health is very important to us. Here are some of the measures that will be in place:

- Frequent sanitization of studios between classes.
- Regular cleaning of facilities.
- Hand sanitization before and after each class.
- Mask use in lobby areas.
- Social distancing markers on studio floors to keep dancers 3 meters apart during class.
- Sanitization of Acro mats after each use.
- Time between classes more easily facilitates safe entrances and exits.
- Classes have been re-leveled and are now divided by school grades to reduce the number of people your family interacts with. For more information, please read the attached information.

Again, this is just a very brief list and there will be much more information with greater detail coming at you over the next two weeks.

Staffing changes

We have said goodbye to three teachers: Miss Deeyana, Miss Sasha and Miss Brandie. We will miss all of them and have been so fortunate to have teachers who are so talented and passionate. Miss Acadia will be returning with her boundless energy and enthusiasm. We are welcoming Miss Madi Smith to our team as a Hip Hop teacher, and Leann Strilchuk as an administrator. Please watch our social media posts this week to get to know all about each of our 2020-2021 Team.

Costuming

We will do our best to use costumes we already have. This might mean using last year's costume, or purchasing/borrowing from someone, etc. Any costs with costuming (rental/purchase/cleaning) will be the family's responsibility. VSB will not be billing costume fees at this time.

Accounts & Billing

I have hired Leann Strilchuk BBA as an administrator. Leann has a degree in accounting from McEwan and is now handling accounts for VSB. I am very excited to have handed this off to her, and I know her contributions will make a huge improvement for all of us!

With Leann on board, there are some changes to accounts and billing this year that you should know:

- All tuition will be billed monthly on the 1st of each month (October-May) instead of annually this year to more easily facilitate possible disruptions due to COVID. Fees are based on a 29 week season which we then divide into 8 equal payments for your convenience.
- Families who prefer to pay in full by September 30 will receive a 10% discounts as always, please contact Leann at vegrevilleballetoffice@gmail.com for your totals.
- Starting January 1st 2021, there will be a late fee of 5% monthly after 30 days on all unpaid totals.
- We will, once again, be using the Jackrabbit software and parent portal for accounts. When you enrol, your fees will be automatically applied to your account. Those paying in full will need to check in with Leann to be given your discounted total. She can be reached by email at vegrevilleballetoffice@gmail.com
- In the case of potential government mandated closure, the month will be completed on Zoom and the following month(s) tuition will not be billed/refunded if pre-paid. For example, if we are closed on November 15th, classes will continue via Zoom until November 30th. Tuition for December and other effected months will not be charged and prepaid tuition will be returned and we will resume once permitted.

For Returning Families:

Your April 2020 Tuition credit or "COVID Credit" has been applied to your account. If you had a balance owing, it was applied to that. If you had paid your fees in full, it will show on your account as a negative balance that can be applied to this year's fees.

Festivals

We do not know whether or not, nor in what capacity festivals might be operating this season. We are hopeful that organizers will be able to offer an exciting way for dancers to be able to celebrate their achievements and love of performance this year. We will not be charging any Festival Fees at this time – credits from last year will be held by the festival organizers until we are able to use them.