



2023-2024 Welcome Packet

I am so excited to be writing this welcome packet, more so than years before. With a full smile on my face and joy in my voice ... welcome (back) to Komotion Dance Program! We are honored that you have chosen to join us on this journey and we hope your experience with us will be everything you hoped it would be, and more!

This packet will give you an overview of who and what we are about. It includes our caregiver guidelines, yearly calendar, clothing requirements and dancer expectations. We hope that this information will get you excited for what's ahead. Please take a moment to read this in its entirety, as we do expect everyone to know and follow the guidelines provided here.

During the first half of the season, we will focus on community involvement: dance is a vehicle we choose to drive while working with kids, and we believe in the value of showing our dancers the importance of community involvement. The majority of our community events will take place in Danville, our dance program's hometown, highlighted by Komotion Cares, held in November at Danville High School (new location this year!). This is our philanthropic performance all dancers will partake in. We have not decided on the charity we will be raising money for yet, but as soon as we do, we will let you know.

During the second half of the season, we switch gears to recital prep. Our spring recital is called "Odori Matsuri" which translates to "dance festival." We will be back at Spyglass Ridge Winery on the weekend of May 18th & 19th. Depending on the forecast, we will pick the day with the better weather closer to the weekend.

Throughout the season, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Though I may not be in front of the kiddos teaching this year, I am very much still a part of this team. I will be more than happy to chat anytime you need assistance or have questions.

I have a feeling this will be a very special year. Our team is looking forward to working with your dancer and we look forward to seeing you very soon!

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I. Caregiver Guidelines

We are excited that you have chosen to join us this year! Please keep this important information accessible throughout the year and contact us with any questions.

All communication will happen via email and our app.

- Email communication: You will receive a monthly newsletter at the beginning of each month with timely information. Please let us know if you are not receiving the newsletter on a monthly basis. We highly encourage you to stay up-to-date by reading each edition. You will receive additional email communications from Hidi and/or your child's instructor.
- Komotion app: If you haven't already, please make sure to download the RMS/Komotion app via the Apple App Store or Google Play store using the links below. **Additionally, please make sure to opt-in to "Komotion Nation Season 9" under the Groups tab.**

Google Play Link

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rmskomotiondanceprogram.mi>

iTunes Link

<https://apps.apple.com/app/id1579979345>

Absence protocol: If your child will be late or will be missing from class, please send a quick email to RMSdanville@yahoo.com or notify your child's instructor directly.

Caregiver observation:

Our studios are closed for in-person observation. However, class will be open for in-person observation every 4th week of the month, and we encourage all caregivers to join us! Please know that seating is limited, but you're welcome to stand, sit on the floor, etc. We will make sure to notify you via email and push notification to let you know when these dates will be.

Hallway policy: Our hallway is a logical place for dancers to hang out in between classes, but we've noticed that when we let caregivers wait in the hall, it can easily get overcrowded. For safety reasons, this season the hallway will remain open for dancers, but closed for caregivers. Caregivers, this DOES NOT mean you are not welcome in our building! Please feel free to come in when you need to assist your dancer with changing, if you need to speak with an instructor, or to use our bathroom. We just ask you to please refrain from hanging out in the hallway during your dancer's class.

Fees: are due the 1st week of each month. A late fee of \$30 (per class) will be added after the 15th of each month. We accept cash, check or credit card. Please make sure to note which dancer the payment belongs to. Please make checks payable to "Resurrection Movement Studio Inc." or "RMS Inc." Please note that we have implemented a bounced check policy. A \$50 penalty will be assessed to your account for any bounced checks that get returned to us.

Recital costumes: will be purchased in December. Please be aware that this will be an additional cost.

I. Caregiver Guidelines (continued)

Enrollment: We offer continuous enrollment and no penalty drop/add until classes are full, or until December 1st. After that, registration will be **CLOSED**. At that point, if a dancer is enrolled in our program, our expectation is that your dancer will be part of our annual Spring Recital. If any emergencies arise and a dancer must leave the program, please notify Hidi as soon as possible.

Inclement Weather Policy: In the event of inclement weather, please look for an email and push notification before noon. **We do not follow Danville Area School District's opening and closing schedule.**

Dancing elsewhere: We are aware that there are other dance studios in the area, and some of them offer disciplines we do not. Please know that it is completely acceptable for your child to take classes elsewhere. We just ask that out of respect, dancers not share what they've learned at Komotion and take it elsewhere for another studio's benefit.

Our annual spring recital will be at Spyglass Ridge Winery on May 18th or 19th. We will choose the best option when we can fully predict the weather! We will have a mandatory rehearsal on Friday, May 17th.

Komotion will be CLOSED the following dates (2023). Any additional dates will be announced ASAP.

Nov. 20 – 24 (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 18 – Jan 5 (Holiday Break)

Important dates to remember:

9/5 – First Day of Classes

10/25 – Danville Community Trunk or Treat

10/26 – Danville Halloween Parade

11/11 – Komotion Cares (new location: Danville HS)

11/20-24 – Thanksgiving Break

11/30 – Danville's Santa Parade

12/1 – Staff Costume Ordering Day (staff only)

12/18-1/5 – Holiday Break

January/February – Danville Basketball Half Time Show

2/10 – Valentine's Day "Caregiver & Me" Dance Class

3/25-28 – Picture Week with Premier Studio

5/4 – Danville's Spring Fling

5/18-19 – Odori Matsuri vol. 9 - Spring Recital at
Spyglass Ridge Winery



Handle With Care Family Request

We love and care about our dance families deeply. If your family is experiencing a tough day, week or season, your child may bring those feelings into their dance class. If we are aware of the situation, we can extend even more attention, love and care your child's way.

There is no need to share details about the situation. Simply email, send a note, or say "handle with care" as you drop your dancer off, and we will take it from there.

Our number one goal is to create a safe space where your child feels heard, loved and accepted. We are here for you and your family...always.

II. Dress Code

Pre-Ballet/Intro to Dance

- *Soft ballet shoes
 - *Black tap shoes (for intro to dance)
 - *Any color leotard/tights
 - *Ballet skirt/tutu
 - *Option to wear leggings with leotard
 - *Hair pulled back from face
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Ballet and Pointe

Girls:

- *Soft ballet shoes or pointe shoes
- *Pink, skin-toned or black tights (worn under leo)
- *Leotard (any color/style)
- *Skirts, shorts and fitted warm ups optional
- *Long hair should be pulled up in a bun, short hair pulled away from face

Boys:

- *Soft ballet shoes
 - *T-shirt and shorts
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Hiphop

- *Comfortable, appropriate clothes
 - *Baggy clothes preferred
 - *Sneakers or hi tops
 - *NO bare feet or ballet shoes
 - *Please bring shoes to the studio instead of wearing them into the building (especially during the winter months)
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Jazz

Girls:

- *Leotard or slim fitting top
- *Shorts or snug leggings
- *Hair must be pulled up in a pony or bun
- *Soft jazz shoes

Boys:

- *Slim fitting shirt
- *Black jazz pants or shorts
- *Soft jazz shoes or jazz sneakers

Ballroom

Girls:

- *Slim fitting t-shirt or sleeveless top
- *Shorts or snug leggings
- *Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun
- *Level 1/2: soft jazz shoes
- *Level 3/4: black character shoes (1.5 inch heel)

Boys:

- *Slim fitting t-shirt
 - *Black jazz pants or shorts
 - *Black dress shoes
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Contemporary and Modern

- *Comfortable top (not baggy)
 - *Leggings or yoga pants
 - *No jewelry
 - *Toe pads
 - *Hair pulled back
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Tap

Girls:

- *Slim fitting t-shirt or sleeveless top
- *Shorts or snug leggings
- *Black tap shoes (level 2 and up: slip on style instead of lace up)
- Hair pulled up and away from the face

Boys:

- *Any color t-shirt (appropriate and not baggy)
 - *comfortable, not baggy pants
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Acro

- *Slim fitting t-shirt or sleeveless top
- *Shorts or snug leggings
- *Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun

III. Dancer Expectations

Caregivers, please read this along with your child

As a Komotion Dancer, below are the expectations we have of you. Though dancing is meant to be fun and exciting, the discipline and manners you will learn in the program far exceed any creative dance technique you will learn at the studio. Please take a moment to read and sign at the bottom, agreeing to consent of the expectations listed below. Keep it handy as a reminder of your commitment!

1. Be Present.

Things always come up, and we understand that you may miss a few classes, but please notify us if you will be absent.

2. Be On Time.

If you are going to be late, please notify the instructor as soon as you can.

3. Dress According to the Clothing Guidelines.

The instructors have requested a certain type of outfit for each discipline for a specific reason (see page 4). Please follow the dress code, and if there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. There will be a heavy emphasis on dress code compliance this year.

4. Respect Everyone.

This includes your instructors, your peer leaders, your parents bringing you to classes and your fellow dancers. Respect is of utmost importance at Komotion. Please thank them often, and respect one another.

5. No Chewing Gum.

No gum chewing during class. Please spit it out before entering the studio.

6. No Cell Phones.

No cell phones are to be used during class. Please keep them off and in your backpack or cubby.

7. Participate in our Community Events.

During the first half of the year, we will be involved in a variety of events to support our local communities. Please try to join us as often as you can!

8. Always Have Fun

Dance is fun. We want you to be excited about coming to the studio every week. Please always keep this in mind!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Welcome to Komotion Nation!