

Newsletter

Dance Connection

September 2026

It takes an athlete to dance,
but an artist to be a dancer. –
Shanna LeFleur

WELCOME BACK!

We're thrilled to kick off our 34th season!!
We have the best staff in the business
ready to work with you, and so many
exciting things planned for the year ahead.

We want you to feel connected and
informed as the year unfolds. The
easiest ways to stay up to date are:

- Stop by the lobby each month and
check the bulletin board by the
front doors
- Download our Team App
<https://stackteamapp.com/>
- Read our monthly newsletter,
available online at www.stldcpac.net



Teacher Spotlight

Each month, we'll spotlight one of our amazing
teachers and give you a chance to learn a little
more about them, their background, and the
passion they bring to DCPAC and our dancers.

Important Dates for 2026–2027 Season

- HALLOWEEN WEEK
OCTOBER 25TH–30TH
- THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO CLASSES
NOVEMBER 25TH–29TH, 2026
- HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE
DECEMBER 20TH, 2026
- HOLIDAY BREAK – NO CLASSES
DECEMBER 21ST, 2026 – JANUARY 3RD, 2027
- SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES
MARCH 20TH–28TH, 2027
- MEMORIAL DAY – NO CLASSES
MAY 31ST, 2027
- ANNUAL RECITAL SHOWCASE
JUNE 18TH–19TH, 2027

HOLIDAY DATES ARE NOT MADE UP.
TUITION DOES NOT CHANGE.

Together WE
Make A Difference

Unattended Children & Leaving the Building

For everyone's safety, children under 8 should never be left alone between classes. At pick-up, younger dancers will stay with staff until a parent or guardian arrives. Older dancers are excused on their own, but we ask that all



students—regardless of age—wait inside the building for their ride. If you're running late, please let us know. Remind your dancer to go to the front desk if they can't find you. While we care deeply about your child's safety, the studio cannot be responsible for students once class has ended.

LOBBY ETIQUETTE



Our lobby is part of our studio home—please help us keep it respectful and welcoming for all.

-  Speak softly and kindly—no gossip
-  Walk, don't run, and keep hallways clear
-  No throwing objects or playing in dance rooms
-  Food/drinks stay in the lunchroom; clean up after yourself
-  Put toys away when done
-  Children under 8 must be supervised between classes and wait inside for pickup
-  Please don't knock on observation windows or disrupt classes

September Birthdays!



Mya Bonty, Joslyn Brown, Eva Emili Fedchenko, Raelyn Guzman, Emmany Hem, Evelyn Hogans, Paxton Johnson, Maggie Moore, Rielle Ruiz, Lirael Tague, Elizabeth Wallace

Stay Connected with Stack Team App

We use Stack Team App for important news, reminders, and studio updates.

- Download Stack Team App from the Apple Store, Google Play, or visit www.teamapp.com.
- Create an account (or log in if you already have one) and search for DCPAC Recital & Technique.
- Request to join Recital Classes and/or Technique Only.
- An admin will approve your request — then you're all set!





Dancer of the Month

OUR 1ST DANCER OF THE MONTH WILL START THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, CHECK BACK NEXT MONTH TO FIND OUT WHO OUR PRIZED DANCER IS!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

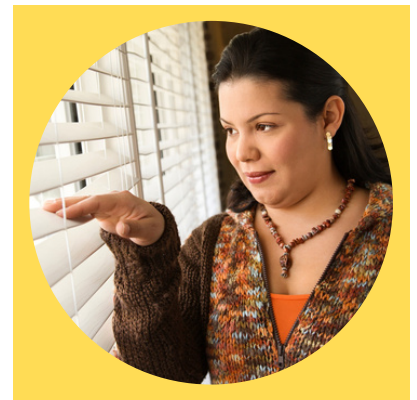


Halloween Spirit Week: October 25th–30th

Bring a friend, a yummy treat, and wear a costume to dance class!



Payment for tuition is due the 1st of every month. Talk to the front desk about our automatic payments.



Observation:

The whole month of September the Windows will open and TVs will be on

WHAT TO WEAR?

Company Dancers:

- **NO** t-shirts or cover-ups in class
- **NO** Apple Watches or any "wrist bands" that you can contact someone with
 - **NO** wrist bracelets
 - **NO** ankle bracelets
 - **NO** rings
 - **NO** dangling earrings
- Only Small earrings and small necklaces are fine
- If wearing warm ups they must be taken off the 10 mark of class
- If wearing athletic shorts you must have tights underneath

Girls Attire:

Ballet - Solid colored leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. Hair secured back and off the neck in a bun. Technique-only students must wear a black leotard, a neutral bra (if needed), and a secured bun.

Jazz - Sports bra, half top, crop top, tank top, or leotard with dance shorts or leggings. No athletic/gym shorts or sweatpants. Athletic/gym shorts can be worn as long as tights are on underneath. Black or tan jazz shoes.

Dance sneakers will only be allowed for hip hop classes and working out.

Tap - Same attire as jazz, with tap shoes at the discretion of the teacher.

Boys Attire:

Ballet - A fitted t-shirt, solid colored shorts or joggers/sweatpants, and black ballet shoes.

Jazz - Same attire as ballet with black jazz shoes. Dance sneakers will only be allowed for hip hop classes and working out.

Tap - Same attire as jazz with black tap shoes





ALL TEAM HANDBOOK FORMS DUE SEPTEMBER 28TH

Dates for Upcoming Company Events

**September 19th & 20th – LUX Convention
@ DCPAC**

9:00 AM–3:00 PM & 9:00 AM–2:30 PM

**October 18th – DCPAC Trunk or Treat
@ DCPAC**

1:00 PM–4:00 PM

**November 8th – Thanksgiving Potluck
@ TBD**

11:00 AM–2:00 PM

**December 12th – Holiday Company Sleepover
@ Immanuel Lutheran School & DCPAC**

4:45 PM–8:30 PM & 9:00 PM–8:00 AM

**December 20th – Holiday Performance
@ Francis Howell North**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Costume Payment Schedule

1st Payment: \$35–\$45 – September 21st

2nd Payment: \$35–\$45 – October 5th

3rd Payment: \$35–\$45 – October 19th

4th Payment: \$35–\$45 – November 2nd

5th Payment: \$35–\$45 – November 16th

6th Payment: \$35–\$45 – November 30th

Reminder

All conventions are required for the Travel Team and strongly encouraged for the Non-Travel Team. All competitions are mandatory for every member of the DCPAC Company. Please note: if a Company dancer misses a competition for any reason, they may be benched from the following competition at the discretion of the Company Director.

TEAM

COME WATCH US

COMPETITIONS

DCPAC COMPANY

TURN IT UP
DANCE CHALLENGE

MARCH 5TH – 7TH, 2027
PURSER CENTER
AT LOGAN UNIVERSITY

FEES DUE
JANUARY 18TH

CELEBRATION
TALENT

APRIL 9TH – 11TH, 2027
PURSER CENTER
AT LOGAN UNIVERSITY

FEES DUE
FEBRUARY 22ND

MARK OF
EXCELLENCE

APRIL 29TH – MAY 2ND, 2027
HYATT REGENCY ST. LOUIS
AT THE ARCH

FEES DUE
MARCH 15TH

LEGACY
DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 14TH – 16TH, 2027
LINDENWOOD'S
J. SCHEIDEGGER CENTER
FOR THE ARTS

FEES DUE
MARCH 25TH

2026–2027 COMPANY CONVENTIONS

Dance Connection Performing Arts Center

LUX CONVENTION

September 19–20, 2026

DCPAC

Fees due August 24, 2026

HOLLYWOOD CONNECTION CONVENTION

February 19–21, 2027

JW Marriott Indianapolis

Fees due December 4, 2026

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for the Non-Travel Team.

NATIONALS

DCPAC COMPANY

MARK OF EXCELLENCE NATIONALS

JUNE 22ND – 27TH, 2027

DESTIN/FT. WALTON BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

FEES DUE

MAY 3RD, 2027

REQUIRED TECHNIQUE / REHEARSALS

TRAVEL TEAM REQUIRED

JUNE 5TH – 17TH, 2027