



**Welcome to Bella School of Dance!**

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# Student Handbook 2011-2012

## Important Calendar Dates:

First Day of Class:	Thursday, September 8
Parent Observation Week:	Monday, November 7-Thursday, November 11
Costume Cost Due:	By Thursday, January 13* (If costume total is over \$40, there will be a deposit due by Dec 1. \$20 per class)
Picture Day & Ticket Sales:	April/May TBA
Spring Performance:	June TBA

## No Class:

Thanksgiving:	Thursday, November 24
Christmas:	Tuesday, December 20-Monday, January 2 (Class resumes Tues. Jan 3)
Easter:	Thursday, April 5

## Class Schedule:

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
3:30-4:15	Creative Movement	3-4 years old	Anna Kate
4:15-4:45	Tap 3	9-12 years old	Anna Kate
6:00-6:30	Hip Hop 4	13 and up*	Anna Kate
6:30-7:00	Hip Hop 2/3	13 and up*	Anna Kate
4:45-5:30	Jazz 3	9-12 years old	Lori
5:30-6:30	Ballet 3	9-12 years old	Lori
6:30-7:30	Jazz 4	13 and up	Lori
7:30-8:30	Ballet 4	13 and up	Lori
8:30-9:00	Pointe 4	13 and up	Lori
<u>THURSDAY</u>			
4:15-5:00	Pre-Dance	4 ½-5 years old**	Anna Kate
5:00-5:30	Tap 1	6-7 years old	Anna Kate
5:30-6:00	Ballet 1	6-7 years old	Anna Kate
6:00-6:30	Jazz 1 & 2	6-9 years old	Anna Kate
6:30-7:15	Ballet 2	8-9 years old	Lori
7:15-7:45	Tap 2	8-9 years old	Lori
7:45-8:45	Lyrical/Modern	Teen/Adult	Lori (\$9 per drop-in; \$8 per class paid monthly)

\*Class held in the Ark Room.

\*\*Must be 5 by January 1.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Communication: How do you communicate with the students and their family?

The majority of information is communicated through emails. Therefore, it is very important that I receive your correct email address and any updates when it changes. **If you do not have an email address, please let me know and I will make sure that you receive a paper copy of all information.**

## Philosophy: What is your dance philosophy?

During class, students are given age-appropriate, wholesome dance education that emphasizes the personal, physical, and spiritual development of each student's gifts in dance. In an encouraging and creative environment, students are challenged through dance technique, meaningful content, and teamwork. Our focus at Bella is not only teaching dance technique but also instilling a love for dance and for others!

## Teacher Qualifications: What is your dance education?

In 2003, Anna Kate Melani graduated from Eastern University with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Dance. Anna Kate has taught for several years in public schools, churches, and studios in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. She has also received training from Point Park University, Dance Alloy, Koresh Dance Company, Contempra Dance Theatre, and Rennie Harris Puremovement. In 2004, Anna Kate started teaching dance at St. Stephen's Church with a focus on teaching wholesome dance education in a creative environment while being a role model for girls. Please visit the website for other teacher bios.

## Dance Attire: What should my child wear to class?

**Creative Movement:** Leotards, tights, and pink leather ballet slippers. Loose fitting clothes for boys. **Pre-Dance:** Leotards in neutral colors such as black, pink, white. Pink tights, pink leather ballet slippers (I suggest Bloch ballet slippers) and black tap shoes. **Ballet:** Leotards in neutral colors such as white, pink, or black; pink leather ballet shoes (I suggest Bloch ballet slippers) and pink tights. Levels 3 and 4 are encouraged to wear split sole ballet slippers and may wear canvas slippers. **Jazz 1-3:** Tights and leotards in neutral colors. Black jazz capris, shorts, or pants (optional). Black jazz shoes **Jazz 4:** Same attire but barefoot. **Hip Hop:** Loose clothing such as sweatpants, shorts, and t-shirts. Black HIP HOP dance sneakers. **Tap 1:** Black tap shoes, tap shoes, leotard, and jazz pants/capris. **Tap 2 and 3:** Same attire but black oxford tap shoes.

- All dance shoes and attire may be purchased at All that Jazz in Wexford: 724-933-0555
- Girls must have hair must be pulled back at all times.
- All students wearing ballet slippers must tuck their bows into their shoes.
- All tap students must wear tights or socks with their tap shoes. No exceptions!

## Parent Observation: Are we allowed to watch class? Are we allowed to wait in the waiting room?

Younger children are often distracted when their parents are near the classroom. For this reason, we ask that you and your family not congregate near the entrance of the studio. Please be sure to mark your calendars for parent observation week! This is the only time for you to see the progress of your children. **Parent observation week is November 7-11.** Video and cameras are allowed. This day is reserved only for parents. The studio also does not have a dropped ceiling which is great for dance, but not for sound! You are welcome to wait in the waiting area; however, if you or your children become too noisy it is an extreme distraction to the class...and your children end up missing out. Please be considerate while you wait.

## Performance: Do you have a recital?

The school does not have a traditional recital. Our alternative to recitals and competitions that most studios host are Parent Observation Week and an Annual Spring Performance held in May/June.

## Will my child wear a revealing costume? How much will it cost?

No, we will always choose honorable clothing that is age-appropriate for the performance. For each class, the cost of the costumes will range from \$35-45 for each class. Costumes will be kept simple in order to re-wear.

## What kind of music do you use?

We use all types of music. There will be no profane lyrics in our music. Many songs are instrumental or inspirational.

## Commitment: What is the commitment when signing up for a class?

Students will not be refunded for missed classes or for dropping out. They can "make-up" a class in another class.

## Weather: What happens when there is inclement weather?

In the case of inclement weather, please call the studio answering machine 724-934-0555 to find out if class is cancelled. There will be no refunds cancelled classes due to inclement weather.

# Tuition and Registration

Hour of class PER week	OPTION 1 PAID MONTHLY (By the 1 <sup>st</sup> of mth)	OPTION 2 PAID 4 TIMES A YEAR (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar)	OPTION 3 PAID 2 TIMES A YEAR (Sept and Jan)
30 minutes	\$38	\$85.50	\$171
45 minutes	\$40	\$90	\$180
1 hour	\$44	\$99	\$198
1 hour 15 minutes	\$49	\$110	\$220
1 hour 30 minutes	\$54	\$121.50	\$243
1 hour 45 minutes	\$60	\$135	\$270
2 hours	\$64	\$144	\$288
2 hours 45 minutes	\$76	\$171	\$342
3 hours	\$80	\$180	\$360

- REFER A FAMILY AND THEY REGISTER AND PAY FOR CLASS, RECEIVE 1 MONTH'S FREE TUITION! (ONLY UP TO 1 REFERRAL PER FAMILY. ONLY FOR CRANBERRY LOCATION.)
- There is a \$15 annual registration fee due at the time of registration. Limit of \$30 for one family. There is a 10% discount for families with two students; 15% for families with 3 or more students.
- Students are not permitted to attend class until all the registration form is completed and the first tuition payment is paid. All tuition payments are non-refundable.
- Paid monthly: PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. Payments received on or after the 10th of the month will be assessed a \$10 late fee. This applies during holidays, weekends, and if the student is absent from class. Paid 2 times a year: THE FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. THE SECOND PAYMENT IS DUE JANUARY 26. Paid 4 times year: Payments due by Sept 8, Nov 15, Jan 115, and Mar 15.
- Tuition payments can be placed in the black mailbox at the studio or mailed to the dance school. Make checks payable to "Bella School of Dance". A \$25.00 fee will be charged for all checks returned.

**To register: Please send the registration form and first payment to  
Bella School of Dance, P. O. Box 333, Sewickley, PA 15143.**