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Our Mission: The Columbia Ballet School is committed to helping students develop technical skills, artistry, discipline, self-confidence, and respect for themselves and others.

While these qualities are the basis for dance education, they also are critical to the development of the dancer as a person. CBS supports the development of healthy and happy people, and we do that through a partnership with students and their families.

Welcome to Columbia Ballet School! We are looking forward to a year of dance education and performance.

We are very glad you have chosen to join us for the 2022-23 season.

Columbia Ballet School continues to follow city-wide guidelines to help curb the transmission of the COVID virus. At this time, there is no mask mandate, but families may set their own protocol.

We will continue to limit activity in the hallways within the studio. We want you to observe your child dance but ask that you do it on the following monthly schedule, beginning Oct. 31:
First week: Last name A-H
Second week: Last name I-O
Third week: Last name P-Z
Please do not bring in strollers or other materials that block the hallway.

For students in pre-ballet, primary ballet, and Level 1, we ask that you park and walk with your dancer to the front door, where staff will meet you and take the dancer to class. Then, please return to the studio door to pick them up when class ends. We do not want young children to walk through the parking lot without an adult.

Parking is prohibited along the sidewalk entrance at all times.

Messages that need immediate attention will be sent to you by email. Please make sure that studio emails are not going to your spam folder.

Every dancer should arrive at class properly dressed, with hair in a bun for ballet, and with a water bottle.

Dancers should wear the following leotard colors, based on their level:
Pre and primary – Pink
Leotards should be Bloch L5607 or LC5607. No skirts, please, either on the leotard or separate.

Levels 1-3B ~ Black of any style.

Level 5 ~ Any color or style.

Girls should wear pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes. Please do not purchase bedroom slippers.

Male students should wear black tights or shorts, a solid white T-shirt that should be snug and tucked in, white socks, and black or white ballet shoes. (No athletic shorts.)

All new and returning students must complete a registration form online at columbiaballetschool.com before beginning class.

Following are policies that affect all students. Please read them carefully.

<p>Invoices</p>	<p>Each family will receive a monthly invoice by email. The invoice will detail tuition and any other charges. The full amount is due before the 10th of the month, or a late fee of \$35 will be assessed.</p>
<p>Withdrawal</p>	<p>Withdrawal must be in writing, two weeks prior to the student's last day. No recital or costume fees will be refunded after Jan. 1, 2023.</p>
<p>Payments</p>	<p>Tuition is based on a 10-month schedule, August through May. Studio closures, such as winter holidays or spring break, are factored into the tuition to produce a monthly fee. The first invoice includes August and September, as well as registration fees, and must be paid in full by check or cash when received.</p> <p>We prefer that you pay using automated draft through your bank. We require any student whose monthly invoice exceeds \$300 to pay by autodraft. Payments are drafted by the 3rd day of each month. Please provide a voided check or appropriate account information (routing and account numbers). You will receive an invoice even if you pay by autodraft.</p> <p>If there is an outstanding balance on your account and you do not respond to our reminders, we reserve the right to autodraft your account for the outstanding balance and any late fees.</p>
<p>Class Cancellation</p>	<p>Classes may be cancelled, reorganized, or rescheduled based on enrollment.</p>
<p>Weather-related Cancellations</p>	<p>CBS tries never to cancel classes because of weather, but we do not take risks for our teachers or students. If the weather is threatening, you may choose whether to bring your child, but the studio will cancel classes only if we believe travel is unsafe for students or teachers. We will attempt to notify all families about cancellations, but these decisions sometimes are last-minute. We do NOT make up weather-related cancellations.</p>
<p>Dance Attire</p>	<p>The etiquette of ballet requires that all dancers wear proper attire and have their hair fixed in a bun or secured away from their face. Dancers should wear tights and ballet shoes, as well as their appropriate leotard. Attire for tap, theatre dance, and contemporary is more relaxed. Dancers will be removed from class if they do not practice this etiquette.</p>
<p>Recital and Performances</p>	<p>Fees are assessed for recital costumes and performance costs. No recital fees or costume fees will be refunded after Jan. 1, 2023.</p>
<p>Nutcracker</p>	<p>The Columbia Ballet School company performs <i>The Nutcracker</i>. Auditions are required for all dancers and will be held Aug. 20. An additional fee is charged for participation, and all rehearsals take place in addition to classes so that dancers miss no class time.</p>
<p>Social Media</p>	<p>We ask that families follow the studio on Facebook to receive immediate notification of class changes.</p> <p>Please do not post photographs of dancers without family permission.</p>