



Cuppett Performing Arts Center

Early Fall 2016 Newsletter

Welcome Students and Parents, both returning and new!
We hope all of you received our Welcome email – sent before classes began!
We are excited to celebrate our 55th year of *Happiness through Dance!*

*** * * IN THE SPOTLIGHT * * ***
~ CONGRATULATIONS ~
To the following CPAC students;

Bridget Jamison, Cuppet Alumna,
was recently hired as Artistic Coordinator for the Houston Ballet!

Isabella Hindley passed her Cecchetti Grade VI Exam in August!
She will now embark on the grueling 2-year study of the final goal – Grade VII!

*** * * UPCOMING PERFORMANCES * * ***

The **Cuppett Dance Company** will be performing in **Vienna's Oktoberfest!**
Saturday, October 1st, 12:00 Noon, Vienna Town Green Main Stage

The **Cuppett Dance Company** will be performing in the **Vienna Halloween Parade!**
Wednesday, October 26th, 7:00 p.m., Maple Avenue

Our **new "PARENT PAGES"** on the website has copies of all newsletters, calendars, policies, and recital information (when available) and tips on makeup application, how to earn pointe shoes, etc.

Address for the new Parent Pages: <http://www.cuppettpac.com/parent-pages.html>
No more username and password!

Paper copies of all information are always available in the Main Office and the current monthly newsletter will be available in all Lobby Information Centers.

*** * * EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR * * ***

SPRING BALLET & JUNE RECITAL INFORMATION

Planning for our Spring Ballet and Recital performances is already well under way! The Spring Ballet, "The Dancing Princesses", is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th at the exquisite Kenmore Middle School Theater** in Arlington (mandatory Dress Rehearsal – Friday May 5th).

Parents often ask how we select the dates for the Spring Ballet and Recital. We submit applications to the venue we would like to use that can accommodate our seating requirements, and they let us know what dates are available. We usually have very few choices, often only one.

The dates for the June Recitals are reserved but UNCOMFIRMED. They are listed in the Calendar portion of the Newsletter below!

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK ~ DECEMBER 5TH – 10TH

Parents and friends are invited to quietly observe inside the dance studios during this week. Classes may end 5 minutes early so that parents can ask questions. Please no cell phones on, not even for texting, inside the classroom during this time.

Other important dates & events are listed in the Calendar at the end of this Newsletter!

* * * **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** * * *

Statements

Monthly email statements are sent out mid-month to remind families that tuition is due by the 1st of the month. **You should have received your monthly e-Statement on September 16th for the October 1st tuition payment.** Payments received after the 7th of the month incur a \$15 late fee. If you prefer a hard copy statement, please contact bookkeeper.cpac@vacoxmail.com.

Auto Pay customers will receive an email reminder 3 to 5 days before their monthly payment is automatically processed, usually on the 26th. Please email bookkeeper@vacoxmail.com if you have any questions or have not received your e-Statement.

Your Secure Customer Portal

Directions on how to access your Customer Portal were sent with the email with your Fall Registration Confirmation. (You can still register for additional classes online through your portal, but for drops and switches you will need to contact the office.) This on-line feature allows you to check which classes your child(ren) are registered for, a list of their missed classes and make-ups, the Enrollment Agreement, as well as all of your payment transactions. You can update personal information or send emails to the Bookkeeper from your Customer Portal if you have any questions.

If you cannot find your directions on how to access the Portal or have any problems, please email Bookkeeper.cpac@vacoxmail.com or call the office at 703-938-9019.

Family Referral Program!

Did you know that CPAC families from 2015-2016 and/or Summer 2016 can earn a \$50 tuition credit per referral just by referring your friends to CPAC! Here's how:

- Tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about us!
- When they come to register as a New Family, have them write your name in the 'How did you hear about us?' box on the Registration Form.
- Upon successful completion of three months of dance by the new family, you will receive a \$50 tuition credit to your account!

See the Home Page on our website ~ www.CuppettPAC.com, and tab down to the left for details!

Registration is on-going through November 1st.

Tuition and Absenteeism

Per the Enrollment Agreement, there are no refunds or credits issued for missed classes. Students are free to make up absences in a similar class. Tuition is based on a full year's tuition (e.g. \$790 for one 1-hour class/week) divided into ten equal monthly payments. The same amount is due each month, September through June, regardless of how many classes are held in any particular month.

To make-up a class, you do not need to call ahead; just go to a similar class on the schedule and let the teacher know that your child is doing a make-up.

~ ~ **FREE WIFI IN ALL STUDIO LOCATIONS! – ASK THE DESK FOR THE CODE!** ~ ~

Please, NO Cupcakes or Snacks For Classroom Celebrations

Due to life-threatening allergies, we ask that parents refrain from bringing cupcakes or any other edible treats to class for any type of celebrations. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sick Policy

Please use common sense when deciding whether to send your child to class if he/she has been (or is) sick. Please DO NOT send your child to class if he/she:

- 1) Has vomited in the past 24 hours
- 2) Has not fully recovered from a stomach or cold virus
- 3) Has had a fever in the past 24 hours
- 4) Has any communicable infection diagnosed by a doctor that is still contagious

If your child is too sick to come to class, please call the Center at 703-938-9019 or email (Cuppettpacdance@gmail.com) so we can let the teacher know. We would much rather a sick child remain at home than to attend feeling miserable and possibly spreading the illness to other students and faculty. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

~ DATES TO REMEMBER ~

October 1, 2016

OKTOBERFEST ~ Cuppett Dance Company performs at 12:00 p.m. on the Town Green

October 8-9 Fall Cecchetti Conference Weekend

(Applies to qualified Cecchetti Level 2 and above students – information will be available in Cecc. class)

OPEN MONDAY October 10, Columbus Day

(We are open ALL Monday Holidays except Memorial Day)

October 26 ~ 7 p.m. Maple Avenue

Vienna Halloween Parade performance – Cuppett Dance Company

CLOSED November 23 – 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5 – 10

Parent Observation Week! (Description above!)

CLOSED Monday, December 19 – Monday, Jan. 2, 2017

Winter Vacation

OPEN January 16 & February 20

(We are open ALL Monday Holidays except Memorial Day)

March 18-19

Spring Cecchetti Conference Weekend

CLOSED April 10 – 15

Spring Break

May 6

Spring Ballet Performance

Kenmore Middle School Theater (Mandatory dress rehearsal May 5)

May 17 - 21

Cecchetti Exams

June 23-24

TENTATIVE, UNCOMFIRMED date for the June Recitals ~ Oakton High School Auditorium (Mandatory dress rehearsals, June 21-22). Confirmation will be announced as soon as we receive it!