

Welcome back to the studio! We are so excited about our re-opening starting the first Thursday after Labor Day, September 10th, and Saturday, September 12th. We tested our protocols this past August at our musical theater summer camp. Everything went smoothly, and we kept everyone safe while having fun and learning our craft. We intend to do the same this fall. ***Now is the time to register if you have not done so already!***

The following long set of protocols are worth knowing ahead of time and before we meet in the studio in two weeks. Thank you ahead of time for your patience and your adherence to our procedures going forward.

Our Drop-Off and Pick-Up procedures are significantly altered this fall. It won't take parents long to get used to them, but they must be followed.

We are working in tandem with Wexford Dance Academy, and our coordinated efforts have been well thought out. WDA conducted many weeks of successful camps this summer. WDA and WAS are working together to afford everyone the very best experience possible. If we need to make adjustments, we will do so, if need be. For now, this is how things will go!

Students in Levels One and Two will be dropped off following the cones at the front door, wearing a mask where their temperature will be checked. For the time being, our classes will be held in STUDIO ONE. Do not go to Studio Three. When you arrive, you will place your shoes and bags on a colored square in the studio. You will then go to a taped-off box in the studio, and we will begin all the fun we have always had in class. Please be on time so we can make our well-oiled machine work!

Students will exit through the Studio One alternative side door and walk to the side and back lots on a well-lit path when class is over. This will minimize traffic through the front door as students will be arriving for other classes. Please park in the side or lower lot when picking up your student, but NOT in the marked Archer Steel parking spaces. During the first week or two, when we return, we will be extra helpful so as not to surprise or confuse anyone with these new plans.

Bring your own mask, hand sanitizer, wipes, and a cell phone if you have one. We will have limited extras, so you must have your own supplies. Please put your name on your water bottle. We cannot provide any water or

snacks in the studio at this time. *It goes without saying (but I will say it anyway) that you should not come to class if you feel ill in any way. If you have a fever, a cough or cold or flu-like symptoms, stay home and stay safe. We reserve the right to send your child home if we feel he/she might be sick.*

Level Threes on Thursdays and Saturdays will be in Studio Three. All the protocols for drop off or driving teens at the front door will be observed. Drop/off and riving students will go through the front door. Driving teens must park in the lower lot or straight to the back by the trees. You will exit through the front door when the class is over.

A waiver must be signed by every parent before studio training begins, and the September registration fee (\$20) and tuition will be due by the first day of class. (Level Ones and Twos \$115 and Level Threes \$135) The waiver is attached to this email, as well as the registration.

A few things to note:

The studios are blocked off with squares for social distancing.

No one will be holding hands or partnering.

Our lobby is closed to observation, and our common areas will not be used at this time.

The studios and bathrooms will be disinfected regularly.

**EVEN WITH ALL OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT THE MAGIC WE CAN MAKE!** Thank you so much for your cooperation. It is your vigilance that will help our studio survive and provide your kids with an opportunity to grow and prosper in our stage art. I am so very grateful to you.

I am happy to offer a couple of extra class times if the other classes fill up. Because we have to limit class size, please consider the following alternative class times. We may very well be able to go back to large classes later in the year, but for now, we have to cap class sizes for everyone's safety. We are prepared to offer another Level Two Class on Saturdays from 9:00-10:00 and another Level Three class from 11:30-1:00 on Saturday. We will only add these extra classes if the Thursday classes fill up. Please consider these opportunities to learn in a different time slot if we have to cap. Level Three on Thursday is almost capped, so I hope some students might be willing to switch to Saturday Level Three class times for now. We can make this work!

Here are our class offerings:

Level Ones: Thursdays 4:45-5:45 (4 spots available)

Level Twos: Thursdays 5:45-6:45 (5 spots available)

Level Twos: Thursdays 6:45-7:45 (8 spots available)

Level Twos: Saturdays 9:00-10:00 (Wide Open)

Level Threes: Thursdays 7:45-9:15 (Almost Capped)

Level Threes: Saturdays 10:00-11:30 (5 spots available)

Level Threes: Saturdays 11:30-1:00 (Wide Open)

I am so very optimistic about starting up our program year in the fall. Let's be the good, brave example for skeptical folks trying to move forward with our education. We will do our due diligence as a studio to protect our students and families.

On a final note, if you have not picked up your *High School Musical* DVDs, I will have them at the studio for you! Auditions for our show will be announced when the time is right. For now, we are still in the planning stages as we await new directives concerning COVID-19 later this year. In the meantime, we will continue learning and growing our skill sets until we can perform for an audience!

More to come in an email very soon! Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Miss Sarah