

# High Temperature Dance Academy



Welcome Packet

2023-2024

# Welcome!

My name is Tympest Hora, and I am the director of High Temperature Dance Academy. I'm a graduate of Iowa State University (go Cyclones!) with a degree in Performing Arts with a Dance emphasis and a minor in General Business. I have been involved with studio dance for over twenty five years, and have been competing and performing since the age of three. My passion for dance has given me many opportunities and experiences throughout my adult life, including: performing in Disneyland while interning with Professional Dance Network, being elected as the Orchesis I Dance Company President at ISU in 2016, receiving State and National titles, professionally judging for Symposium Talent Contest and,

most importantly, allowing me to share my love, knowledge, and experiences with others within and outside of the dance world. I have wanted to own a dance studio since the age of thirteen, and can't wait to continue experiencing all that HTDA & the community have to offer! My hope is that my commitment to each individual student, and my passion for creativity and teaching is what makes High Temperature Dance Academy so special.

Thank you for joining our dance famiy this season!

Sincerely,

*Tympest Hora*





# 2023–2024 Overview

## August

23rd – Open House 4:00–6:00

27th – Open House 2:00–5:00

30th – Open House 4:00–6:00

## September

11th – Fall 2023 Season of Dance & Tumbling begins!

15th – Rehearsal for Kids Day Parade – 5:00–6:00pm

16th – Kiwanis Kids Day Parade – 10:00am

17th – Nutcracker Auditions (FACC)

## October

9th – FF no school – still have class

9–25th – Coloring contest begins!

23–26th – "Spooky" Week

31st – No Dance– Happy Trick or Treating!

## November

6–7th – FF no school – still have class

20–23rd – Thanksgiving/Fall Break (no classes)

## December

25–4th – Winter Break (no classes)

## January

15th – FF no school – still have class

## February

3rd – Storm Competition Team Winter Showcase

12–15th – "I Love Dance" Week!

26th – FF no school – still have class

## March

11–14th – Spring Break (no classes)

25–28th – Dance Picture Week

## April

1st – 2024–2025 Registration Opens!

15–18th – Pajama Week

## May

1st – 2024–2025 Early–Bird Registration Due

10th – Dress Rehearsal

11th – Dance Recital

18th – Storm Competition Team Auditions

# Financial Obligations

## **\*\*NOTICE: Food Allergy \*\***

One of our students has a severe peanut allergy. We kindly ask that you do NOT send your students into the studio with anything containing peanuts as a snack. . We want all our kiddos to feel safe and comfortable. Thanks for understanding!

## **Financial Obligations:**

Our tuition is based on a YEARLY CHARGE broken down into 9 monthly payments (September-May). Tuition is not prorated on months where there are holidays or breaks, as we factor these in when pricing for the year. For example, if your dancer attends class on a Monday, but the studio is closed for a holiday, you will pay the same amount regardless of if that holiday resulted in only three Monday classes. The same would be true in reverse if there were five Mondays in month. Anyone holding an overdue balance will be ineligible for any discounts. You may only apply one discount. Our breakdown for monthly tuition pricing is available on our website.

## **Options for Payment:**

We offer four different payment options: month-to-month by Auto Pay from credit or debit card, month-to-month by check or cash. Discounted rates only if paid in full. Check our website for more information regarding family discounts and unlimited class tuition.

*Individual* – Semester Payment (September-January) or Paid in Full (receiving 5% discount from Sept-May.)

*Family* - Semester Payment (September-January) or Paid in Full (receiving 5% discount from Sept-May.)

## **Auto Pay:**

All Auto Payments will be processed on the 1st of the month, except for Sunday's, allowing payment to process the following Monday. A 2.5% is added to all card transactions. The entire account balance will be charged when your Auto Pay is processed for the month. This includes tuition and any shoes, tights, apparel, costumes, etc. that may be purchased through the studio.

## **Late Fees:**

Tuition is due by the 1st of every month. An automatic late fee of \$15.00 will be added on the 15th of each month. Late fees are added to ALL outstanding balances that are past due. Parents will be notified, and students will not be able to attend class if accounts reach 90 days (3 months) past due. Payment plans may be set up with our Officer Manager, Jessica Koontz, via email at [htda.billing@gmail.com](mailto:htda.billing@gmail.com). If a payment plan is set in place, late fees will not be charged. Your account will be subject to a \$30.00 return check fee if returned by your bank. A child with an outstanding balance at the time of the recital will not be allowed to perform.

## **Withdrawal from the Season:**

If for any reason you cannot make it to a class, you may make it up in another class of the same description within 2 weeks of absence. If you choose to stop attending High Temperature Dance Academy in the middle of any scheduled season, we require at least a 2-week WRITTEN notice either emailed or mailed in. If even one class is attended in the month, you will be responsible for the month's tuition. Failure to notify may result in a \$40 drop charge. NO refunds will be given.

*\*Please contact our accounting email with questions regarding your bill: [htda.billing@gmail.com](mailto:htda.billing@gmail.com)*

# Attendance & Attire

## Attendance:

At High Temperature we consider good attendance to be very important and something to be celebrated! Attending a portion of your class or classes in a day counts as attendance. For example: if you have a music program at 6:30 and come to part of your classes but leave early you are not counted absent. The only exception that we make is for extended illness or hospitalization. You are afforded 4 absences, which for a class that meets only once per week is like missing one month. Please email the studio when your child will be absent. We also have an "absence notification" form on our website that is very helpful. Many thanks to all the parents for helping our students get to class each week!

## Arriving Late to Class:

It is sometimes necessary for students to arrive late to class from a sport or activity. This is perfectly acceptable as we know how busy all of our students are. We do ask that they finish eating before entering their class and that they enter the studio quickly and quietly so as not to disturb the rest of the students. They should put on the appropriate shoes and join the class.

## Attire for Class:

While we do not have a specific dress code for dance (i.e., colored leotards and tights), we do have an expectation for our student's attire and hair for class. NO T-SHIRTS. For our younger students we prefer any style of leotard and tights. If they are in tumbling and dance the same evening, they will want to wear footless tights and bring socks for dance. Older students are expected to wear leotard and tights for all ballet and technique classes, and a fitting top with shorts/leggings and tights for all other classes. All students should have their hair up and away from their face. It is best to leave necklaces, bracelets, and other jewelry at home. All students will also need a dance bag with their name in it to keep all their shoes and socks together in the studio.

Outside shoes/boots should be placed on the rugs/shoe racks in the lobby. NO STREET SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN THE STUDIOS. Jackets/coats should be hung on a hook.

Students will bring their dance bag/water bottle into the studio with them.



# Behavior & Code of Conduct

## Behavior:

Each student is to always abide by the studio rules, in addition to the rules of their individual teacher and classroom. This includes keeping hands to yourself, keeping hands and feet off the walls, mirrors, and barres unless otherwise directed by the teacher, and giving all parties of High Temperature the necessary respect. Any child who is a constant interruption of these rules may be asked to leave the classroom.

## Code of Conduct:

All students and parents are expected to always conduct themselves in a courteous and respectable manner. Gossiping by a student or a parent about other students, parents, staff members or other studios is not tolerated. Disrespecting a faculty member or another student or being discourteous to a fellow student is grounds for disciplinary action that may result in probation, suspension or being asked to leave the studio permanently. In the event that you are asked not to return to the studio there will be no reimbursement for any classes or any other fees collected by the studio.

## Cell Phone Rules for Students:

Students with cell phones are asked to set them to silent and keep them zipped in their dance bag or purse. Students will not be allowed to text or take calls on their cell phones during class. Parents needing to contact a student during class time should call the studio. If cell phones become a problem during class we will be using a basket to hold them during the hours of class.

## Waiting Between Classes:

*Students:* Students who have a break between classes are to wait in the designated break area in the back of the lobby. There are tables and chairs for doing homework and activities, as well as a TV. There is also a microwave, refrigerator and eating utensils. A staff member or Junior Assistant will make sure that your dancer is observed and able to get to their next class on time.

*Parents:* We encourage parents to use the drop-off/pick-up method for classes. If you must remain at the studio while your child is in class, please use the lounge area in our lobby.

**\*Please do NOT enter the dance room with your student.** This causes a lot of distraction and

## Water & Snacks:

We offer bottled water and a varying selection of snacks in our office. All items are 75 cents each. We also offer a punch card for \$15 with 20 punches. We encourage students to eat a snack after school before coming to class. NO GUM, FOOD, OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN DANCE ROOMS! Water is permitted.

If you do have food or other beverages in the lobby or break room, we will ask that you clean up after yourself.

# Communication

## Newsletters:

A newsletter will be emailed to you at the beginning of each month to keep you informed on important information, upcoming events, and deadlines. Please be sure we have your current email address and that you are receiving the Newsletters. They will also be posted on our website.

## Text Messages:

Text message is not the best way for parents to communicate with the studio. If you are asking a question which requires us to be able to look at your account, you should email us. Also, if your child will be absent from class, a phone call or email to the studio is much better than a text or Facebook message. We strongly encourage filling out our "absent form" on our website.

## Facebook & Instagram:

We do have studio Facebook and Instagram pages. We encourage you to "like" them, as we do post pictures and fun announcements during the year! We prefer that our Facebook page be used to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and not for questions. Questions should always be directed to the studio phone or the studio email. I also require that all of our students that have Facebook accounts be friends with my personal page (Tympest Hora).

Please be kind and courteous when posting online, especially if you are wearing any of our apparel, or sharing something about the studio. You are representing High Temperature Dance Academy, our amazing and hardworking staff, yourself, your children, and many other families.

## Contact Us:

If you have questions about anything studio related it is best to email us at: [hightempdance@gmail.com](mailto:hightempdance@gmail.com) or to call/text Tympest at 319-461-6684.

Our office number is (641) 209-9025

**\*Please contact our accounting email/Office Manager with questions regarding your bill: [htda.billing@gmail.com](mailto:htda.billing@gmail.com)**



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# Cancellations & Spring Pictures

## Cancellations:

We follow the Fairfield Community School District for winter weather cancellations. If Fairfield Schools are canceled or dismissed due to winter weather, our classes will be canceled as well. We do not cancel for heat as we have central air. Cancellation announcements will be on the studio website, the studio Facebook page and emailed. There are occasions when the weather may take a turn for the worse in the late afternoon or on a No School Day. In the event of that occurring, the cancellation announcement will be on the studio website, the studio Facebook page and emailed.

## No School Days:

We still have dance and tumbling when there is no school for in-services, conferences, the Monday after Easter etc. We only follow the school for winter weather related cancellations. The only other times that we do not have class are listed in the Year Overview at the front of the Handbook and on the website.

## Pictures:

Each year we offer the opportunity for your dancer or tumbler to have his/her photo taken in each of their recital costumes. Individual and group photos are taken. These provide a wonderful memento of the dance year and offer the opportunity to see everyone together in costumes as well as making alterations or changes to them as needed prior to the recital. We are also able to ensure that everyone has all the correct pieces to each costume. You will receive a picture schedule in the January and February newsletters. Pictures will be taken at High Temperature in March. Please be sure to arrive at the dance studio 30 minutes before your scheduled time. Be sure that you have gone through all your costumes and that you have followed the instructions that were emailed to you. Order forms from the photographer will be sent home with your child 1 -2 weeks before pictures. We would like everyone to have their order forms filled out prior to arriving at the dance studio. Everyone should be in the group photo, even if you do not plan to purchase it.

## Make-Up & Hair for the Recital and Pictures:

Hair should be in a ponytail or bun. No one should have bangs on their forehead – they should be swept off to the side. We want a uniform appearance onstage and in our photos. The focus of our performance is the dancing and having one or two students with intricate up-dos or other hair styles is distracting to the look of the performance. All performers must wear make-up which should include foundation, powder, eye liner, eye shadow, mascara, blush and lipstick. The strength of the lights washes out most features, so we want to be sure we can see everyone. We may be offering a hair and make-up session in the spring for those that are interested. More information will be provided as the date gets closer.



# Recital, Costumes & Tights

## Winter STORM Competition Showcase:

We will be having a recital for our competition routines including solos, duets, trios, and competition groups. This performance will be held at the Fairfield High School on the first weekend in February. Come support the HTDA Storm Competition Team! Admission is free.

## Recital:

Our Recital will be held at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. Our recital takes place on the second or third weekend in May. In order to make things go smoothly, we will need a group of parents to help out! If you are interested in being a part of our volunteer team (Class Moms, dressing room help, backstage help) please let Tympest know. If you sign up to help at the recital by January 1st, you will not be required to pay the Recital Fee! (\$45 per child, \$65 per family). Admission to our show is free!

\*\*recital fee is subject to change.

## Recital Week:

Please arrive at the Convention Center at 4:45-5:00PM for Dress Rehearsal on Friday. We will have all dancers onstage for our End of the Year Awards! Rehearsal is from 5:30-8:00pm on Friday. We have two shows on Saturday - 1:00 & 5:30pm.

## Costumes:

We measure for and order the costumes for our spring recital in September. Costume deposits are due in October, with two payment options: full payment in October, or half payment in October and half payment in November. We plan to distribute costumes as soon as they arrive (usually mid-January). Your dancer will bring home a large shopping bag with their costumes in it. Instructions for costumes will be emailed. Please reference the instruction sheets as these should answer a lot of questions. Costumes range anywhere from \$55-\$80.

The child of anyone holding overdue balances at the time costumes are sent home, will be unable to take them. Along with this, a child with an outstanding balance at the time of the recital will not be allowed to perform.

## Tights:

Recital tights will be ordered for all students in January. If you still have tights from last year's recital and have not been wearing them to class, you may bring them to the office to have them approved for re-use. You must bring them in by December 15th or you will receive new tights. Tights are available in the office at any time for \$6.50-\$12.50 per pair (depending on style). All recital tights must be purchased through the studio to provide consistency with style, color and fit.

# Shoe Info & Website

## Shoes:

All students must order their shoes through the studio. This is to provide consistency in style, color and fit. Most orders arrive within a few days. We do have a used shoe program, but we receive a limited number of quality pairs for resale each year. If you are waiting for used shoes and do not receive any within the first two weeks of class, you will need to purchase new ones. Tumbling class will not wear shoes, they will be barefoot.

- *Creative Dance*: barefoot/optional ballet shoes
- *All Ballet Classes*: pink ballet shoes
- *All Pointe Classes*: pink pointe shoes
- *All Lyrical/Contemporary Classes*: Foot Undeez/Lyrical turners
- *All Hip Hop Classes*: sequin hi-top sneakers
- *All Jazz Classes*: tan jazz shoes (some older classes may wear lyrical/turners for the recital)
- *All Tap Classes*: black tap shoes (Int. and Adv. Classes wear slip on or tie black taps)

## Website:

Our studio website is [www.hightempdance.com](http://www.hightempdance.com). We also have the calendar and newsletter posted on our website. If classes are cancelled due to winter weather, this will appear in red at the top of the Home page. Reference this site to answer a lot of your questions.

# Contact Info



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# Attire Examples:



## Ballet:



## Tap/Jazz/Tumbling/Lyrical:



\*Form Fitting Clothing | No Tshirts | Hair pulled out of face\*



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