It’s September! We can’t believe we have already been back in classes now for over 2 weeks. Usually, this time of year, we are just getting started! But wow, this new early start went very well. It was exciting to see all the dancers back in the studio a couple of weeks sooner.  Classes are in full swing now, and we couldn’t be happier! We have had such a wonderful start to our new dance season, and it is such a joy to see these kids in here each week working hard and having fun learning and growing. We are so excited about all the wonderful things this season brings, starting with our monthly newsletters!

**BACK TO DANCE SUCCESS**

Every year our humble studio keeps growing and our hearts keep growing with it! We feel immensely blessed to have all of you with us. We want to take a moment to acknowledge our wonderful RAVE Families who share their love for our studio throughout the community and spread the word about us. You are all awesome and we are happy to have you as a part of our studio. To all the new families, we hope you are enjoying being a part of the RAVE Family. We love having y’all around, and all the new faces in classes have been a joy to see.

**TUITION REMINDERS**

Tuition should be paid by the 1st class of every month. If we run a bit behind posting the fee for the upcoming month, then please note it will be due at the first class after it is posted. If you want us to auto-draft you every month and you have not e-mailed us yet this season to be put on the new list, please do so asap by emailing us at raveperformingarts@gmail.com with AUTO DRAFT YES in the subject title. For those who do not want auto-draft, you can pay online through your parent portal or in-studio via cash or check. Please make checks payable to RAVE or RAVE Performing Arts Co, and please present all checks and cash in an envelope with the student’s name on the front as well as what the payment is for (example: Suzie Q – September Tuition). \*\*Please note, next month we will start charging a late fee for any tuition not paid by the 15th of the month\*\*

**STORE ORDERS & MERCHANDISE**

We placed an order at the end of last week for anyone who needed to order shoes that we did not have in stock. Unfortunately, the rush of the first couple of weeks was a bit overwhelming and that order did not get out until last week. So please note, if you ordered shoes, we apologize for the delay, we believe the box will arrive tomorrow-ish.

Now that our season has begun, we will not make regular orders for shoes and leotards. If we don’t have your size in store, please try Top Toe on O’Neal or Hannah’s Dancewear in Denham. We will make an announcement when we are able to do our next store order, which will likely be when Revue costumes are being ordered during winter break. This is due to needing a bulk amount to place an order.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 9TH ANNUAL RAVE REVUE**

Please save the date for our 9th annual RAVE Revue end of the year performance, **which will be held Saturday May 4th, with some dress rehearsals beginning Friday, May 3rd at the Brown-Holt Theatre at the Dunham School. For all calendar dates, visit the link**[**HERE**](https://www.raveperformingartsco.com/classinfo-schedule)

**POLICIES REMINDER**

For all new studio families who may have enrolled after our initial back to dance e-mails went out, you can find all previous communication about the start of this dance season [HERE.](https://www.raveperformingartsco.com/announcements) You can also view our Studio Policies [HERE.](https://www.raveperformingartsco.com/policies)

**DRESS CODE AND BATHROOM USAGE PROTOCOL**

We want to remind all parents to please make sure your dancer goes to the bathroom before class. We have had a few classes now with our younger students where everyone in the class ends up going to the bathroom during class, some more than once. Frequent bathroom usage is an interruption to the class, so please remind your dancers to go before they arrive. We also want to send a reminder about our dress code. You can find it [HERE.](https://www.raveperformingartsco.com/dress-code) For the most part it is being followed fairly well, but we are seeing a lot of hair not pulled back properly. Please make sure your dancer is head-to-toe ready for class.

**RISING STARS SQUAD SIGN UP**

Last year we instituted a new performance team that performs at parades and community events only, separate from our competitive team sector called The Rising Stars Squad. This group of dancers can be any dancer who dances at RAVE ages 7 and up, with no need to audition.

* There are no required courses to take to be eligible. The only requirements are the student must have a good attendance record to the classes they are enrolled in and must attend all rehearsals for parades and events. They must have a positive attitude, a strong work ethic and must be able to pick up choreography quickly.
* The Rising Stars Squad will perform at the inaugural Central Fall Fest, the Christmas in Central Parade, in a special dance in our annual end of the year Revue Performance, and potentially a couple of other community events.
* Rising Stars rehearsals will begin next Saturday, September 23rd!
* Rising Stars FALL REHEARSAL / PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE- Please see the separate e-mail that just went out all about the Rising Stars Squad for all rehearsal dates and the participation fee.
* Upcoming performances for the Rising Stars Squad: Central Fall Fest and The Central Christmas Parade!
* HOW TO SIGN UP? - If your dancer wants to be a part of the Rising Stars this season, please enroll them in the course via your Parent Portal or e-mail us at raveperformingarts@gmail.com

**DAYTIME CLASSES FOR HOMESCHOOLERS**

If you follow our social media, you have probably seen lots of buzz about us introducing daytime classes for homeschoolers. We are so excited to now offer this option for families who want to attend classes earlier on our schedule. We decided to start small with 2 classes later in the day, before our regular class sessions begin.

Mondays – Ballet 3:00-4:00pm for ages 7-11, Tuesdays – Musical Theatre, 3:15-4:00pm for ages 7-11.

We are also looking to add a 3-6 yr old combo class during the homeschool session, as well as a Parent & Me class for littles (Mrs. Rachel really wants to kick this one off so she can get Naomi started lol)

These classes are open to anyone, homeschooled or not, who may want earlier classes. Please reach out to us via e-mail if interested and pass the word along to your homeschool friends so we can get this new program growing!

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail us anytime at raveperformingarts@gmail.com

*Sincerely,*

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*Owner/Director of RAVE*