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To our beloved Westwood Dance Families,

We hope this email finds you safe and happy. We have long awaited this announcement; Westwood Dance Academy will reopen on May 18th! We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to keep up with our dancers through ZOOM, but we are even more excited to welcome them back into our studios. The chance for your children to pursue their dance dreams in a safe and clean environment is our staff’s top priority. We have been working hard to prepare to reopen Westwood Dance Academy, and we hope everyone is as excited as we are that the day is finally upon us!

For Safety Requirements/Precautions being taken please refer to the email from Westwood Gymnastics on May 11th, 2020.

We hope that everyone understands the importance of any precaution we are taking to ensure the safety of our dancers, their families, and our staff.

**CLASSES:**

If you are not comfortable returning to class at this point but would still like to participate in our recital, we will be streaming our classes via zoom for your dancer to participate. Please note we will not be attentive to those on the screen (giving personal corrections). We ask that you consider this option before un-enrolling your dancer from class and losing their place in class and Recital. Upon our reopening on May 18th, we will resume monthly autopay payments. You will NOT be charged for the last two weeks of May; this is in place of the March classes that were missed due to our closure.

Our class times will resume back to our 2019-2020 FALL/SPRING SCHEDULE on May 18th, 2020.

Westwood Dance Academy will remain open for Memorial Day and will run Monday classes as scheduled.

If you have not picked up your dancer’s costume, we will be passing out all the remaining costumes in class. If you do not plan to attend in-person classes, email [office@westwooddance.com](mailto:office@westwooddance.com) to make an appointment to pick yours up.

**RECITAL:**

WESTWOOD DANCE ACADEMY PRESENTS: PURE IMAGINATION RECITAL IS CONFIRMED FOR MAY 30TH.

Location: Westwood Gymnastics and Dance (23333 Taswell Dr. Katy, TX 77494) Girls Gymnastics floor (Red floor) Time: 1 PM-8 PM

Katy ISD will not let us use their facilities this year for our Recital.

Westwood Dance Academy has chosen to break our Recital into 11 “mini” Recitals to limit the number of people in our facility. Each show will have 3-4 dances in it, which is dependent on the number of dancers in each class. We will begin checking in dancers 10 minutes before the start of their show. Each show will last no more than 30 minutes, with time included to take pictures, exit safely, and have the next show’s dancers and audience enter safely. Our staff members might politely ask your family to exit our facility promptly so we may escort our next group of families into our gym. Please respect each other during this time, we are trying to limit the number of people in our facility.

Parents and Dancers will not be required to wear masks and gloves, but we highly encourage the use of both masks and gloves for your safety. All of our staff will be wearing masks and gloves.

The Updated Recital Schedule is posted below:

If you are in multiple classes, we have done our best to put your shows close together with enough time for a costume change. We have also done our best to put siblings in the same show, or in back to back shows. Parents of those who are in shows back to back: you are permitted to stay in the facility between shows. If your child is in a class that is performing a tap dance, we will not be having a tap floor. In the coming days you will receive an email with instructions on specific shoes to be worn to your Recital to avoid the loss of shoes. If you are worried about your dancer not knowing their Recital dance rest assured, because of the closure our teachers will be off to the side of our stage dancing for their class just in case.

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**Who can come to Recital?**

To remain in legal compliance and to ensure the safety of those entering our facility. ONLY IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS ALLOWED TO COME TO RECITAL. This is for YOUR SAFETY, please respect our decision and do not bring extra family members.

**How is my family going to see my child dance?**

We are going to be recording our Recital via ZOOM. After the Recital is over, we will send the video out to all of our dance families so everyone in your family can watch how hard your dancer has worked since the fall!

**ARRIVAL**

Please arrive ONLY 15 minutes before your show. We will begin checking in dancers 10 minutes before the start of their show. Park in the front parking lot, there will be signs guiding you and your dancer to our check-in station, after which parents may find their seat. Dancers should arrive with their costume on, makeup and hair done, with dance shoes in hand.

**RECITAL PICTURES:**

This year Westwood Dance Academy has decided to include your Recital Pictures in your Recital Fee! You will receive two pictures digitally for you to print however you like.

Martin from Watch Me Grow Photography will be in Studio 2 on May 22nd and 23rd taking individual pictures of your dancers. Each dancer will get two poses picked by our dance staff; we will be sending pictures of these poses. The link to sign up is below <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FAEAD28A2F85-recital>

**RECITAL FLOWERS:**

We are pleased to announce that we will still be offering Recital Flowers for purchase in bundles of 3. An order form is attached below. The LAST DAY to turn in this form is May 23rd.

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**SUMMER:**

Don’t forget about our summer classes and dance camps! Our summer classes start on June 1st and registration is open. Our Dance camps are 5 days Monday-Friday, 9 AM-3:30 PM. Dates as follows: June 1-5, 8-12, and 22-26 July 6-10, 20-24, and 27-31.

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