

## General Information for Stars & Stripes

### CLASS FEES:

Third week of August - May. There are two sessions for the year.

1<sup>st</sup> Session: Aug - December ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: January - May

Recital: To Be Announced

Workshops: Specialty workshops, competition practice, and/or painting classes will be held on Saturdays

### WHEN YOU SIGN UP FOR FINAL REGISTRATION:

- Annual membership fee is \$15.00
- Prorated amount for August (2 weeks of instruction)
- September starts full monthly fees due at the first class of the month
- Closed for Labor Day- Sept 2nd, and October 1- 9<sup>th</sup>  
Closed for Ms. Carolyn to take additional training

You are billed for the number of classes taught. No credit is given for missed classes. However, if a make-up class is available it will be announced.

### SCHOOL CLOSING(s):

If there is a school closing for weather (snow, ice, etc.) please call 812-1039 (cell phone) and listen to the voicemail for any changes to our schedule. On most school holidays (teacher work days, etc.) the studio continues classes as normal. If there is any doubt, call the answering machine for any messages.

### MISSING CLASS:

**If you have to miss class**, please call 812-1039 and leave a message.

**If you miss three consecutive classes in a row** for no medical reason, you could jeopardize your position in class. We have a great deal of material to teach and if your child misses class, she/he can be left behind in just two short weeks. This can cause your child not to be ready for certain routines for upcoming performances. If your child misses class, this causes a hardship on your child (our student) and the other students that attended. If your child needs extra help at any time, you may request a "catch up class" if missed due to illness. Also, your child may have to decide between different sport activities because some **school programs** do interfere with class. When you know that you have to miss class for this reason, please give Ms. Carolyn a note beforehand for this absence if possible.

### CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

Your child is required to have proper shoes, clothes and equipment by October 15th. She is required to wear the Stars & Stripes tee-shirt with shorts or dance wear at all times. Younger children will be in leotards and tights. You must purchase shoes for your child. Tap, ballet or jazz shoes will be required for all students taking dance classes. Twirling shoes or jazz shoes are required for baton class after their second year. Jazz shoes or regular tennis shoes may be worn to flag class.

**Baton Classes:** Leotard, twirling shoes (after first year), short - shorts may be worn over leotard. If twirling shoes are not required for your child's class, she must wear proper tennis. Jazz shoes may be substituted for twirling shoes. Socks and shoes are required at all times.

**Dance class:** Stars & Stripes T-shirt and shorts each week or leotard/ dance clothes. This will depend on your child's age. Ballet or jazz shoes, jazz dance sneakers only.

**No sandals, open back shoes, flip flops or clogs are allowed to be worn for classes.**

**No blue jeans or blue jeans shorts are allowed to be worn to any classes.**

**Flag class:** Stars & Stripes T-shirt and shorts each week. Tennis shoes and socks are required at all times. Later your child will need jazz shoes or dance sneakers.

**Winter clothing:** Jogging pants to flag and dance classes. Stars & Stripes sweatshirt rather than t-shirt. Jogging pants may be worn to baton class but may be necessary to remove them during twirling. No pants below your shoes.

**All dance shoes:** (tap, ballet, jazz, clogging) can be ordered through Stars & Stripes, but they must be paid for in advance of the order. All orders are received COD at the Studio. We now have actual shoes to try on before ordering. Shoes may be ordered during the month of August & September. Feel free to purchase shoes on the internet or at a store.

**Equipment:** Baton and flag pole/flag orders must be paid for in advance of order. Some are kept in stock.

The studio provides all small props: hoops, horses, small metal or plastic batons, pom-poms, ribbons, etc. for your child to use during class times.

Standard Batons from Starline Baton are available for purchase as soon as your child is willing to practice at home.

- Baton cost between \$20.00 - \$32.00.
- Flag Poles cost \$15.00 and Flags cost \$10.00 - \$20.00

**RECITAL (To Be Determined Annually):**

Usually at the end of school year. Recital fee is based on rental fees for the location of the recital. Recital fee includes unlimited tickets for immediate family. Payment due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. At the recital, each child will receive a trophy. Each child may pick out the top figurine and the studio will pick out the bottom portion.

- **Costume fees:** All costumes must be ordered by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Costumes are non-refundable and a deposit is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The balance is due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. A recital fee is charged per family and is due during the month of March. The recital fee is based on cost of renting a venue for the recital. You will be notified if you need to order a costume. If your child is joining an existing class, you may be required to purchase more than one costume the first year. Normally each class has a red/white/blue costume. Some classes may require special costumes such as lyrical ballet or pointe.

**PAYMENT LATE FEE:**

Class fees are due at the first class of the month. After the 8<sup>th</sup>, you will be charged a \$10.00 late payment fee and after the 15<sup>th</sup>, \$15.00 late payment fee.

### **PERFORMANCES:**

Stars & Stripes Studio is a self supporting studio that supports performing in as many community functions as requested to perform. We require a three week advance notice to perform. All students are notified at least two weeks in advance of any performing opportunity. These performances are not required if you are not on the competition teams. We like to provide as many opportunities to perform. Everyone is invited to perform, but I realize sometimes you may not be able to. Competition teams may be required to perform to be ready for competitions in spring.

Some of the opportunities include but are not limited to: Lagrange Mall, Nursing Homes, Warm Springs Nursing Home, LaGrange Christmas parade, Pine Mountain Christmas parade, Hogansville Christmas parade and various other opportunities.

Other invitations are posted in a notebook for you to sign up your child to perform. All performances are in costume when available. **This is volunteer opportunity for your child and is not required.**

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

Any questions regarding your child's participation is welcome. Please try to ask questions before 5:45, breaks, or by phone. Students are advanced at their own learning rate. You will be notified if your child needs to advance to a different class. Some students stay in a class in order to be leaders for that class. You are invited to watch all classes. Your child should want you to watch them. Please be quiet while classes are in progress. No students are allowed to wait outside the front door to be picked up after class. No one (including brothers & sisters) is allowed to "play" outside. During Parades, Parents are required to march with us if their child is younger than 8 years old.

### **SMOKING:**

Stars and Stripes is a "smoke free environment." If you smoke, please do so inside your car and do not throw any cigarettes outside on the grounds of the studio. Thank you for not smoking.

### **TOLERATION:**

I, Ms. Carolyn, will not tolerate any profanity or rudeness to other students or their mothers. If any problems arise between students, please let me know. Not everyone gets along with everyone. School problems should be left outside of the dance studio. No boys are allowed in the studio unless they are the brothers of students and the parent if with them.

### **HIGH SCHOOL TRYOUT CLASSES:**

There are beginner and intermediate classes available. Intermediate/advanced class meets on Monday night and beginner class meets on Thursday night. Classes will merge during the one week of practice for tryouts if needed. Flag poles and flags are available for you to purchase during this class. The focus will be on flag training and speed, high kicks, turns, jumps, splits, dance, & marching.

No students are accepted into this program after Oct. 15th. Any students that have been associated with the studio and performed in recitals in the past are welcome to participate during the one week of tryouts. If you make the team, you are required to perform in the recital (if applicable) in order to have access to the studio premises in the future.

**OTHER:**

The studio should be a fun learning place that your child wants to visit each week. If your child becomes uncomfortable for any reason, please bring this to my attention. **No running or gymnastics are allowed in the studio.**

The studio provides all small props: hoops, horses, small metal or plastic batons, pom-poms, ribbons, etc for your child to use during class times.

Each week at the end of class, your child may receive a picture or other items to take home. This is a small reward system at the end of class for younger students..

Visit our web site: [www.starsandstripesdance.com](http://www.starsandstripesdance.com) for a complete tour of our studio.

Stars and Stripes Forever,

Ms. Carolyn  
706-812-1039 (anytime cell or text)