

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students,

As autumn begins, the studios are bursting with amazing energy. The children are settling into their performing arts schedules and staff instructors are already commenting on the enthusiasm of their students and the wonderful progress they are making. This month, we have more exciting news: We've made it to *Dance Spirit* magazine! The SSSPA Company picture taken after our **BIG WIN** of the *Broadway Cup* this summer (proudly displayed in the Brewster studio lobby window now through January) is in the magazine's October issue. **WOW!**

FYI: Newsletters are mailed to students on a monthly basis. (Any personal correspondence such as bills, memos, costume payments, etc. are also mailed.) Additional copies of our monthly newsletter are always available at the front desks of our studios.

Please help insure a smooth running season by noting the following **REMINDERS:**

- **TUITION** is due by the **1st** of the month. Avoid a late fee by making payments by the 5th of the month. **Tuition and any other additional payments can be dropped into the indoor studio mailbox. Envelopes are provided for your convenience. Brewster studio-inside the front door on the left side; Danbury studio-at end of entrance hallway on right side.
- New lost and found bins are located in each classroom and in each dressing room. We're hoping that the children will be better able to keep track of their items with the addition of Lost and Found Bins in several areas. All unclaimed **LOST & FOUND** items will be donated to charity at the end of December and again in June.
- Brewster studio clients: There is absolutely **NO PARKING** to the left side of the dumpster in the parking lot or in front of the building.

Each year we aspire to more efficiently operate Seven Star School and to reach new heights by continuing to foster a positive, creative and caring learning atmosphere for our students. We appreciate any additional ideas you may have to help us improve in these areas. Just drop them into our tuition/suggestion mailboxes at any time.

We are looking forward to a great season with lots of activities for all of our students. Don't miss the Halloween Bash!

Sincerely,
Miss Donna and Miss Nicole

October Announcements

HALLOWEEN BASH: Brewster and Danbury students are invited to attend our 3rd annual Halloween Bash on Sunday, October 29 from 2:00-5:00 pm (NO FEE). Come dressed in your costume and join us for an afternoon of ghosts, goblins and giggles. A Halloween parade will begin at 3:30 pm. Special prizes will be awarded following the parade. The bash will take place **at our Brewster, New York location (850 Rte. 22)**.

HALLOWEEN: NO CLASSES (Tuesday, October 31)

SEVEN STAR CLOTHING: Dance bags, tee-shirts, tank tops, shorts, leotards and tights are usually in stock and can be purchased throughout the year from the studio. We do not, however, stock sweatshirts. An order form for all of our clothing, as well as company dance wear is attached to this newsletter. These items make **great holiday gifts**. Please fill out the order form and attach payment. Clearly indicate the name to be placed on the items. All names will be embroidered on the sweatshirts and company clothing. An order will be submitted on November 1 and December 1 to insure delivery by the holidays. If the order is a gift, please indicate it on the order form so the package is not handed to your child during a class.

DRESSING ROOMS: Please encourage your children to keep our dressing rooms tidy throughout the day by reinforcing good dressing room behavior, such as storing possessions in a cubby, not on the floor or in the hallways. This prevents confusion and insures that your child returns home with his/her bag. Also, be sure to **put initials inside all dance items**. Do not write on the bottom of the shoe.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Classes at Seven Star School are cancelled due to inclement weather only when we feel it is not safe for you to be on the road with the children. All closings for afternoon classes are broadcast on **WHUD, 100.7 FM** by 1:00 pm (classes starting after 2:30 pm). The following rule applies to morning classes: If Brewster or Danbury schools are cancelled, all morning classes (classes starting prior to 2:30 pm) are cancelled. Decisions concerning afternoon classes will be made as the storm progresses. Cancellations will also be **announced on our studio phone line on extension 7**. If the answering machine doesn't pick up, it's likely that we have no power and you should then listen to the radio station.

COSTUME BILLS: Costumes for our annual dance recital are ordered during the holiday break. A costume bill is attached to this newsletter. **The billed amount reflects the total costume payment due.** The first half payment is due on October 15 and the balance is due on or before December 15. **Costumes will not be ordered without full payment.**

Each child will be measured for their costume(s) during the month of November. The size ordered is determined by matching our measurements with the measurement charts of each costume company. **NOTE:** Dance costumes should not fit like street clothes. We do, however, add an extra inch to all measurements to allow for growth, since most of our students perform many months after costumes are ordered. Occasionally, a small tuck or hem adjustment might be necessary (adjustments are your responsibility).