



## The BareFacts: Fall 2023

### **Calendar:**

Fall Term begins on Monday, September 18 and continues through Friday, February 9.

No classes: Mon, 9/25; Mon, 10/9; Tues, 10/31, Wed - Fri, 11/22 - 24; Tues – Mon, 12/19 – 1/1; Mon, 1/15.

### **Special Days:**

- **Barefoot Welcomes Friends Week, October 2 – 6:** Students are invited to bring a friend to class free-of-charge. Please note this is for regular classes only and does not include Choreolab or Company.
- **Open Class Week, November 13 – 17:** Parents are invited to witness their dancer(s) in dance class. Please note this is not a performance, but an opportunity to observe students in the act of learning.

### **Arrival & Dismissal:**

- The studio opens 15 minutes prior to class time. Please arrive in enough time for students to change and use the bathroom before class starts. In each class, we begin in a specific way to make students feel welcome and to warm up muscles carefully. Missing the beginning of class can disorient a younger child and lead to injury for an older one. Students need to be picked up promptly. Parents arriving late will be charged a fee. See payment policies for details.
- We cannot accommodate play dates in our yard after classes, as they result in inconvenient and sometimes unsafe traffic situations. Please make room for families in the next class to arrive. Thank you for your consideration.
- Students need to be brought to and picked up at the studio door and are not allowed on the driveway without an adult.
- Parents must wait with their child/ren until class begins. Please do not leave children alone.

**Parking:** Traffic is one-way: enter at the Barefoot sign, exit by the buoy. Drive very slowly. To keep traffic flowing, pull all the way down to leave room at the entrance. No backing out onto 9W or blocking the driveway. 2-3 cars may be parked facing the dogwood tree. (You may get boxed in here). 2-3 cars may be parked behind them. 2 cars fit directly in front of Barefoot facing the studio. 2 cars fit by the stone wall as you enter the lot to the right of the driveway. 5-6 cars fit along the left of the driveway across from the house. See map on our website (BareFacts page) or in the studio for clarification.

**Waiting Area:** Parents and supervised children are welcome to enjoy our waiting room and side yard. For safety and insurance reasons, avoid the house and private lawns. Please keep children off trees, stone walls and out of the gardens. Thank you for keeping Barefoot safe for everyone.

**Sick Days:** Contact the studio if your child will be absent for any reason. This courtesy helps with planning.

**Snow Days:** Decisions are made two hours prior to class time. You will receive a group email message if there is a snow day. All weather closings are also listed on Instagram and Facebook.

**Dress Code:** Most importantly, our students need to feel comfortable. Clothing should not distract, shed, or restrict movement. Fitted clothing (leotards and tights) can make guiding students to work within their natural alignment easier for teachers. Legs must be covered to avoid floor burns. All dancers should be barefoot except ballet students who wear ballet slippers.

### **Payment Policies:**

- Registration fee is per semester.
- Class spaces cannot be held without payment.
- Multiple class discounts (for individuals taking more than one class): 2nd class: \$15 discount, 3rd class: \$25 discount, etc.
- Monthly payment plans are available. Add \$20 (per family) per semester to first monthly payment. Payments are due the first class of the month.
- We don't offer pay-per-class arrangements for children. You are signing up for, and therefore agreeing to pay for, the full semester whether or not your child stays in class.
- Late payment fee (initial payments received after first class & monthly payments received after the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month): \$10.
- Late pick-up fee: If you are more than 10 minutes late to pick up your child, there will be a charge of \$10 for every 10 minutes (with a minimum of \$10).
- Returned check fee: \$30.
- The Annual Student Concert video link fee of \$25 is added to spring statements for those enrolled in performance classes.
- No refunds, transfers, or hidden costs.