

Happenings at Hamilton Academy

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Letter from Mrs. Grace

Dear Parents, I cannot believe the 2015-16 School year is almost over and we have worked very hard at preparing our students through developing new technique.

The end of the year Student Showcases will be on Saturday, June 25th or Sunday, June 26th for Twinkle Bears and Twinkle Stars at ULL School of Music, Angelle Hall. Dress rehearsal is mandatory and will be held all day, the day before on Friday, June 24th your child's scheduled time will be distributed later.

We will send out additional packets with the ticket information and send tickets information later. Thanks for your patience.

Please note that because this is not our major concert we will not sell Ads or take pictures for the book. We will only have a program book.

New HAA Registration and Tuition Policy

Upcoming Events

June 11 – HAA Company Auditions

May 20 – Tickets go on sale on Seniors only

May 22 Tickets go on sale online

At the beginning of this school year we implemented a new auto-pay policy to more effectively handle our classroom scheduling each year. We have found that in order to correctly schedule classes we need to know our student population in advance. We will have registration as follows:

1. Early registration for returning students the Month of May.
Registration discount fee \$30.00/student
2. Registration for new students beginning June 1-30 to secure a spot in the class
Registration fee \$30.00/student

Registration after June 30th will be \$35/child for everyone.

All registration must be completed electronically online through our website at hamiltonacademyofthearts.com

Monthly tuition will increase this year by 20% due to increased cost, however if you sign up for Auto-pay your tuition will remain the same because auto pay reduces our administrative and other cost.

We want to save our customers and operate more effectively and be financially responsible as next season is our Heymann Center Concert and they have once again increased their cost. We can no longer allow customers to be 2 months behind on any payments.

June Tuition Due!

There will be a tuition monthly fee due for June because we will have class the entire month.

Please make adjustment in your budget June.



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Special points of interest:

- Student Showcase-June 25th –older students - 6:30pm
- Twinkle Bear/Twinkle Stars, June 26- 5:00pm
- May 15th Costume fees are due. \$10 late fee/costume after the 15th
- June 11th HAA Company Auditions

Performance Company Auditions

We will have company auditions on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

Regular class attendance is required for all company members, this is not optional. All students must arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled audition time to warm up.

Please make sure you have completed your registration application and fee for the 2016-17 school year!

Petite Company requirements- Audition Time - 10:00-11:15am

1. Ages 7-10
Must have 3 years dance experience

2. Must be willing to drive to Lafayette for classes and rehearsals.
3. Must be committed to attending classes regularly
4. Hair must be pulled back into a bun.
5. Black dance skirt is allowed
6. Must be willing to spend the extra money necessary for company travel, competitions, and additional costumes.
7. Attire: Black leotards, pink tights, pink ballet slippers (No short or t-shirts allowed)

Junior Company requirements: Audition Time - 11:30-12:30pm

1. Ages 11-13
2. Must have 4 years dance experience
3. Must meet requirements of 3-7 for Petite Company
4. Attire: Black leotards, tan tights, tan jazz shoes

Senior Company requirements:

Audition Time - 12:45-2:00pm

1. Ages 14-19
2. Must have 5 years dance experience
3. Must meet requirements of 3-7 for Petite Company
4. Attire: Black leotards, tan tights, tan jazz shoes



Free Tuition



We will have a drawing during each show for one year of FREE tuition next year! The drawing will be for those students who register by May 31st.

Senior Company requirements: Audition Time - 12:45-2:00pm

1. Ages 14-19
2. Must have 5 years dance experience
3. Must meet requirements of 3-7 for Petite Company
4. Attire: Black leotards, tan tights, tan jazz shoes

Attendance

When a dancer is absent it not only hurts the progress of that student, it also inhibits the progress of the entire class. This time of year is extremely important for attendance.

Parents of ALL students, the dress code will be enforced until the last day of classes. Please make an effort to follow it. This is for attire and shoes.

"God's Love and Divine Purpose for our lives always just a quiet moment away"

Concert Fees and Tickets



This year each family is responsible for purchasing tickets for the show. The ticket price is \$10/person. This year the required ticket amount is only 6 tickets/family. Tickets must be purchased online. Details will be forthcoming. Once you pay the \$60 fee you will receive 7 tickets this includes 1 free complimentary student ticket for each performer. No one will be admitted into the theater without a ticket, this includes the performers, parents,

staff and backstage help. If you volunteered to help backstage you will need a backstage pass and a ticket to sit out into the audience to watch the show.

These are policies that must be followed

You must purchase the 6 tickets for your child to receive their free ticket. You can give them away or have family and friends reimburse you for them but they must be paid for up front.

No tickets will be sold at the door. There will be security on hand.

1. Everyone must have a ticket to enter. If a child has celebrated their

2nd Birthday, the child needs a ticket. A child under the age of two (2) do not need a ticket to enter.

2. NO photography. This includes video cameras, cameras and cell phones. All purses and/or bags are subject to be searched.

3. Fire Marshall's guidelines are for the aisles to be cleared at all times. Ticket holders must be seated at all times.

4. Each dancer is obligated to receive 1 free ticket. Each family is required to purchase 6 tickets at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket. Parents can also purchase up to 2 additional tickets at the same cost. Seniors and Dance Graduates can purchase up to 15 tickets. If do not need them let us

Before May 20th. Senior Tickets will go on Sale May 20th.

5. Tickets will be available to the general public on May 22.

6. Ticket guidelines states that Parents are not allowed to pick up tickets for another parent.

If your child is performing in both performances they are only required to purchase 3 tickets for each showcase for a total of 6 tickets like everyone else.

Happy Birthday to all our January-May



January Birthdays

Miaka Compton
Alexis Edmond
Alaina Shaffer
Zakiya Sonnier
McKaylin Antoine
Kourtney Sion
Bella Offord
Jermenee Fluence
Jalea Solomon
Jalasia Dominick
Brylee Sanders

February Birthdays

Lauren Polk
Rori Broussard

Kameryn Breaux
Oneia Fuselier
Christiana Johnson
Lyniah Batiste
Jaidyn Henry
Alaya Christian
Caitlyn Comeaux
Jacy Bennette
Kamari Butler
Nea Garrison
Deveon Davis
Josie Young

March Birthdays

Cristany Batiste
Shermynae Jones
Jeniya Johnson
Jamila Jenkins
Quincy Simon
Chloe Simpson
Jayda Alexander

Ja'Liyah Griffin
Thomas Michael Babineaux
Kaitlyn Gradnigo
Laina Alderson
Jayden Bernard
Kaitlyn Soileau
Morgan Bryant
Aryanna Dugas
Jonaiya Adeniran

April Birthdays

Kaylee Sam
Nakarri Joseph
Caedynce Lavine
Jordan DeJean
Amyrie Lewis
jakayla castile
Brie Jones
Nylah Webster
Tamiyah Thomas
Kassidy Black

May Birthdays

Kristen Sylvester
Kimora Birotte
Courtlynn Thomas
Arianna Ramson
Brielle Jones
Lillyanna Castille
Lydia Castille
Jacolby Jefferson
A'miyah Wilridge
Karly Lamb
A'rayna Baloney
Amiyah Martin
Eryale Ozenne

Student Corner



Congrats to **Angela Thomas** who has been accepted into Southeastern University in Hammond, LA. She will be trying out for the Dance Team. Angela has served on the OHS Dance team for 2 years. She has received numerous awards which will be acknowledged at the Awards Ceremony.

Congrats to one of HAA's very own **April Pruitt** received another academic award last night. She made a 32 on her ACT. April has received a Full Scholarship to ULL. She has served on the OHS Dance Team for 4 years and 2 years as Captain. April has received numerous awards. We will list them in the award ceremony.



Congrats Zyria Guillory for being selected by Pulse Competition to continue her dance career in New York this summer. Zyria's accomplishments will be listed at awards ceremony.

Congratulations to our students selected to the Dance Team or Cheerleading Squad for the 2016-17 School year:

1. Angelique Avilla-Northwest High School-Dance Team



2. Faith Mayfield-Opelousas Catholic High School -Vikettes. Faith has also been accepted and received a scholarship this summer for the At the Well Leadership Academy at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

3. Courtlynn Thomas-Cheer Squad-David Thibodeaux. She has also been accepted into the City of Lafayette Leadership Program.



Alumni Corner

Hamilton Academy Alumni

Congrats to Brandy Lemelle on her new marriage.

Congrats Alicia Joseph on her upcoming wedding.

Congrats to Harmony Lyles for being nominated for the President's Faculty Fellowship Scholar.

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Summer Closing

Please remember that we are closed during the summer for the Months of July and August.

Registration is NOW online at hamiltonacademyofthearts.com and sign up for auto-pay to keep your tuition the same.