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RECREATIONAL DANCE

Get ready for an amazing year, it will be filled with exciting performances, parades and recitals.

Becoming a South Texas Strutter (STS) is often the first opportunity to share a common bond and a close relationship with others. Learning what it means to work closely with other students and sharing in accomplishments are all part of being in a dance class. All Strutters and parents must uphold all guidelines established for the STS organization.

Commitment and dedication is encouraged by all Strutters. Parents support, understanding and positive attitudes will influence the student's experience. Being a Strutter has certain demands on a family in terms of time (occasionally weekends and holidays), money, and emotional involvement, but we hope you will find it a rewarding and enriching experience.

Every effort is made to keep expenses reasonable, however there are costs associated with a dance class. In an effort to ease the financial burden there are fundraising opportunities to help defray expenses.

Parents and students should always address their concerns with the executive director or owner(s). Many problems arise from simple misunderstandings, and there are always improvements to be made, so communication is the way to solve any problem.

We are all part of the STS family. Cherish it and protect it – your words and actions should reflect our family's positive image. We are a large family and we must respect each person's individuality while recognizing that we must always consider what is best for the group as a whole. By working together, we will have a successful STS year.

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2021-2022 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The South Texas Strutters(STS) is a subsidiary of South Texas B3, LLC (B3).

- ★ STS offers recreational and competitive classes
- ★ Recreational members may attend class, parades, outside performances, STS Christmas Recital, and STS Annual Recital

All ages are based on the Student's age as of 9/1/21

Tutu: 18 months-2 years old

Tot: 3-4 years old

Tiny: 5-6 years old

Mini: 7-9 years old

Youth 10-18 years old

*we have the right to combine any age level

* Strutters do not have the option to dance up an age division, but may choose to dance down an age division.

**For Class Schedule & Descriptions
visit**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recreational Fees

All fees are non refundable. It is required that all Strutters have a credit card on their STS accounts. Statements will be emailed every Friday if you have a balance on your account. All accounts must be current to participate in any event.

Tuition

- Tuition is due on the 5th of each month.
- Annual membership fee - \$50.00 - charged at initial registration
- Tuition - \$55.00 monthly (for a weekly 45 min-1 hour class)
- After your first 1 hour weekly class, additional classes are 1/2 price
- Tuition is based on a monthly schedule of classes

Tuition Late Fee

- All credit cards on Strutter accounts will be ran on the 5th of every month.
- If your account is past due on the 6th of the month, a \$15 non payment fee will be charged to your account & class suspension will be in effect until a response with a payment date is received.
- If payment has not been made to your credit card will automatically be processed on the 10th and 15th until payment is received.
(a \$15 non payment fee will be applied per declined transaction)
- All accounts not current on the 16th of every month will become inactive. All inactive students will be dropped from all registered classes and required to re-register.

Other Fees

- A \$30.00 charge on all returned checks.
- A \$1.00 charge for over the phone parent portal assistance.
- A \$1.00 per minute charge for early drop off or late pick up fee.
- Recital Costumes - \$65 per costume. Total cost will be divided into 3 equal payments charged in Dec, Jan, and Feb.
- Optional Private Lessons: \$40.00 an hour for 1 student
(plus \$10.00 for each additional student-5 students max)

Discounts

- Siblings of the same household receive a 10% family discount on monthly tuition
- 25% off most merchandise in Dance Showcase and the online Strutter Store.
(August ONLY)

Fundraising

- There are optional fundraisers to help defray the expenses of dance.
- 90% of fundraiser profits (40% of total sales) will be applied to the Strutter's account.

Season

The recreational season begins the day after Labor Day and runs through the annual recital.

Attendance Policy

All Strutters are strongly encouraged to attend all practices, performances, and other events. Each student is valued and must be counted on to be present at all times. We understand there will be times you will miss class, please notify us if this happens. Multiple absences may result in a private lesson at the discretion of the instructor. All Strutters are encouraged to practice independently outside of regularly scheduled practice times. Choreography for Christmas Show and Annual Recital can be found on our website. Private lessons are available (at an additional cost).

Christmas Recital- TBA

You will need to RSVP to the Annual Recital email. (Sept-Oct) Creating your own costume may be required (more info to follow). Tickets will be available to purchase online prior to event.

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Annual Recital – TBA

You will need to RSVP to the Annual Recital email. Costumes are required (see details above in “Other Fees”). Tickets will be available to purchase online prior to event.

Classroom Dress Code

Any form-fitting dance top and dance bottoms are preferred. Strutters are welcome to express themselves with colors and styles! Tee shirts and denim bottoms are not acceptable dance wear. Hair must be pulled up, back and away from the face. Socks are not acceptable dance shoes.

Recreational Class Descriptions

Ballet & Tap [CLICK HERE TO VIEW REQUIRED SHOES](#)

Students are introduced to the beginnings of ballet in a positive and creative environment. Students focus on developing strength, flexibility, musicality and the joy of dance. Tap is an indigenous American dance form, with emphasis on rhythm, it is a fun and exciting opportunity for students to build physical coordination and musicality.

- 1 time a week
- 1 routine in the Christmas Recital
- 2 routines in the Annual Recital
- 2 Annual Recital costumes
- Any style or color of dancewear
- White Ballet Slippers and Black Tap Shoes

Jazz & Hip Hop [CLICK HERE TO VIEW REQUIRED SHOES](#)

Our Jazz and Hip Hop classes combine the classic style of Jazz dance and the fresh new moves of Hip Hop. Using popular and current music the students start learning dances and choreography quickly as well as learning various dance elements. Our version of hip hop/jazz dance is extremely tasteful and clean and our priority is offering age-appropriate material.

- 1 time a week
- 1 routine in the Christmas Recital
- 2 routines in the Annual Recital
- 2 Annual Recital costumes
- Any style or color of Dancewear
- Half Soles and STS Hip Hop Shoes

Lyrical & Prop [CLICK HERE TO VIEW REQUIRED SHOES](#)

Our Lyrical and Prop class will introduce dancers to various styles of dance with props and focus of lyrical technique. This class will encourage students to dance outside of the box and bring their own personality to each movement. Props will include poms, fans, canes, and more! We pride ourselves on being a family oriented dance studio and go out of our way to find clean age-appropriate music.

- 1 time a week
- 1 routine in the Christmas Recital
- 2 routines in the Annual Recital
- 2 Annual Recital costumes
- Any style or color of Dancewear
- Half Soles

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Tutu Tumble

This class offers young children an introduction to the fundamentals of tumbling that will provide the building blocks necessary for their potential development in dance and overall fitness. By learning the benefits of flexibility, balance, strength, and body control inherent in all aspects of tumbling, your child will be better equipped to safely enjoy and excel in all of his or her future athletic endeavors.

- 1 time a week
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Christmas Recital
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Annual Recital
- Any style or color of Dancewear
- No shoes are required

Acro

This dance style combines classical ballet techniques with fluid movements and tricks such as cartwheels, aerials, handsprings, backbends and the splits. It is a blend of dance and gymnastics that requires you to build great strength, control and flexibility.

- 1 time a week
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Christmas Recital
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Annual Recital
- Any style or color of Dancewear
- No shoes are required

Technique

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW REQUIRED SHOES](#)

Students will learn to enhance their endurance, style, form and technique while exploring a variety of dance genres. Each week, the class will concentrate on different aspects of dance, striving to improve their overall technical ability. The class will consist of improving turns, leaps and various other elements.

- 1 time a week
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Christmas Recital
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Annual Recital
- Any style or color of Dancewear
- Half Soles

Drill Team Prep

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW REQUIRED SHOES](#)

This class will prepare dancers for drill team. Students will learn proper technique of the following skills; Leaps, Turns, Showmanship, Jazz Technique, Kicks, and Splits.

The class will help develop coordination, body form, flexibility, rhythm and balance. Students will be able to develop the proper background for trying out for drill team or just to improve in their dance technique. Our students have great success in making the drill team.

- 1 time a week
- DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN Christmas Recital
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- Any style or color of Dancewear
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All Boys Hip Hop & Acro [CLICK HERE TO VIEW REQUIRED SHOES](#)

This class allows the boys to call dance their own. Students will learn fun new moves to upbeat music. They will learn to master acro moves used in hip hop dance, such as head springs, cartwheels, and floor stalls. This fun and upbeat class will allow boys to express themselves in a positive way.

- 1 time a week
- 1 routine in the Christmas Recital
- 1 routines in the Annual Recital
- 1 Annual Recital costumes
- Any style or color of Dancewear
- STS Hip Hop Shoes

Optional Events, Parades and Outside Performances

Visit the STS online Calendar at www.wheredancingisfun.com for events, parades and outside performances dates & times. All Strutters must purchase the STS mandatory dancewear and items (see below) to participate in events, parades and outside performances. Visit Dance Showcase or shop our online Strutter Store at www.wheredancingisfun.com.

Recreational Mandatory Dancewear & Items

The South Texas Strutters perform as a team at many local parades and events throughout the year. It is mandatory that we dress as a team when we perform. All orders will be placed online or in Dance Showcase. See website for pricing and sizing. Receive a 25% discount if order is placed in August and September only! All orders not picked up 90 days after notification will be returned to inventory, with NO REFUND.

Required Items

- Hair Bow (NEW)
- Earrings
- Pom Poms
- Light Sticks
- STS Forever Tee
- Team Leggings
- Parade Shoes
- Team Jacket (Optional)
- BOYS – Dance Pants

Strutter Behavior

In order to run a productive class each student must display good behavior while at the studio or representing the studio at any outside event. All students are expected to follow the instructor's directions at the first request. Respect must be shown to all: classmates, instructors, parents, etc. When a student does not meet these expectations, they will be asked to leave the classroom until they feel they can correct the issue at hand. If a student is asked to leave the classroom more than once during a class period, they will be asked to call a parent and leave for the day.

Strutter Parent/Guest Behavior

If a guest is disruptive or disrespectful to a staff member, student, fellow Strutter parent, or other patrons at any event attended by South Texas Strutters, they will be asked to leave the event.

Social Media

Both STS Parents and Students are required to keep all social media concerning Strutters positive. Failure to do so could result in dismissal from class.

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Observed Holidays

We observe Labor Day, Halloween Day, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, Spring Break, Memorial Day. Bad weather days are based on public school's decisions.

Observation Windows

We encourage parents to use our observation windows (if available) to watch their children. No visitors are allowed in the classroom. Please be quiet and respectful to others when in the observation area. If you do see a problem, please notify a staff member immediately.

Safety

We are NOT responsible for your child before or after class time. Please instruct your child to remain inside the studio when not in class. Parents will be charged a late pickup/early drop off fee. No one may be left at the studio outside of class time without parental supervision.

Victoria: Children are not allowed in Dance Showcase without parental supervision.

Communication

STS communication is via email, info@southtexasstrutters.com. Other means of communication, but not as effective as email; Like the South Texas Strutter Facebook page, visit our website at www.wheredancingisfun.com, view our **CALENDAR**, or text us at 361-576-4425.

Parent Portal

Every Strutter family has a parent portal. Use this portal to:

- Update personal contact information
- Make a payment
- Check your account
- Add a class
- Review your schedule
- Verify show time
- If you need to drop a class, please email us at info@southtexasstrutters.com

Treat Bag

Each week the treat bag will be given to a Strutter to take home. Your Strutter will return the treat bag the following week with the number of individually wrapped treats stated on the bag. Applies to recital classes only.

Pandemic Information

STS reserves the right to switch to a virtual class format due to a pandemic shutdown. STS will follow the CDC guidelines for all in class information. For more information please visit the CDC website www.cdc.gov.

Dance Showcase

Summer Hours:

Monday – Thursday 10:30 to 2:30

Fall Hours:

Monday – Thursday 10:30 to 6:30

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