



SSD Footnotes



An Update From Sheryl's School of Dance

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Visitor Viewing

During the first lesson of each month the windows



are open for viewing classes. Please come to

watch your dancer's progress!

What to Wear

Proper dance attire is required for all dance lessons. Your child should wear a leotard, tights, and appropriate shoes for the class. Dance shorts are also acceptable. Please refrain from wearing ripped, tattered or inappropriate clothing to dance.



Welcome Dancers!

It's hard to believe, but the new dance season is upon us. To all our new students and parents, we'd like to welcome you to SSD. And to all your returning families, welcome back. We look forward to a fun and rewarding year at the studio.

Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter for important information, along with some fun facts, about our studio. We'll keep you up to date on all the happenings at SSD—future issues of *SSD Footnotes* will be posted on our website at www.sherlysdance.com.

Thank you for choosing Sheryl's. Celebrating 48 years of dance instruction, we're aiming to make this our best year yet. Let's dance!

Miss Sheryl, Mrs. Hahn, Miss Jackie and Miss Julie



Sheryl's Shining Stars—On the Road to Success



Nicole Blaszczyk, Miss Wayne County; Miss Dance of Michigan 2008; Finalist, Miss Dance of America

Sheryl's very own Nicole Blaszczyk was crowned Miss Wayne County this month and will compete in the Miss Michigan pageant next June. Nicole is also the reigning Miss Dance of Michigan and placed as second runner up among contestants from around the country in the Miss Dance of America pageant held in Orlando, Florida this summer. Nicole, 21, has been a student at Sheryl's for 18 years and also teaches dance at the studio.

Along with her dance commitments, Nicole is a full-time student at Wayne State University, where she studies business. She has plans to continue on for her MBA after graduation next spring. In the meantime, Nicole has no

intentions to give up dance anytime soon. Her talent, enthusiasm, and charm are sure to take her far.



Fred Diaz, Mr. Dance of Michigan, EDGE Performing Arts Center Scholarship Student

Congratulations to Fred, Mr. Dance of Michigan, who most recently was selected as a backup dancer for Rihanna. Fred performed with Rihanna at the 2008 Video Music Awards on September 7.

Through a scholarship he earned last year, Fred just completed a year at the esteemed EDGE Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles, California. He performed with the EDGE company this summer in Los Angeles. Fred plans to continue pursuing a professional career in dance.

Where to Shop

We strongly recommend our students shop at **Dance World** in Livonia for all dance needs. The knowledgeable, friendly and responsive staff are happy to help you.

Dance World is located on Middlebelt Road just north of Seven Mile.

Missing Classes

If your child needs to miss a dance lesson, please call the studio as soon as possible so we can excuse the absence and determine an appropriate make-up class.

Making Payments

Tuition payments are due upon the first dance lesson of each month. Please be sure to pay on time to avoid late fees. The studio accepts cash, checks, and most credit cards. You will be issued a receipt for all payments.



Halloween Parties

Halloween parties will begin the week of October 27. Students may wear costumes over their dance clothes. Treats to pass out to the class are welcomed!



Erin Wheeler, Junior Miss Michigan

Erin Wheeler was awarded the Junior Miss Michigan title this past year, and competed in the Junior Miss America pageant this summer in Mobile, Alabama. Erin studied dance at Sheryl's for 13 years. She graduated from Ladywood High School this past June and now attends Central Michigan University, where she's a member of the CMU dance team.

Holiday Breaks

The studio will be **closed** on these dates:

- Halloween: Friday, October 31, 2008
- Thanksgiving Break: Thursday, November 27- Saturday, November 29, 2008. Classes resume on Monday, December 1.
- Christmas: Tuesday, December 23, 2008 – Sunday, January 4, 2009. Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.
- Memorial Day: Friday, May 26 – Monday, May 29, 2009

Make-up classes will be scheduled for classes missed during the Thanksgiving and Memorial Day breaks.

The studio will remain **open** during all **winter and spring breaks in 2009**.

Recital News

Our 2009 recital will be held once again at West Bloomfield High School, located on Orchard Lake Road just north of Walnut Lake Road (16 Mile). Please mark these important dates in your calendar:

- Costume Deposits: Due by the end of October
- Ticket Lottery and Ticket Sales: April, 2009
- Rehearsal: Monday, June 22, 2009
- Recital: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 23-25, 2009
- Parent Meetings for Costumes: Week of May 4, 2009 (meeting prior to each class)

Bring A Friend to Dance Class

Students wishing to bring a friend to watch or participate in a class may do so the first week of October. Please see the front desk for a form to be completed prior to your friend's visit.

Studio Rental for Birthday Parties

Our studio is available for party rentals on weekends to our students' families. Let us help you plan a unique birthday party for your son or daughter. We provide you with the dance area and space for you to bring in pizza and/or ice cream and cake. Studio rooms are available in 2½-hour time slots. For an additional fee, we'll provide a teacher to assist you in making your child's birthday a special day. For rates and schedules, please contact Ms. Sheryl.

Embellished Logo Tees Now Available

The studio now sells rhinestone-embellished black tee shirts. These quality, stylish tees come in adult sizes only and cost \$25.00. Please see Miss Sheryl if you're interested in placing an order by October 25, 2008.