



March 22, 2020

Dear 4SDA Parents and Students!

We hope that you are all well and keeping healthy. We have missed all of our students and 4SDA families so much this past week, and have kept each and every student in our hearts and mind. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time, as we have been busy working behind the scenes have not been able to update everyone as quickly and as often as we would like. **Please read this ENTIRE email as we are providing important information regarding online classes, tuition and the recital.**

Our goals during the COVID-19 crisis are:

- To keep everyone safe.
- To bring continuity, connection, and calm to the children.
- To respect and retain our faculty and staff.
- To stay in business so our dancers have their home studio to come back to when this all passes.

As things are changing quickly across all our communities and we work with the state order to collectively flatten the curve, 4S Dance Academy's studio operations will remain closed to continue to ensure the health and safety of our community. That being said, we will continue to be a supportive, and a creative outlet, for our students and our 4SDA Family in ways that are both familiar and new.

ONLINE VIDEO, ACTIVITIES, LIVE CLASSES & MORE!

We have spent this past week working tirelessly to ensure your child has access to many dance resources while they are stuck at home. They will love having new and evolving dance activities and you will love that they are occupied, learning and having fun in a safe and familiar environment. You can access the resources through the new password protected Students Page on our website. The resources include fun dance exercises, combos, games, activities and so much more. Please check it out if you have not already and contact the studio for the password:

<https://4sdanceacademy.com/student-page/>

Additionally, we were able to test and stream a few live classes through our Instagram account @4sdance which we hope your dancer was able to enjoy! If you missed the live stream, it was only the beginning, as there is so much more to come. We know that this can be an incredibly stressful time for children, and our goal is to bring a sense of routine and normalcy, as we stream dance classes directly to your homes!

Starting tomorrow, March 23rd, 4SDA will be will be hosting livestream classes through Zoom! You don't need a social media account as you can only access the livestream classes through your parent portal. You don't even have to setup a free Zoom account, although we do recommend it for a more secure and

reliable connection. We are working on a separate email regarding Zoom's features and troubleshooting tips, but ***make a note that you will access the livestream through your Parent Portal.***

Students will be invited to take ALL of the live ballet classes that are offered for their level each week (for instance, if your student is signed up for the Monday Division 1 ballet class, they can take the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes). Please note that our live class schedule does NOT follow what was your dancers spring class schedule, so please plan accordingly. Classes will be a bit shorter in length as students will have limited space and class time will go much faster without stopping for questions, taking turns going across the floor, bathroom break interruptions etc. Additionally, LIVE classes will require more energy for our teachers as they will be demonstrating everything full out for the entire class so students will have someone to watch.

Our new "Online Class Schedule" will be posted online and available for you to download soon. Please note that it is subject to change as we figure out what is working best.

Monday

3:30pm D2/3 Lyrical
3:30pm Elementary / D1 Ballet
4:45pm D4/5 Ballet + Pointe
4:45pm Mini Hip-Hop
5:30pm Pri-Ele-D1-Youth Jazz
6:15pm D4/5 Jazz

Tuesday

3:30pm D2/Youth Ballet
3:30pm D3/Teen Ballet
4:00pm Lilacs
4:45pm D3 Pre-Pointe
5:00pm ALL Tap
5:30pm Eleve Conditioning + Class

Wednesday

11:15am Rosebud / Bluebells
12:00pm Lilacs
3:30pm Elementary / D1 Ballet
4:30pm Primary
4:45pm Div 4/5 Ballet + Pointe
6:00pm Musical Theater ALL

Thursday

3:30pm D2/Youth Ballet
3:30pm D3/Teen Ballet
4:45pm Div 2/3 PBT
5:30pm Eleve Conditioning + Class
5:30pm Ele/Div 1/Youth Lyrical
6:15pm Div 4/5 Lyrical

Friday

3:30pm Elementary/D1 Ballet
3:30pm Youth/Teen Hip Hop
4:30pm Primary
4:30pm Tween Yoga

4:45pm Div 4/5 Ballet + Pointe
5:30pm Div 2/3 Jazz
5:30pm Adult Yoga

Saturday

10:00am Rosebuds / Bluebells
11:00 am Lilacs / Primary
9:30am Adult Cardio Hip Hop
10:15am Div 5 Contemporary
11:30am Div 2/3/4 Contemporary
11:30am Div 5 Ballet + Pointe

Parents, we know you are feeling the stress and chaos of everything around you, so we would like to also offer you a few classes to enjoy free of charge. These classes will include meditation, yoga, mat pilates, and more. You deserve it, and we will keep you posted on times and dates.

TUITION

These unprecedented times call for extreme measures and we are all trying to figure out how to survive. We continue to work overtime to minimize the impact to our 4SDA families and more importantly our students, by keeping them dancing. They are experiencing enough loss and uncertainty, we don't want our students, your children, to lose out on dance as well. Our goal is to give our students a sense of stability by finding ways to keep them active in dance. We've always truly believed in nurturing our student's passion for dance as our experience has proven it can pave a positive outlook on life, even when looking ahead toward an uncertain future. Given the current health and economic crisis, we all can use more of that right now!

All of that being said, we still need the means to pay our rent, bills, and our amazing teachers. Our next monthly tuition payment is due on April 1st, and we will be implementing "pay what you can".... If you can pay your regular full tuition, PLEASE DO! If you have lost your job and can only pay partial tuition, let us know what you can afford and we will do our best to work with you. If you are secure in your job and can contribute an additional \$5, \$20, \$100, it would be greatly appreciated to help your fellow 4SDA families who are experiencing hardship at this time. We are all in this together, and we need to come together make sure 4S Dance Academy is still your dancer's home studio once all of this is done! Communication is key and we are here to answer all of your tuition questions.

RECITAL

The spring recital has not been cancelled or postponed at this time. Please know that even though the recital date is months away, we have an ongoing dialogue with the theatre venue and the City of Escondido and have contingency dates for a postponed recital if needed. Everyone's safety during this health crisis is a top priority. Your dancer has worked hard all school year and as you know, they were likely already dancing with excitement about the costumes and the performance. Rehearsals for all of their recital pieces were underway and the experience of performing on the big stage is always truly rewarding and something they look forward to. We don't want them to lose out on that as so many other things in their lives have been cancelled. We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you posted. Many of the costumes have already arrived and we are planning costume reveals for future online fun!

Let us know if you have any other questions. We are here for you and all of our amazing 4SDA family!

Jason & Shay