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Non-Competitive Classes

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 and frustrations 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 required by all Strutters. A student must have the support and the understanding of their parent(s) and the decision to join should be thoroughly discussed. 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 an enriching experience.

When a child becomes a student, their entire family becomes involved as supporters, spectators, and helpers.

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

Each student will have their triumphs and disappointments, and the love and support of their family will be important. Celebrate their triumphs – they have worked hard to earn them. Console them during disappointments, but remember that learning to deal with frustration and pressures are part of the maturation process. Your positive attitude will influence your child's reactions to their experiences.

Parents and students should always address their concerns with the 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. We must be willing to "give and take" for the sake of the class. By working together, we will have a successful STS year.



2013 – 2017 Best Dance Studio & Best Youth Coach

2017-2018 Enrollment Information

The South Texas Strutters(STS) is a subsidiary of Debbie Bennett Green School of Dancing (DBGSD).

- STS offers non-competitive and competitive classes.
- Non-competitive members attend class, parades, outside performances, STS Christmas performance and the STS annual recital.

Ages as of 9/1/17

- Tot: 18 months–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

**For Class Schedule
visit
www.wheredancingisfun.com**

Fees

All fees are non-refundable

All fees are based on a monthly schedule of classes and are payable at the first of each month.

Tuition

- Registration Fee: - \$20.00 (one-time annual fee)
- Tuition-\$50.00 monthly
 - After your first 1-hour weekly class, additional classes are ½ price
 - Siblings of the same household receive a 10% discount off total family monthly tuition.

Other Fees:

- Late Fee – Tuition is due on the 1st of each month, after the 10th is a \$10.00 late fee.
- Annual Recital Costumes Fees – Approx. \$60.00 + tax per costume
- Annual Recital Fee: \$10.00 (to help defer the cost of dressers)
- Rehearsal Fee - if additional rehearsals are scheduled.
- A \$30.00 charge on all returned checks.
- A \$1.00 charge for payments made over the phone.
- A \$1.00 per minute charge for every minute that your child is left before or after class.
- Privates - \$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% discount off total family monthly tuition
- Mandatory Dancewear - 25% discount will be given if ordered on or before deadline.
- 25% off most merchandise in Dance Showcase (registration through the end of September)

Season

The non competitive classes begin the day after Labor Day thru May 24.

Commitment

All Strutters and parents are expected to take this commitment seriously - failure to do so will affect every member of the class.

Classmates are expected to fulfill their obligation to their class by completing the entire season.

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 attending sister class or taking a private at the discretion of the instructor.

Accounts

Statements will be emailed every Friday. All accounts must be current to participate in any event. If your account is past due, please remember communication becomes very important in order to resolve the issue. Accounts past due beyond 30 days may result in dismissal from the team.

Fundraising

There are optional fundraisers to help defray the expenses of dance.

Practice Requirements

All Strutters are expected to practice independently outside of regularly scheduled practice times. Choreography for Christmas Performance and Annual Recital will be found on our website. Private lessons are available (at an additional cost).

Events, Parades and Outside Performances

Visit the STS On Line Calendar at www.wheredancingisfun.com for events, parades and outside performances dates & times.

Mandatory Dress Code

All Strutters must purchase the STS mandatory dancewear and items to participate in events, parades and outside performances (shop our online Strutter Store at www.wheredancingisfun.com).

Class Room Dress Code

Required Classroom Dancewear - See Below

Annual Recital Costumes

All Strutters will be charged for our annual Recital costumes (3 payments Dec, Jan, Feb) and a \$10.00 Recital Fee. If you choose NOT to participate in our annual Recital call Dance Showcase at 361-576-4425 by Dec 15, 2017 and we will reverse the charges.

Hair must be pulled up, back and away from the face.

Tee shirts are not acceptable dance wear.

Socks are not acceptable dance shoes.

Non Competitive Class Descriptions & Required Class Room Dancewear

Tots – Mini Ballet & Tap Class

- 1 time a week – 45 minutes (Tots) 1 hour (Tiny – Mini)
- Ballet and Tap
- 2 routines in the annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Ballet and Tap Shoes

Tots & Tiny Jazz/Hip Hop

- 1 time a week – 45 minutes (Tots) 1 hour (Tiny)
- Jazz and Hip Hop
- 2 routines in the annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Half Soles

Tot – Senior Dance Acro Class*

- 1 time a week – 30 minutes (Tots) 45 minutes (Tiny-Youth)
- Acrobatics used in dance
- Will not participate in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Barefooted

Mini – Youth Dance Variety (Variety of Styles)

- 1 time a week – 1 hours
- Technique, Leaps, Turns and Tricks
- 2 routines in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Half Soles

Mini – Youth Hip Hop Class

- 1 time a week – 45 minutes
- Technique and Tricks
- 1 routine in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Tennis Shoes or Half Soles

Tiny – Youth Open Ballet

- 1 time a week – 30 minutes
- Technique, Barre and Center Work
- Will not participate in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any, we recommend leotards and tights. Footwear: Half Sole or Ballet Slippers

Tiny – Youth Open Technique

- 1 time a week – 1 hour
- Technique, Leaps, Turns and Tricks
- Will not participate in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Half Sole

Tiny – Youth Open Flexibility

- 1 time a week – 30 minutes
- Stretches to do the splits, touch your toes, move with greater ease, and much more.
- Will not participate in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Half Sole

Tiny – Youth Dance 4 Strength

- 1 time a week – 30 minutes
- Strengthen and Conditioning for dancers
- Will not participate in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any Footwear: Half Sole

Tiny – Youth Ballet 4 Strength

- 1 time a week – 30 minutes
- This class combines traditional ballet technique and various workout routines using training equipment.
- Will not participate in annual recital
- Dancewear: Any, we recommend leotards and tights. Footwear: Pointe Shoes

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 Victoria Strutters, they will be asked to leave the event.

Community Service

Our studio will "adopt" a local community service agency each year. Participation in community service events is optional.

Holidays (follow VISD)

We observe Labor Day, Halloween (afternoon classes only), Thanksgiving, Christmas, 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, and/or visit our website at www.wheredancingisfun.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 treats stated on the bag.

Dance Showcase

Summer Hours:	Monday – Friday 10:30 to 2:30
Fall Hours:	Monday – Friday 10:30 to 5:30

Mandatory Dancewear & Items

The South Texas Strutters perform as a team at many events in Victoria throughout the year.

It is mandatory that we dress as a team when we perform.

All orders will be placed online – order instructions will be emailed.

You will receive a 25% discount if order is placed on or before set deadline) Prices are estimated and do not include tax.

Hair Bow (same as last year)	\$10.00
Earrings (same as last year)	\$10.00
Pom Poms (same as last year)	\$15.00 (Set of 2)
Light Sticks* (TBA)	\$20.00 (Set of 2)
STS Forever Tee (new this year)	\$20.00
Team Jacket* (May use same as last year)	\$46.00 CS – AXL XXL and Up Additional Charge
Team Pants* (May use same as last year)	\$37.50 CS – AXL XXL – XXXL Additional Charge
BOYS – Dance Shorts* (same as last year)	\$18.50 CS – CL \$22.50 AXS – AXL
Parade Shoes* – (NEW)	\$TBA

NOTICE

All orders not picked up 90 days after notification will be returned to inventory, with NO REFUND.

**Subject to change*