

The Dancer's Page

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www.StaceysDanceStudio.com

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Remind Your Dancers:

- ◆ There are other classes going on when you arrive to dance. Respect the instructors class time and keep talking down to a whisper.
- ◆ If you bring snacks and/or drinks to the studio, please clean up after yourself and throw away ALL your trash.
- ◆ Store all your bags, jackets, and other gear in the provided cubbies keeping the benches and floors clear.

Greetings from Stacey



Welcome to the start of another fabulous year! My hope is everyone is getting settled and into a "routine" with schedules once again. I'm so thankful that Andrea Blizman took the "idea" of a studio newsletter and ran with it. Of course her vision far exceeded anything that I could have imagined. One of the amazing things that I love and appreciate about our studio staff is each person brings a beautiful piece of themselves and their unique talents to our dance community. We are far from perfect but our ultimate goal is to offer a safe place for your children to come and

learn, be challenged and most of all develop friendships that far exceed our studio walls. We need to always strive to improve and grow and learn from every experience. Each month I will challenge everyone to a "Virtue" to improve upon. This month the virtue is: Perseverance: Having the patience and determination to keep trying even when you face difficulties. I miss the days where I can kiss the "boo boo" or sadness away from one of my children. Now with two adult age children and one in high school my mommy lecture is, "Life doesn't always go according to plan A, so let's look at plan B, and possibly C and D! Either way remember that life isn't easy and most importantly just keep moving forward, keep working hard and never give up." Thank you for bringing your children to our studio. My hope is that they will be blessed and this dance experience will be a positive one!

Love,

Ms. Stacey

Pay It Forward

God has blessed each of us with unique gifts. Part of our challenge on earth is to discover our gift and find a way to share our gift with others. The older brother of one of our Strutters has offered to be available for **free**

tutoring services from 4:30-6:30 Wednesdays and Fridays.

Stacey has graciously offered the studio reception area to be available for his services. Jake is a thirteen year old pre-AP straight A student at Riverwood

Middle School. He is comfortable tutoring all subjects, grades 2nd through 6th. We challenge you and your dancer to discover your gift and share with us how you found a way to "pay it forward" and give Him the glory.

Monthly Philanthropy

Stacey's Dance Studio will be conducting a philanthropy benefiting Pine Shadow Nursing Home in Porter during the month of September. We are asking for donations to help the elderly residents, as basic necessities such as lotion and Kleenex are not provided. We will have a drop

off box in the office for you to place your donations. This will be an ongoing drive and you can donate as much or as little as you desire.

We would also like the students to make a card, draw a picture, or color a coloring book page

for the residents. Most of them never receive visitors or mail from family members. These cards and pictures will help "brighten" their rooms and their "hearts".

"It is more blessed to give than receive." Acts 20:35

10 Things Your Dance Teacher Might Not Tell You

1. Teachers want students to succeed, regardless of who they are or how they look. This reflects positively on the teacher as well as on the dancers and the studio as a whole.
2. You will never know how hard teachers work outside of the studio. Research, training, choreography, music editing, costuming, paper work, etc. There are hours of work you never see.
3. The greatest gift you can give your teacher is to say "Thank you" and tell them what you have been able to learn in class.
4. A student being sore or tired means they have been trying hard and did a great job.
5. Hours of work go into creating choreography and teaching dance class. Not just anyone can do the job.
6. Very few things are more gratifying than having a student reach a personal goal.
7. The best students are the ones who are respectful, work hard, and apply corrections, never the ones who have a perfect dance body or have been there the longest.
8. A dance education is more than just learning dance steps. When your teacher shares their life experiences, take it in, know that it is for your benefit and is a crucial part of your total education.
9. A teacher's biggest fear is not creating bad choreography or having small classes but rather failing to convey the passion of the art. No dance teacher wishes to cause a child to fall out of love with dance.
10. No matter how many years have passed since you graduated their dance program, teachers will always remember you and will want to know what is going on in your life. They will always consider you a part of their "dance" family.



Strutter Alumni



Stacey's Dance Studio has been open for 23 years. During that time, we have had the privilege of teaching hundreds of girls the passion and love and dance. Previous students of Stacey's Dance Studio have gone on to dance on various college dance and drill teams, professional dance teams, Las Vegas shows,

Disney World shows, and even become dance teachers themselves. Some have even gone on to have their own little girls and now bring them to the studio to train!

We would love to keep in touch with all our studio and Strutter alumni. If you or your

daughter used to dance at Stacey's, please send us an email with the subject line "Stacey's Alumni" to be included in future alumni correspondence and to possibly be featured in a future newsletter. There MAY even be a Strutter Alumni Reunion dance at the 25th Anniversary Recital!

Prop Dads

Props are a fun addition to any dances. Our directors have a wonderful vision and we love helping that vision come alive. This season, we have a LOT of props. We always need more dads and sons to help load and unload the truck before and after competitions. We also need help during the competitions moving the props and curtains on and off the floor. The more people we have to help, the quicker the girls are able to begin their dance and the better we are able to stay on schedule. It is always a great feeling to see the dads and brothers supporting their daughters and sisters at competition. The dads also help to foster a stronger family feeling at the studio. Dads who never would have known each other—with daughters in various age groups or who live in different towns—work together backstage for a few weekends each spring. In the process, they become friends. Please email DJ Deatherage the contact information so he may contact the dads directly via text and/or email. DJ's email is dwru420@aol.com



Got Boys?



Stacey's Dance Studio is excited to offer a new program unique and specific to pre-school boys! Tumbling, Hip Hop, and MORE!

Tumbling is a great way to teach them at a young age how to roll correctly, how to transfer weight while upside down, gain flexibility and upper body strength all while learning important safety factors. Tumbling will be set up in a rotation format so students will be continuously moving to the different stations.

Hip Hop is a great way to harvest some early rhythm while putting specific dance steps together enhances mental growth plus overall coordination and confidence.

Learning how to skip front and backwards, how to chase right and left, hop on one foot, wheel barrow, frog jumps, etc. aid in body coordination and strength.

We are currently offering a Thursday 10:30-11:15 am class. Tuition is \$60. Please call the studio at 281-359-5187 to register your son today!

Studio Birthday Parties

Our parties are 1½ hours long for children ages 3 and up. The cost is \$175 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit, which will be credited toward the total party price. The party is for up to 15 children and each additional child over 15 will be \$5 each. We provide the entertainment for the first hour

and help with serving of food/drinks, cutting of cake, and presents (if desired) during the last half hour. You will need to provide the paper goods, cake, refreshments, and decorations. We provide: invitations, tables, chairs, tea tables, 2 instructors, a special birthday shirt and goody bag for

the birthday girl, a listing of the gifts, and of course, all the fun!!! Call us at 281-359-5187 to schedule your party today!! We offer various themes including Princesses, Frozen, Pajama/Groovy Girl, Hip Hop or we can even tailor a party to YOUR theme or idea!



Things People Think I Already Know

Q: What is the difference between a Studio Class, a Strutter Class, and Stacey's Elite?

A: Studio classes are instructional dance classes only. Studio classes perform at two recitals per year, Winter Wonderland in December and Let's Dance in May. Strutter classes are competition team classes. Strutters compete four times per year. Elite teams compete in smaller venues that are stage-only competitions. Both Strutters and Stacey's Elite may attend dance conventions to further their dance training. Studio, Strutters, and Elite perform at the Let's Dance recital in May.

Q: What does "143" mean?

A: 143 represents the number of letters in "I love you" and is a "Strutterism."



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2014-15 Strutter Competition Dates

December 13: Crowdpleasers @ Brazoswood (optional)

January 17: January Jubilee (optional)

January 30-31: Miss Dance Drill @ Kingwood Park

February 14: Miss Dance Drill @ Oak Ridge (Optional)

February 20-21: MA @ Klein Oak

March 6-7: Crowd Pleasers @ Woodlands College Park

March 20-21: MA Nationals @ Fort Worth

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Kingwood Strutter / Stacey's Elite Achievements—Summer 2014

- **High School Platinum** Team attended MA Camp in June and received 1st place and blue ribbons for their performance.
- **Stacey's Elite** attended Starbound Nationals in July in San Antonio and won the following awards:
 - 2014 Starbound Senior Grand Champion**
 - 2014 Production Grand Champion**
 - Miss Jr Star of Hope - **Alexa Williams**
 - Miss Teen Star of Hope - **Teigan Ahrendt**
 - Miss Teen Starbound - **Macy Meinhardt**
 - Miss Starbound - **Natalie Katz**
- **Natalie Katz** and **Avery Moore** auditioned and were accepted into the Tremaine Performance Company
- **Ashlyn** and **Alexa Williams** were accepted by audition into Joffrey's summer intensives in New York, LA, Atlanta, Miami and Dallas. **Ashlyn** was also asked to study full time in NYC in Joffrey's Jazz and Contemporary program of High School but she and her parents decided to keep her closer to home and selected the prestigious HSPVA instead, where she was also accepted.
- The following Strutters auditioned and were selected for Kingwood High School's Fillies Dance Team: **Sarah Campisi, Harper Lallier, Macie Cisneros, Abby Ferguson, Ciera Sanders, Taylor Burris, Alexandra Steward, Natalie Crow, McKenna Coogan, Hope Merritt, Anna Axum, Delaney Head, and Ryen Holda**
- **Alexa Pagano** auditioned and was selected for the Atascociata High School Patriotettes Dance Team.
- **Wesley Walsh** tried out and was selected for the Atascociata High School Varsity Cheer Squad.
- The following Strutters auditioned and were accepted into the prestigious Houston School for Performing and Visual Arts: **Clara Foster** (junior), **Avery Moore** (sophomore), **Natalie Katz** (sophomore), **Ashlyn Williams** (freshman), and **Savannah Sauer** (freshman).

