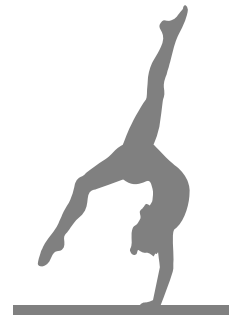




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Hello,

We hope everyone is enjoying a safe and fun summer, but as we all know it is time to start getting ready to go back to school. With the new school year right around the corner, it is also time to start thinking about the scheduling of extra curricular activities. Bay Valley Academy will be starting Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Enclosed is our Fall & Winter 2009/2010 Dance, Cheer, & Gymnastics schedule. Please look it over carefully, select your choice of classes, day & times, and return it with your \$40.00 (per student) non-refundable registration fee. If you took advantage of our early registration, just return your enrollment slip with your class choices by August 26, 2009 and you will receive top priority. Classes will then be filled on a first come first serve basis. A confirmation will then be mailed to you by September 3, 2009. If you have not received a confirmation by then please call our office to assure that your enrollment slip was received.

If your child attended summer team training classes you will automatically receive a competitive workout schedule. If you are no longer interested in the competitive team please let the office know and then make your class selections from our recreational schedule of dance and gymnastics classes. If your child was recommended for our competitive gymnastics team but was unable to attend summer workouts and would still like to be involved in the competitive team, please call the office so we can send you a copy of the workout schedule. If you are new to our program and feel your child is very advanced in gymnastics we would be happy to test them for one of our team programs, please call during office hours to set up a testing date. There will be an introductory meeting for all new team members and those thinking about joining the team on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 11:30 am.

We have made several changes to our dance schedule, so please look it over carefully. These changes mainly affect the advanced dance classes. The Thursday 7:00 -8:45 advanced classes for 8-11 year olds has been switched to Monday nights. The Monday High School dance and Tuesday Junior High dance have been combined and will attend Jazz on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 and Ballet/Leaps and Turns/Lyrical/Tap on Thursdays from 7:00-9:30. To accommodate this change we will be installing a new dance floor so we can split into two groups. Nanci and Jennifer will lead the Ballet portion of class, while Cheryl will take on the Tap. The other classes will be shared by all three instructors. We are very excited for this new change and feel that it will help our students to grow as dancers. We hope that you are anticipating this new opportunity as much as we are.

Also, for our dance students please note that in order to participate in the dance recital they must be attending their dance classes by December 1, 2009. It is very important that your child is in their dance class by December so there is plenty of time to learn the steps and routines that will be performed.

Similar to last year, we will be requiring our dance students to purchase specific colors of dance shoes for the recital. To help all of our students get the same shoes we will be selling shoes at a discounted rate. For more information on this and for specific shoe colors please see the student handbook (which will be available on our website on 8/24/09). Please note that if you do not need dance shoes at this time you can wait until April to get the appropriate shoes. We will be placing orders in the months of September, December, and in April before the recital.

The competitive dance team had another fun and successful season, which was highlighted by a trip to our first National Competition! This fall we would like to continue to grow our dance team and invite interested students and parents to attend an informational meeting. This meeting will be held at BVA on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 11:30 am. We will be adding a new 5-8 year old age group to our competitive team so we would love to see some of our younger students join in the fun. In order to participate in the Dance Company students must receive approval from their dance teacher. If you would like to know if your child is ready for this new challenge please talk to Jennifer Kennedy. Dance Company classes will be on Wednesdays, see schedule for time. Dance Company classes are in addition to their normal dance day, in which each student must study ballet, jazz, and tap. A gymnastics class is also highly recommended, especially for our younger dancers.

Open Gym/Open Tumbling is available during the cheerleading classes listed on the recreational gymnastics schedule. We will be offering punch cards to any student that wishes to work on their tumbling skills so they can attend class when it is convenient. If you know of any cheerleaders that need to work on their tumbling please let them know about this opportunity. The punch cards will be available for purchase starting September 28, 2009. This will also be the first day of open gym. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Again this year Bay Valley will be offering Adult classes, including dance and fitness classes. Adult dance classes meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 starting in October. Pilates classes are back and we have two different styles to try. The traditional pilates classes will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 8:15. The new pilates style we will be offering adds exercises done at the ballet barre to optimize toning. This class will be offered on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00. Both classes will start the week of September 28th. Come in and try your first classes free of charge, we guarantee you will get a good workout! Also, stay tuned for more class offerings. We have some exciting opportunities on the horizon.

Last year, we started a gymnastics class specifically for dancers and found it to be very popular. This class focuses on conditioning and flexibility as well as working on tumbling skills. The schedule for these classes can be found on the recreational gymnastics schedule.

For the first time ever, Bay Valley will be offering Mommy and Me classes. These classes will be a great opportunity for Moms (or Dads) to bond with their little ones in a fun and safe environment. It also gives the parents a chance to meet other parents and learn songs and games to play at home. We will be offering three different classes based on the age of the baby. Please refer to the preschool gymnastics schedule for days and times of classes. It is also important to note that the Mommy and Me classes will not follow our typical season schedule. Instead we will offer four 8-week sessions starting in September, November, January, and March. Be sure to sign-up early because space will be limited in these classes.

We will also be adding a Musical Theatre class for any junior high or high school student interested in learning what it takes to perform in a musical. This class will include learning dances designed for musical theatre as well as incorporating singing and acting while dancing. This class will begin in October.

Finally, we are happy to announce that class prices will remain the same (as they have for the past three years)! We hope that you have a great end to your summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
The Instructors at BVA