



## Welcome Packet Fall 2017 Session

Welcome to the Fall Session at Mid American Studio! We look forward to providing you the best pom, dance and fitness instruction while having fun and improving rhythm, timing, memory skills and coordination.

Please keep this informational packet for future reference.

If you have any further questions, please call the studio at (248) 477-5248 or visit [www.midamericanstudio.com](http://www.midamericanstudio.com).

***We thank you in advance for your cooperation with studio policies.***

### Tuition

- **Tuition is due at the beginning of each session.** Payment plan options are available through automated credit card payments. Contact us for details.

- **Refunds/Cancelations:** Starting with the third class meeting, tuition is NON-REFUNDABLE. This includes those who are paying on our Payment Plan. Your payment reserves your child's spot in class and class sizes are determined by enrollment.

**Refund policy for Fall dance/pom classes:** All refunds are subject to a \$25 return processing fee. In addition to the return fee, refunds will be prorated as follows:

- Cancellation notice given more than 48 hours prior to 1st class=full refund, minus \$25 return fee.
- Notice given less than 48 hours prior through the 2nd class=partial refund, minus \$25 return fee.
- Starting with the 3rd class meeting, all payments are non-refundable.

*Please contact the front desk (248)477-5248 for questions regarding cancelations/returns.*

- **There are no refunds for missed classes due to absences.** Most students miss one or two classes during the session and have no problem catching up without additional help. If you miss class, it is recommended that you catch up with a classmate before you return. You may also ask your teacher if they are able to meet with you briefly prior to the next class. If you miss more than 2 classes, we suggest that you schedule a 30 minute private lesson with your instructor. Private lesson fees are not included in your tuition and are \$35 for a half hour session.

### Class Size and Enrollment

- **Class minimums:** Mid American Studio reserves the right to cancel or combine any class with less than five students enrolled.

Refunds will be given for tuition of cancelled classes due to low enrollment.

- **Class maximums:** The maximum number of students in a class is pre-determined by studio management, and exceptions are not made. Each session, current students are given the new schedule as soon as it is released and encouraged to register early to reserve a spot in their class of choice. When a class reaches the maximum number of students, registration is then closed for that class. Some larger classes may have a student instructor in class to assist with form and technique.

- **Open enrollment period:** Students may enroll in classes through the first two weeks as long as space is available. Once a class meets for the third time, registration for that class is closed. Additional classes will be discounted per our multiple class discount. Payments can be made at the front desk.

### Dress Code

\*\*Please refer to the **Dress Code** (available on our website and studio bulletin board) for more info. \*\*

- **Students are required to follow our Dress Code for all classes.** This includes clothing, footwear and hair. Our Dress Code is designed to ensure the safety and quality of learning for our students and it is imperative that all students abide by the Dress Code in every class.
- **Students not in Dress Code may be asked to sit out during class.** The first time a student violates the dress code, she/he will receive a verbal warning and her/his parents will be notified. If dress code is violated again, the student may be asked to sit out of certain class activities. Improper dress in dance is a safety hazard, and we will not risk the injury of our students.
- **Absolutely no jeans, jean shorts, skirts or 'school clothes' are allowed in any class.**
- **Hair must be pulled back and out of the face.** Hair should not be left down for class.

- **Students must wear the required footwear for their class.** Dance/Pom shoes are designed for the impact and movement of the activity, and we require these for the best interest and safety of our students. Students will not be allowed to wear only socks (or tights) or go barefoot. If you have questions regarding shoes, please ask one of the front desk receptionists.
- **Dance/Pom shoes must be worn EXCLUSIVELY INDOORS.** To keep the building beautiful and clean, outside shoes are not allowed on the studio floors. Cubbies and changing areas are provided to store your outdoor shoes while in class.

## Snow Days/Unexpected Cancellations

- **If Farmington Schools are closed, Mid American Studio MAY BE canceling our classes.** We evaluate the weather and road conditions a few hours prior to the start of classes to determine whether or not we will cancel.
- **If classes need to be cancelled for any reason, you will be notified via e-mail. We will also leave a message on our Facebook, Twitter, and website.** If you have any questions regarding class cancellation, please call the Studio. Please be sure that you have a current e-mail address on file so we can easily contact you.

## Recital

*Mid American Studio offers all students the opportunity to perform in our semi-annual recital.*

**The Recital (and Dress Rehearsal) date is Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Novi High School.** More information will be available in just a few short weeks! Students in weekly classes are not *required* to perform (except All Stars and Company), but are strongly encouraged to improve self-confidence and to showcase their talents! Look for more information to be sent home during the second/third week of classes.

## Student Expectations

*Dance and Pom classes will help you excel in all areas of life. You will increase your self-esteem, self-discipline, balance, rhythm and movement skills.*

- **As a student at Mid American Studio, you are expected to respect yourself, classmates, teachers and the facility.** Any student who continually acts inappropriately will be asked to sit out or wait in the lobby.
- **Only water is allowed in the studios.** No gum, food or drinks (except water) is allowed in the studios at any time. Snacks must be left in lobby/lounge areas.
- **Bring a filled water bottle to class each week. Students will not be permitted to leave the room for refills or water breaks.**
- **Good attendance is key for your learning:** Perfect attendance is not required, but we expect you'll make your best effort to attend as many classes as reasonably possible. Students fall behind when learning routines if they miss class. Especially during routine practice, the absence of one student negatively affects the whole class.
- **Mid American Studio Company and All Stars have MANDATORY Company/All Star class each week.** Additional attendance guidelines for All Star/Company members will be discussed during the first week of class.

## Other Studio Info

- **Students can be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to their class time and should be picked up promptly after class.** In the interest of our dancer's safety, we ask that parents come inside the studio to pick up younger students up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. For the safety of all children, please use caution when driving in the studio parking lot.
- **Children (siblings) cannot be left unattended in the lobby and common areas.** Feel free to sit with your children in the lobby or youth lounge while you wait for class.
- **Parents and others are not permitted in the studio during class, with the exception of Parent Week.** Observers can be a distraction to the students and prevent your teachers from using class time effectively. Classes can be viewed live from the lobby on our closed-circuit TVs. See "Mark Your Calendar" in this packet for Parent Week dates.
- **Mid American Studio offers FREE wireless internet for our customers!** Feel free to bring your laptop with you while your child is in class. Login and password can be obtained at the front desk.
- **Snacks/Drinks & Money on Account Option:** We offer a range of healthy snack and beverage options for our students and families. Items may be purchased at the front desk via cash, check, or credit (except American Express). You may also purchase a credit on your child's account (of any amount) that they may use towards snacks/drinks in your absence.



## Mark Your Calendar

- **Labor Day (NO YOUTH CLASSES): 9/4 (Monday)**  
Make-up date: Monday, 11/20. Classes will meet at their usual times.
- **Halloween (NO YOUTH CLASSES): 10/31 (Tuesday)**  
Make-up date: Tuesday, 11/21. Classes will meet at their usual times.
- **Parent Week: 11/13-11/19**
- **Thanksgiving Break: 11/22-11/26**  
NOTE: regular class on Monday and Tuesday (11/20-21)
- **Dress Rehearsal & Recital: 12/9**

## Stay Informed

**News and updates are shared via:** e-mail, handouts, our in-studio bulletin board, website, Facebook and Twitter. Please make sure you inform us of changes to your e-mail address and notify us immediately if you are not receiving our e-mails. The best way to avoid any missed communications is to follow at least one online source: website, Facebook, or Twitter.

## Contact Us

**Mid American Studio**  
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**Phone:** 248.477.5248  
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**Hours:**  
*Monday-Thursday:* 8:00am – 8:30pm  
*Friday:* 8:30am – 11:00am  
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*Sunday:* 8:30am – 11:00am

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**Thank you for choosing Mid American Studio!**

**Youth Parent DISCOUNTS:**  
10% OFF Regular priced fitness class packages, *always!*

**September Parent Special:**

**\$8 DROP-IN RATE**

### ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

Mid American Fitness offers outstanding fitness classes, Pilates reformer and Personal training geared toward clients of all fitness levels and abilities. Choose from over 35 classes per week including Zumba, BodyPump, Fitbarre, Spin, Yoga, and more! Customized nutrition counseling is available to aid in weight loss or to address special dietary concerns.

Please visit [www.midamericanfit.com](http://www.midamericanfit.com) or the front desk for more information.