

Living Water Performing Arts School

Welcome to Living Water Performing Arts School (LWPAS). We hope you have had a wonderful and exciting summer! We are ready to jump into another year with our wonderful performing artists. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and seeing our returning students, who have truly become like family to us! It truly is an honor to teach your children in the performing arts. Once again, we thank you parents for giving us the opportunity to work with your children as they develop their passions and giftings.

For our new students, let us introduce ourselves.

Nancy McSwane is our drama and vocal teacher. She has BA in music education and was an opera major at West Virginia University. She is currently represented by American Talent Management of N.Y.C. and is active in continuing to learn more of the industry and give her students opportunities on stage and screen. She has over 30 years of teaching experience. She is dedicated to developing her classes and her students to become performers of excellence.

Josie McSwane teaches most of our dance classes and has been doing so for over 11 years. Josie recently graduated LIU Post and received her BFA in dance. She loves learning fresh dance styles to share with her students and she is excited to increase their knowledge as she increases her own.

Please find us on Facebook for quick and accurate updates!

Please read our policies, dress code and class etiquette, below.

DRESS CODE

For our younger students, the dress code focuses on comfort and safety. Our older students follow a stricter code as it promotes discipline and allows greater instruction.

Please see attached Dress Code

BEHAVIOR and CLASS ETIQUETTE

Respect is highly valued at LWPAS.

Encouragement and teamwork, instead of competition, is always our goal in the classroom.

Please see our Class Etiquette Guide, attached

CANCELLATIONS/MISSED CLASSES

If your child is sick or unable to attend a class, please contact his/her teacher as soon as possible.

If a teacher has to cancel a class, notification will be made, at the latest, the day prior. *in the case of emergency, notice will be given as soon as possible

When a teacher cancels a class, a makeup class will be scheduled. If you are unable to attend the makeup, please contact the teacher and we will do our best to work with you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

For weekday classes, we will follow Riverhead Central School District. If they close due to weather, we will also be closed.

Decisions regarding Saturday classes will be made by Friday night whenever possible (sometimes severe weather is not in the forecast the night before and we will contact you ASAP)

We may also use a "Delayed Start" for Saturday classes. Depending on when the day begins, each class will be shortened to 25-35 minutes.

Combination Class

DRESS CODE

Comfortable clothes for movement (sweatpants/leggings/gym shorts)
layers are recommended in the winter as the students warm up quickly

Ballet shoes and tap shoes (can be found at Payless and Target)

Hair away from face **Tap**

Leotard, fitted tank top or t-shirt (no distracting colors and patterns)

Dance pants, Leggings, or gym shorts (no distracting colors or patterns)

Tap shoes (well fitting!!)

Hair pulled back

No dangly jewelry

NO HOODIES

Hip Hop

Comfortable pants (loose jeans, sweats, dancewear)

Tops should not be too baggy but can be long (modesty is encouraged) leotards can be worn underneath

Sneakers

Hair away from face

No dangly jewelry

Ballet

All of the following should be either Ballet Pink or Black

Leotards

Ballet tights

Ballet skirts/shorts/sweaters

Ballet shoes

Hair in a ballet bun

No dangly jewelry

NO HOODIES

Drama

Comfortable pants (sweats, dancewear no tight jeans)

Long modest tops leotards are required for students that have ballet following drama and encouraged for all students

Secure hair away from face

Black jazz shoes preferred (usually used for performances) ballet shoes fine for class.

NO BOOTS

CLASS ETIQUETTE

Arrival/Before Class

Please be fully dressed with proper shoes and hair **before** entering class

For our students taking multiple classes in a day, use the time in between your classes to prepare for your next class. Classes will start on time.

Please fill water bottles before class begins – bottles only (no cups)

It is always useful to use the restrooms before class begins

If you have an injury preventing full participation, please tell your teacher before class begins.

During Class

Please put away phone or any electronic devices

No talking during class unless it concerns teacher. This distracts classmates and teachers and wastes time

Questions pertaining to class are encouraged!! But please wait until after instruction is complete

Raise your hand if you have a question or need to leave the classroom

DO NOT hang on the barres

DO NOT fix or change your hair in class

No food is permitted in the classroom

Please take water breaks at appropriate times (in between exercises)

CONSIDER EVERY CLASS A PERFORMANCE

concentration and full participation are expected