



Celebrating 21 Sensational Years of Song and Dance!

Dear FNC Families,

I would personally like to welcome you to our 21st Season here at Front & Center. Whether it is your first or your tenth year at our studio, we want to thank you for entrusting us with your children. We are thrilled to welcome our grownups back into the studio. We truly miss having that portion of our community stuck in the car line. Our monitors are back up and running so you can see your children from the lobby. As always, you are welcome to drop off as well. We ask that you fully park your car in a marked spot and walk younger children into the building. There will no longer be a car line and our parking lot gets very busy. For the safety of all of our children, please respect this transition back to parking lot use. New this season, our very own FNChic Boutique! Located in our former voice room, please visit our store. Here you can get unique FNC shirts and other fun FNC merch as well as leotards, tights, bun kits, and dance shoes. We are happy to assist you in fitting dance shoes between 3:30 and 3:50 during the week. Dance shoes can be ordered through the studio and arrive in approximately one week.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact the front desk and set up a meeting. We love sitting down with the grownups and speaking about the work we do inside our studios. We work most efficiently best via email but calling works as well. My direct email is rceleste@front-n-center.com. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout this season.

Thanks again for choosing Front & Center. We are very grateful for your loyalty. Here's to a fantastic year of singing, dancing, and acting together!

Warm Regards,

Miss Renee and The FNC Staff

Our Lobby is OPEN! Grownup Stuff and Parking Lot Protocols

Parking Lot Protocols: Our parking lot runs ONE WAY only. Please enter the parking lot at the second driveway, furthest away from the apartment complex. All cars should exit via the other driveway closer to the apartments. We are no longer utilizing a car line. All children who are 10 and under need to be walked into the studio by a grownup. Please fully park your car in a designated parking spot before walking your child to the door. The same procedure applies at pick up. If you have an older child, you may park your car and have she/them/he walk in alone. Again, please fully park your car before doing so. Cars lined up by the door cause a dangerous back up onto a very busy street. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping our children safe and the traffic moving!

The Lobby, Homework Zone, and Kitchen: We have reopened our lobby, kitchen, and homework zone room! Grownups and siblings, are invited, but not required, to stay during class time. All visitors must stay in the lobby area and should not move down the hallway past the PURPLE LINE. All younger students will be taken from and walked back to you in the lobby after class by a teacher or a class assistant. Visitors are welcome to use our kitchen and homework zone as well. Wifi is available in the lobby. Our studio rooms can be seen on a monitor from the lobby. Please observe your child from there and do not enter the studios.

Our Youngest Dancers and Singers: FNC PreK Tips

Story Time: We begin each class for our PK with a dance or theatre related children's story. This time really helps the children transition from the outside world to the studio environment.

Dance Bags: All children should have a dance bag that comes into the studio with him/her/them. We ask that you please label all shoes with your child's name. We encourage you to keep an extra set of dance clothes in the bag of newly potty trained children. In case of an accident, extra dance clothes are available to borrow.

Potty Time: Please ensure that your child has used the bathroom at home before coming to class. The class assistant is available to take children to the bathroom during class, but it is less distracting for everyone if it is done before. All of our students need to be potty trained to attend class at this time.

Our Performance Opportunities

Our Performance Opportunities: Here at FNC we are a technique based studio. We value the opportunity to teach your kids “to dance and sing” verses teaching them “a dance or a song”. We believe that technique and the life lessons taught through the arts are of the utmost importance. We will begin work on Year End Recital numbers during the second semester of our classes and the class structure will be maintained throughout the year. That being said, we LOVE to put on a show! All of our students perform in the Recital. Our PK Students have the opportunity to opt out if parents feel they are not yet ready. As we are a Musical Theatre based studio, we also put on a full scale musical production each season in January. Some seasons we even do 2 musicals! This season we are producing **A Chorus Line** with our High School Conservatory and guest artists. We are also producing **You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown** for our middle and elementary students.

Year End Recital: Sunday, May 14, 2023: Our Recital is a true CELEBRATION of all of the hard work the students and teachers have done all year! Costume order letters will be given out in late October and are due back before Thanksgiving. All costumes are \$95 each and tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online for a nominal fee. There will be a discount for students ordering three or more costumes. More specific information will be given out at costume ordering time. **We will be returning to St. Elizabeth’s University’s indoor theatre in Morristown this year!** Please note that securing a date for a theatre is a huge challenge. We are aware that this date is also Mother’s Day. We will give you plenty of advanced notice as to your child’s performance times so that you can plan the rest of this day accordingly. We are grateful to be able to celebrate all of our Moms with our performances. We look forward to honoring all Moms on that day!

You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown: We are excited to present You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown this season the weekend of January 13-14 2023. Ensemble Auditions are open to any FNC student Kindergarten through Middle School who are enrolled in any Ballet, Jazz, or ShowTime Class. Auditions will be held on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**. There is a fee for participation. There are approximately 10-14 required rehearsals, primarily on Saturdays. Parents must purchase tickets to attend. The studio is closed for regular classes the week of the show as all cast members are required to be at the theatre each night for tech rehearsal.

Our Other Important information

Our Faculty: Our staff of highly experienced, professional performing artists and educators are specialists in their fields, some of whom travel from New York City. They have been carefully selected to lead our multi-faceted performing arts program. Our own Artistic Director, Renee Celeste, is now a nationally and internationally recognized Master “Teacher’s Teacher” who has taught for The DanceLife Teachers Conference, the IDEA Association Conference, The Leap ‘N Learn Organization, and the Dance Studio Owners Association based in Australia. Encouraged by Miss Renee, the FNC faculty continues to expand their education by attending conferences and conventions such as Rhee Gold’s DanceLife Teacher Conference and Retreats, Dance Masters of America, New York City Dance Alliance, Alvin Ailey Teacher Training, Leap-’N-Learn Training, and The Dance Teacher Summit. We encourage you to peruse our teacher’s extensive biographies on our website, **www.front-n-center.com**.

Our Curriculums: Our studio is a proud member of the International Dance Entrepreneurs Association which holds us and all its members to the highest standards in dance education. It also allows us to access many resources and mentors around the country. We also teach the Leap ‘N Learn Curriculum <http://leapnlearn.com/for-parents> as well as the T3: Training The Triple Threat Curriculum <http://t3trainingthetriplethreat.com> in our ShowTime classes. This curriculum was written and developed six years ago by Miss Renee and Miss Julie. It is also being taught at many other studios and universities around the country and in Canada.

Policies: Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of our policies. All parents must sign off through their online DanceWorks account on all of our policies prior to the start of classes. For all of our safety, no child will be allowed to take class until all policies have been agreed to by a parent.

Refunds, Cancellations, and Changes to Your Schedule: Our refund policy as stated in your online account is as follows: Registration fees are non-refundable for any reason. Tuition can only be prorated with the permission of the Director. If you choose to withdraw from a class within the first two weeks of the semester or the first applicable two weeks of class, a full refund minus the registration fee will be given. You must notify the studio directly following the second class taken in order to qualify for the refund. When registering for the full year, whether two half or one full year of classes, no refund will be given after the second week of the first semester has ended. All Costume orders are non-refundable for any reason. In the event that your credit card or check fails to process, you will be assessed a \$25.00 fee.

Covid Policies and Protocols: Masks are no longer required to be worn at the studio. However, any person entering our studio who is more comfortable in a mask is welcomed to do so. We do not discriminate against mask wearing. We ask that anyone who is still within the 10 day period of having Covid, wear their mask to the studio for days 5-10. As always, we will continue to follow our community statistics. We reserve the right to reinstate the mask mandate within the studio should the numbers rise to a certain point within our area. All of our staff is fully vaccinated.

Substitute Teacher Policy: Front & Center is supportive of teachers with professional performing careers and understands that this may result in the need for instructor substitutions from time to time. Although we strive for continuity, we believe that professional work experience brings a unique perspective to teaching, and one that can only serve to benefit our students. As a result, should a regular teacher be unable to attend a class or lesson, another highly qualified teacher will substitute on a short or long-term basis, encouraging versatility, flexibility and new learning experiences.

Communicating with Teachers: We truly believe in open lines of communication at our studio. However, if you need to speak to your child's teacher or the director, please make an appointment through the front desk. Remember that the teacher has limited time between classes and needs to get back into the studio for the next group of children. We ask that you respect this time and not try to have a conference directly before or after class. We will be happy to have the teacher call you back when he or she has time to devote his or her full attention to you.

Social Media Policy and Staff Interaction: Students and parents are not to contact any FNC teachers outside of the studio including on social media platforms. All of our staff can only work through the studio and not independently for a studio family. Please respect the privacy of our staff. As Miss Renee, Miss Julie, and Miss Danielle are Moms in our community, they are the exception.

Rights and Reservations: Front & Center reserves the right to alter or change class dates and times based upon scheduling needs. Low enrollment in a class may result in cancellation and/or consolidation with another class. Front & Center reserves the right to place students in age and level appropriate classes at their discretion, based on the individual student's maximum potential.

Inclement Weather/Emergency Closings: In the event of a snow day closing, information will be available on our voicemail, on our website, and via social media. F&C will make its own determination of closings independent of the school districts. Often conditions improve by the end of the day.

Missed and Make-Up Group Classes: Each student is allowed one make-up class, per class in which they are registered, per semester. All makeup classes must be scheduled ahead of time through the front desk via email or phone call. Classes can only be made up in classes that are NOT full to capacity. Again, please check in with the front desk to schedule a makeup up class in the appropriate level class that has availability. There will be no more makeups after **APRIL 10, 2023**.

Private Lessons: Front & Center offers private voice lessons on a first-come first-served basis, pending studio and teacher availability. Private lessons are purchased in 14 week blocks on a particular day and time each week and must be used within the particular session purchased. Private lessons are non transferable between family members within a session or from one session to another. Lessons will be confirmed in our calendar and with the teacher when payment is received. Please read the Missed and Make-Up Private Lessons Policy when signing up for any private lessons. Trial lessons are offered at a rate of \$45. Lesson must be paid for before scheduling.

Missed and Make-Up Private Lessons: All private voice lessons will be hybrid virtual and in person this season and begin in the second week of the semester. Private lessons are sold in 14 week packages and must be cancelled or rescheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the lesson, or the full amount for the lesson will be charged and no make-up lesson will be scheduled. It is your responsibility to reschedule this cancelled lesson. All scheduling must be done through the front desk and not directly with the teacher. Students are only permitted to reschedule 1 of their 14 lessons per session and no refunds/credits will be given for any cancelled lessons over and above the 1. Should your teacher be unavailable for a scheduled lesson, the lesson may be rescheduled or may continue as planned with another teacher on staff. Should we need to reschedule the lesson due to teacher scheduling conflicts, you will be notified as soon as possible and we will make two

Bring-a-Friend Week: To be held October 10 – October 15, 2022, this is a fantastic time to bring your friends to see what FNC is all about! We will be offering exciting incentives to bring in new friends!

Bring a Grown Up Week: After a super successful, Bring A Grandparent to Dance Week last spring, we have decided to open it up to ALL grownups this spring! More information will follow when we get closer to the week of **April 10 – April 15, 2023.**

Credits: Any credit in your account will be honored for 18 months from the date of issue. All credits are non-transferable and must be used by a student of the same household.

*Thank you again for choosing Front & Center.
We appreciate you and thank you for playing an
essential role in our FNC Community!*



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