

# WELCOME PACKET

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2026-27 Season



Encore at The J is a premier studio offering dance classes in Overland Park. Our classes range from ages 2 through adult, and from beginners to competitive level. Each member of the Encore staff are experienced professionals in their field, which is something you don't find at every studio. With certifications in Progressive Ballet Techniques, Yoga, Acrobatic Arts, American Barre Technique, as well as Dance degrees and professional performing experience, our staff brings their experience of art in the real-world to our Encore dance studio. Their passion reaches each class, and they truly care about each student.

Our dance levels are determined by a balance of age and ability to ensure each student is provided a successful and fun experience. Each level builds on fundamental skills to provide education and challenges for students as they grow. Our dance program is built on a curriculum developed by our staff for each style of dance. The tumbling/acro program focuses on the Acrobatic Arts curriculum for all classes. This technique focuses on strength, flexibility, limbering, tumbling, and balance to develop strong and courageous dancers.

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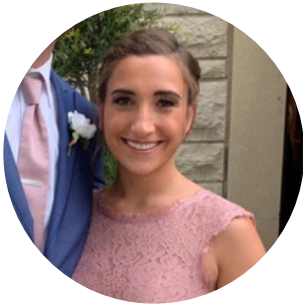
# MEET OUR TEAM



**Maggie**



**Leigh**



**Maggie O.**



**Haley**



**Vicotria**



**Caroline**



**Breana**



**Mizzy**

**Netta**



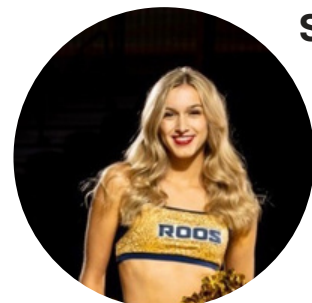
**MaKenzie**



**Sophie**



**Savannah**





# CLASS ATTIRE

All students should wear dance attire to all classes- snug fitting clothes- leotards (required for Ballet 3-5, bike shorts, biketards, bra tops, etc. Please be sure students have fitted workout attire to make sure all dancers are able to perform their best! All hair should be pulled up, out of the dancers face. No loose fitting tops for acro students without bra tops under. Remember, we spend a lot of time upside down in acro classes.

All students will need a white base leotard for the Nutcracker performance in December. They are available for order through Encore for \$25.

The studio recommends shoes be purchased through The Dance Shop at Hawthorne Plaza. Encore is also able to order all shoes upon request. Below is a list of shoes needed for each style/class:

- Tiny Tots/Creative Movement - ballet shoes
- Tumbling/Acro classes - no shoes
- PreK/Kinder Combo - tap shoes (tan preferred)/ballet shoes (pink preferred)



# CLASS ATTIRE

## Continued

- Acro - no shoes
- Jazz - ½ soles- capezio 55 in tan, canvas, or tan jazz shoes
- Ballet- pink ballet shoes/females, black/males- Bloch Performa
- Lyrical - Capezio 55 in tan, canvas
- Lyrical 5 - may wear Apollo Shock dance socks, but need lyrical shoes as well.
- Level 1-5 Tap - (Bloch brand preferred) in black or colored
- Hip hop classes - clean tennis shoes, please have a pair that you just wear for dance! (Students are welcome to wear sweats, shorts, etc., over their dance attire for hip hop).
- Pre-Pointe - ballet shoes
- Stretch/Strength/Flex - clean tennis shoes



# HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The J observes Jewish Holidays & will be closed for the following dates for the 2026-27 season. Please contact [Maggieo@thejkc.org](mailto:Maggieo@thejkc.org) for make-up class options. Any snow day closings will be emailed and posted to our Instagram and Facebook page by 12 pm, if schools have canceled.

## **Class Schedule & Important Dates**

- Classes begin: August 24

## **No classes on the following dates:**

- Mondays: September 7, September 21, March 15
- Tuesday: March 16
- Wednesdays: November 25, March 17, April 21 (classes end at 5:55 PM)
- Thursdays: November 26, March 18, April 22



# IMPORTANT DATES

We have a number of exciting things happening here at the J! Here are a few other important dates for the 2026-27 season that we'd love for you to be aware of.

8/24 - Classes begin

10/8- Nutcracker tickets go on sale

12/6- The Jewish Nutcracker, Short & Suite (limited cast)

12/13 - The Jewish Nutcracker, (all dancers)

12/13- Classes conclude for 2026

1/4 - Classes resume

3/2 - Recital tickets go on sale

3/22-25- Purim Spirit Week

3/15-19 - Encore Spring Break, No classes

5/16 - Annual Dance, Tumbling and Acro Recitals

5/16 - Classes conclude

## **Performances & Breaks**

- Optional Jewish Nutcracker Performances:
  - December 6 – Levels 3 and up
  - December 13 – All dancers
- Fall semester concludes: December 13
- Classes resume: January 4
- Encore Annual Recital: Sunday, May 16



# RECITAL INFORMATION

Recital fees are broken down into 2 payments, recital deposit and recital balance. The recital deposit includes:

- Two (2) tickets to the show
- Digital download of the performance

The recital balance will cover the cost of the dancer's costume(s). Please note, some classes will use a "build-your-own" costume format- these classes are only charged the recital deposit.

- Hippity Hop
- Hip Hop 2-5
- Tap 2-5
- Pre-Pointe & Pointe 4-5

The following classes do not perform in the recital:

- Leaps & Turns
- Ballet Technique
- Acro 3-5
- Stretch/Strength/Flex



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