



School Handbook

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TEAMWORK
MAKES
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*Let's Work Together to
Make Dreams Come True!*

1/ Welcome to the Studio Sharise Family!

It's our absolute pleasure to warmly welcome you into our family at Studio Sharise Creative & Performing Arts Academy.

We have created this one-stop handbook to hopefully shed some light on how things run here as well as answer a lot of queries you may have before classes begin. While we would love you to take the time to read this information carefully and keep your handbook in a safe place to refer to as you need, don't forget that we are happy to answer any questions that may arise.

2/ Mission Statement

To start us off, it's important to us that all members of our team share our vision, our purpose, and the philosophy that encompasses everything we do both in and outside of our classes. This is a vision that is shared and demonstrated by the director, teachers, and staff members at our school and it is the driving force behind every interaction with our students and their families:

Studio Sharise is dedicated to inspiring and cultivating an attitude of excellence by providing the highest quality arts education and training programs, and inspiring our students to reach their fullest potential. We are passionate about seeing our students push past their preconceived limitations to discover their full potential - so they can, in turn, inspire the world around them.

3/ Communication

By now you have probably noticed that we are BIG on communication here at Studio Sharise. It is our promise to respond to all inquiries as soon as possible and we will never leave a query unanswered. Our friendly office staff can be contacted @ **408.703.5488** during our office hours between **4-7pm M-F and 10-2pm on Sat.**

Below are ways we work to keep communication open and ongoing with our families. We never want any unhappy surprises, or for you to miss out any important information regarding classes, student updates, dates and times of events, fun activities, or new opportunities.

- **EMAIL:** Our primary means of communication is via email through which you will receive regular newsletters and important school and student information. Please ensure you have provided the school with an up-to-date email address that is regularly checked. We are happy to include multiple email addresses per family. Don't forget to add our email address to your contacts so we don't end up in the dreaded spam folder.
- **FACEBOOK:** is another great way to keep in touch with school happenings (and also see our fun and informative posts, pictures, and videos), and so we encourage all families to like and follow our [Public Facebook Group](#). Also, join our [Closed Facebook Group](#) to help stay connected with other families at Studio Sharise.
- **LOBBY NOTIFICATIONS:** We always display important information, dates, and school details in the lobby, so please have a quick look when dropping off and picking up in case there is anything you may have missed.
- **TEXT/VOICEMAIL:** We will also send out important reminders, as well as infrequent urgent notifications through text messaging (SMS) or phone (e.g., unexpected class cancellations or performance changes). So, for this reason, please make sure the mobile phone number and mobile provider information you have given the school is correct and up-to-date.

- **MEMBERS PORTAL:** We are also proud to provide you information round-the-clock via our very own "Member Portal" accessed through the main menu on our [website](#). This will allow each parent or student their own unique login - allowing them to set up their autodraft payments, see their schedules, sign up for classes, buy supplies, view class files, etc.

We request that you read and keep all communications for the school year as you receive them. You may find printing out each email and placing it in a designated folder or on your 'fridge is the best way to keep information handy.

We are always happy to chat in more detail about communications you may receive from the school, so if you need any clarification please don't hesitate to call us to chat with one of our helpful team members.

4/ School Values

We, the students, faculty, and staff of Studio Sharise Creative & Performing Arts Academy, are a vibrant community of people who have a high regard for each other, our families, and our fellow man. We understand our words and actions can make an impact in the world, and we desire to make as positive of an impact as possible whether in class, onstage, or in our everyday lives.

All who participate at Studio Sharise (SS) are expected to demonstrate the willingness to be held accountable and to uphold the values and ethics we declare as the fundamental guidelines stated here:

INTEGRITY: To conduct ourselves with honesty, courtesy, and respect at all times. To be a person who leads by example and honors commitments. To be a person others can count on.

LEADERSHIP: To guide, influence, and encourage others in achieving their highest goals and ideals by setting an example through our actions and speech.

RESPONSIBILITY: To respect and adhere to the policies and procedures of SS or the organizers of any event. To be a person who interacts with peers and authority figures in a mature and respectful manner. To follow through with commitments.

CHARACTER: To have the courage and willingness to face issues and concerns with maturity and dignity. To avoid gossip, criticism, or denigrating comments towards our parents, authority figures, our peers, any SS staff, or any member of the performing arts community.

PROFESSIONALISM: To respect the performing and creative arts professions and uphold our values and standards of conduct. To support and encourage one another. To voice opinions and initiate change that will elevate each other, the arts community, and the community at large. To recognize oneself as a role model at all times. To love the study, creation, and performance of the arts and respect the impact the arts have in the world.

5/ School Etiquette

Creating a Great Environment for All!

Consistent high-level classroom etiquette ensures that all students receive a productive and positive classroom experience at Studio Sharise. Maintaining this high standard will discipline students to function successfully not only in their daily lives, but also in a variety of professional settings including auditions, workshops, college-level arts and/or company classes and will help them stand out as a professional.

We ask you to follow our school etiquette below in helping our students gain the most from their classes and experience here at Studio Sharise.

- **CLASS ARRIVAL TIME:** Please arrive at least **5 minutes early** (plus adequate time for parking, restroom use, changing, etc.). Starting class on time is essential to creating the best learning experience for all. For student's safety, any dance student **arriving more than 15 minutes late** will not be able to participate in class, but is allowed to observe.
- **PREPARE FOR CLASSES:** In order for students to be fully mentally prepared for class, ready to start class on time, and engaged in their learning, student cell phones and digital devices are to be turned off **within 5 mins. before class**. A younger student's games, books, coloring should also be put away.
- **NO STUDENT CELL PHONE/TABLET USAGE:** Unless otherwise directed by the teacher, there is to be no cell phone or tablet usage during classtime or class breaks. However our office phone is always available to any student needing to contact you (or you, them).
- **STAY IN CLASS:** All students are encouraged to stay in class once class has begun. Please allow for appropriate restroom use prior to class. Very young children will be treated sensitively as the need arises.
- **BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:** Preschool children may need a parent's attention from time to time for various reasons including bathroom or behavior issues. Please do not leave the waiting room when very young children are in class without informing the office or having another parent responsible during your absence. We make every effort to have all children feel safe and cared for in a loving, learning environment.
- **PRACTICE RESPECT:** School age children and teens are expected to practice respect. Students are not to be socializing in a disruptive manner during the class with other students. Please keep socializing before, between, or after classes. Please honor your teacher and fellow students by giving full attention and co-operation. Parents will be advised if we feel any student is not well adjusted to the classroom environment for any reason over time.
- **INJURIES/SICKNESS:** During class if a student complains of being ill, or sustains an injury and cannot participate, the instructor will send them to the office where the parents will be notified, if not on the premises. Only students with a pre-existing sickness/injury are allowed to observe class. Parents, please notify the office if a student is to observe class.
- **WAITING AREAS:** The waiting rooms are made available for the convenience and comfort of our students and their families. We do ask that you please respect the learning environment, activities of others, and the classes in session by keeping noise down in the waiting areas. **Children/siblings in the waiting areas must be attended to at all times.** Also, if you use our books, magazines, toys, games, etc., we would appreciate it if you would return them to their homes for the enjoyment of others, and please throw all trash away. We deeply appreciate your consideration!

6/ Code of Conduct

Below you will find our code of conduct that ensures the smooth, safe, and productive running of Studio Sharise as well as provide an enjoyable experience for all. Following a formal meeting, we do reserve the right to dismiss or take disciplinary action on any students or parents who breach our school's code of conduct.

- **CLOSED CLASSES:** No classes (including private lessons) are to be disturbed and parents are not to approach teachers or students while in class unless it is an emergency. If messages or food/drink/medication needs to be passed on to a student, it must be done through a SS staff member or during a break. All parents must wait in the waiting areas or outside of the studios until classes have been dismissed. Exceptions will be made for a young child's first day, out of town visitors, and upon teacher's discretion. Parents are welcome during our visitors week, special parent and me classes, and in-class performances. At other times, parents are welcome to view their child in class from the comfort of our lobby.
- **DROP OFF/ PICK UP ON TIME:** We are unable to take responsibility for our students before or after their scheduled classes (unless prior arrangements have been made) and it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child is picked up and dropped off on time. In the case of an emergency or unavoidable delay, please contact the school immediately to inform us of the situation so we can keep your child calm and safe until they can be collected. **A fee will be charged if early drop-offs and/or delays in picking-up a child become excessive.**
- **CONTENT PRIVACY:** Choreography, music, scripts, costume design, curriculum, and school policies remain the intellectual property of Studio Sharise Creative & Performing Arts Academy and may not be shared, performed, reproduced, or sold by any students, parents or staff without permission of the director.
- **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Any questions or complaints must go through the front desk – parents and students are not permitted to contact teachers via phone, in person, or via email/social networking with school issues unless it has been broached with the school director first. Personal meetings with the school director can happily be arranged via the front desk.

In the rare case of a student or parent showing disrespect or defamation to any parent, staff member, or student, a meeting will be called immediately and dismissal may be considered at the discretion of the school director. Physical, mental, emotional, or cyber bullying by students, staff, or parents will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the school.

7/ Classes and Workshops

We have a variety of classes to choose from for the Preschool age through Teen/Adult, and detailed descriptions can be found on our [website](#). Our [Class Schedule](#) can also be found on our website, as well as copies can be picked up at the front desk.

We encourage all of our students and families to try a variety of classes for greater versatility and training. Please contact the front desk if you would like to try a new class and we will happily schedule a quick meeting and fit you in for a trial (provided the class has not reached capacity).

If unsure of what class(es) to choose from, we are happy to go over your goals and interests to find the perfect class(es) or program for you.

We also offer workshops throughout the season. Workshops are a great supplement to a student's weekly class(es) by providing a deeper or more focused learning experience on a certain concept or topic. So, keep a lookout for our "Special Skills" workshops!

In case of insufficient registration, we reserve the right to cancel any class. Classes may be combined, student may placed in a comparable class, or a full refund will be given.

8/ Onstage Opportunities

8a/ Annual Celebration Performance

Every June students enrolled in our performance classes have the opportunity to perform in our annual Celebration Performance. This is a joyous and exciting time of celebration when students perform together and shine on the big stage before family and friends. Those enrolled are expected to participate as it is an important part of the learning and confidence building process here at SS and is vital to artistic and technical development of the student. Rehearsals begin in classes starting in January. Additional Musical Theatre training is offered through our Song & Dance Days and is for students wanting to perform in our opening and closing musical numbers for the June show!

We conclude our Celebration with a Family Fun Day where we gather as one school family to celebrate, let loose, and have some fun!

8b/ Additional Performance Opportunities

Many of our students want the opportunity to expand on their training by performing in additional productions and performances. Studio Sharise provides these opportunities for students who want to excel in their training. Between our Young Performers Program, our Performance Awards Adjudication Program, our Show Groups, and our Community and Outreach performances, dedicated students have ample opportunities to get out of the classroom and onto the stage!

Details about all our Onstage Opportunities can be found on our website and as always, please feel free to come and chat with us!

9/ Other Opportunities at Studio Sharise

9a/ Examinations and Assessments

At Studio Sharise, we know our students want to achieve their personal best - and we love supporting them doing so! By not only providing the highest standard in programs and training (meeting both national and international standards), we also provide students the opportunity and challenge of participating in examinations and assessments through accredited national and international examining boards.

9b// National Honors Society

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™(NHSDA) is a program dedicated to recognizing dance students for their outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in the field of dance. At Studio Sharise we offer honors programs for junior high and high school students who meet the national honor society requirements. Inducted high school students also have the opportunity to win cash scholarships. To learn more about our honors program, contact us!

9c/ Wingman for the Arts

Wingman is a unique youth leadership program that develops social and emotional skills through team bonding and trust building activities. Wingman inspires children to be more empathetic, courageous and inclusive young leaders. The mission of Wingman is to inspire students, regardless of age, level or skill to become helpful heroes that go above and beyond for each other. Wingman boosts children's confidence and recognizes their unique strengths - creating an atmosphere of connection and belonging. The Wingman Program is a fun, engaging, team-bonding experience for students of all ages that helps create a supportive, inclusive environment.

Wingman is a project of [Dylan's Wings of Change](#), a foundation dedicated to the memory of Dylan Hockley, one of the first grade victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

10/ Protecting our Students

With the safety of our students and families being a #1 priority, Studio Sharise has a number of ways we work to provide the safest environment for all students and families. We very serious about upholding Child Protection laws and policies within the school as well as at public performances and in the online arena (website and social media).

- **VIEWING/RECORDING CAMERAS:** We have a number of viewing and recording cameras within the studio rooms, and school which are regularly monitored by management and the school director and can be checked by parents and family members from the comfort of our lobby.
- **BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL FACULTY/STAFF:** All of our teachers and staff members have undergone official checks allowing them to work with children.
- **APPROPRIATE CLASS MATERIAL/COSTUMES:** The director and staff at Studio Sharise are educated in the negative impact of inappropriate music, scripts, and costume selection when it comes to performance pieces and in classes. We are wholeheartedly committed to ensuring that no child is subjected to any inappropriate or explicit songs, plays, choreography, or costuming.
- **KEEPING IT NUT- FREE:** We enforce a nut-free policy at the school to ensure the safety of any students or parents with allergies to nuts or nut products.
- **ONLINE PROTECTION:** When posting videos or pictures/posts of our wonderful students on our public social media pages, no names or personal information is ever given.

11/ Required School Uniform & Supplies Come Prepared for Success!

Coming to class in uniform and with materials is imperative for a successful learning experience and students will be expected to abide by dress code/uniform and bring all materials with them to every class.

Please understand that for the benefit and safety of your child, students not properly dressed may not be allowed to participate in class, however, they are allowed to observe.

Studio Sharise takes NO responsibility for any stolen or misplaced property on the school premises and we encourage our families to avoid bringing valuable items into the school where possible.

A Why a Required Dress Code & Uniform?

- **FOR DANCERS:**
 - Proper attire helps prevent injury and enables teachers to see the dancer's body outline clearly in order to make proper corrections on posture, alignment, etc.
 - A dress code also ensures that each dancer has the same style and color of uniform, shoes and tights for rehearsals, performances or exams.
- **FOR ACTORS/ SINGERS:**
 - Ensures students are adequately covered, ready and able to move without being restricted by clothing,
 - Allows comfort and freedom of movement for stretching, exercises on the floor, and deep, full breathing.
 - Allows students to stand in a “neutral” position without “hiding” themselves in their clothing (such as hands in pockets) or behind their hair.
 - In neutral clothing, students have the ability to “take on” their character and explore different ways to move without their clothes dictating their movement.
 - Ensures a neutral “costume” and shoe for rehearsals, performances, exams or public showings.
- **FOR ALL:**
 - A neat and tidy appearance sets an attitude of attentiveness, discipline and respect for the class, students, teacher, and the arts.
 - Helps remove student distraction with clothing.
 - Helps students resist peer pressure to buy stylish clothes for class.
 - Diminishes economic and social barriers between students.
 - Increases a sense of belonging and school pride.

For specific class uniform/supply requirements, see “SS Uniform/Supply List” inside your members portal or see us at the front desk.

Studio Sharise Cash Cards

We know it's sometimes easy to forget your water, your pencil, tights, and other necessities. So you can purchase a Studio Cash Card that we will keep on file for you on those days you just “forgot to bring...” Cash Cards can be purchased in amounts of \$5 or more. Ask us at the front desk.

12/ Expectations

12a/Attendance and Being on Time

Students are expected to attend all classes, as absences hinder the advancement of the student and affects the camaraderie in the classroom. Being on time is also crucial for student success. Because no time is wasted during class (from the first step into the studio room to the last), if students are late, they miss out on important learning opportunities. Arriving late also negatively impacts the learning of others as it is disruptive to the class and teacher.

- **BE A COMMITTED TEAM MEMBER:** As a member of the team, it is a commitment for you to ensure your child attends their classes on time each week. That way, we can do our part to see your child succeed in their classes.

- **EXCESSIVE TARDINESS/ABSENCES:** Because we keep our class sizes limited and may have a waiting list for classes, **excessive tardiness and absences may result in a student needing to withdraw from the class.**
- **HOLIDAYS/VACATIONS:** If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent due to holidays/vacations, commitments or school trips, please let us know ahead of time so the class impact is minimal.
- **STUDENT INJURY/SICKNESS:** If your child is too unwell to attend class, we ask that you inform our front desk team as soon as you can. However, If your child is well enough to come and watch class, this is preferable to missing out altogether.
- **ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS FOR JUNE SHOW:** Practice and rehearsals for our June Celebration Performance begins in January. Students are expected to attend classes as excessive absences may mean removal of part or all of the show. **Please see calendar for mandatory days for rehearsals/shows for our upcoming June Celebration Performance.**
- **CLASS CANCELLATION:** In the rare event that Studio Sharise needs to cancel a class, a make up class will be scheduled or a credit will be given for the canceled class.

12b/ Practice Makes Permanent

Practicing is Part of the Learning Process: Taking arts classes and performing in productions is fun, but also takes commitment, dedication and requires a team effort. In order to help students feel most confident during classes & performances, we provide tools to help them successfully practice at home. For their part, we ask them to be consistent in coming to their classes and being on time, as well as making time to practice skills and performance numbers outside of class. A little everyday goes a long way!

- **SUGGESTED PRACTICE TIME:** A practice time of 10-15 mins. a day is suggested for progression and quality retention in students 7+. For our Littles (ages 3-6) 5 mins. will do :)

Building the habit of making time to study and practice daily develops discipline and consistency in students that not only benefits their learning here at Studio Sharise, but also their learning at school, and later in their adult lives. Ask us for one of our Practice Charts to help keep track of practice time.

13/ Evaluation Week

We hold parent meetings in the spring to review your child's progress in classes and go over goals and suggestions for the upcoming season. Of course, appointments can be made at anytime throughout the year if ever you have questions or concerns about how your child is doing.

14/ Social and Online Media Policy

Studio Sharise's Social Media Policy refers to all social networking sites, video/photo sharing sites, blogs, micro-blogs, wikis, podcasts, forums, instant messaging and geo-spatial tagging (for example, Facebook check-ins). Please see below for our regulations regarding Social Media and feel free to contact our office staff if you have any questions.

- Please remember that your anonymity on social media platforms is never guaranteed and to exercise particular caution when posts, images, or videos identify children in your care.

- Remain mindful that your behavior on social media remains in keeping with Studio Sharise Creative & Performing Arts Academy's School Values and Code of Conduct as outlined in this handbook.
- Any comments or posts perceived to be obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or hateful towards Studio Sharise staff, teachers, students, or families may subject the owner to disciplinary or legal action.
- Should you wish to engage on social media while identifying as a school volunteer or employee, you may only do so with integrity, respect, and adhere to our privacy and confidentiality policy.
- Any content revealing or referring to sensitive school information is not allowed to be shared online.
- Intellectual property, creative content or licensed material (such as costume design, choreography, scripts, music, curriculum or syllabi, etc.) may not be shared or posted on-line by any student, parent, or staff.
- While showing affiliation with our school, (for example: wearing any school wear with the Studio Sharise logo) we will not tolerate any posts that are racially, sexually, physically, or religiously offensive.
- All matters pertaining directly to or about the school - whether it be fees, scheduling, student placements or performance opportunities - may not be communicated via social media (including closed social media groups). We have an open door policy and encourage all communication, complaints and feedback to be communicated to the school directly. Always feel free to contact the front desk to schedule a meeting with the director to discuss any and all concerns.
- We discourage parents and/or students from becoming 'friends' or 'followers' of our teachers' personal social media pages, unless there is an existing relationship. We consider all school members to be family and as such feel the obligation to respect and monitor personal boundaries.
- When posting photos or videos of classes, rehearsals and shows, identifying information of any featured minors (other than your own child) – such as names, and ages - must be omitted unless given proven consent of their parent/guardian.

15/ Tuition Payment Policies

Our group classes meet 40 times throughout the season. If you join the class late your tuition will be pro-rated based on how many weeks remain in the season.

Upon registration and enrollment into classes, you have the following options for payment:

1. One Payment: Full payment due upon registration.
2. Semi-Annual Payment:
 - a) Tuition split into two payments due on August 1st, and (or when you sign up), and January 15th.
 - b) *Setup fee of \$25*
 - c) *A \$25 late fee will be applied to any account not paid by the dates above*
3. Monthly Payment:
 - a) Tuition balance will be divided into 11 payments (August till June). Tuition payments are due by the 1st of the month.
 - b) *Setup fee of \$100*
 - c) *A \$25 late fee will be applied to any account not paid by the 5th of each month.*

Tuition and Fees are Non-Refundable. There are no refunds or credits for missed classes, unless in the rare occurrence, the school cancels a class.

If a student needs to withdraw due to injury or serious illness, prior to the end of the season, please provide a letter of medical release to the office. Such students may be eligible for partial refund. If the student wishes to withdraw for any other reason we require a 30 day written notification.

- You will not be receiving a statement from our office for your tuition, instead log into the member portal and print statements as needed for your records.
- If making any payment by paper check, please include the student's first and last names in the memo, along with reason for payment, so we may credit the proper account.
- Workshops, Sessions, Intensives, Performance Programs etc.: Payment is due in full upon registration/audition.
- Privates lessons and coaching: Payment is due in full before class starts.
- Private class packages expire within 3 months of purchase
- A 2 hour cancellation notice is required for all private classes scheduled in order to not be billed for class. You can cancel through e-mail or phone.
- 30 days advanced written notice to withdraw from a class. You are still liable for the tuition payments until your final month.
- If you wish to change your class style, add or delete a class, or have any questions concerning the monthly charge, please inform someone in the office.

16/ Other Fees, Overdue Balances and Refund Policies

- Student registration fee: \$45 for student / \$55 for family
- Any student with an overdue balance of more than 30 days will not be allowed into class until payment in full is received or payment arrangements have been made.
- Customers wishing to pay their Auto Pay Monthly agreement in the school manually or by paper check will be charged a \$5 service fee per payment.
- Any returned check will be charged an additional \$35 fee
- There are no refunds on tuition, performers fees, costumes, show tickets
- In the rare occurrence the school needs to cancel a class, either a make-up class will be arranged or you will receive a credit on your account.
- Performers Package Fee (PP Fee) for June Celebration Performance is due in full by *Dec. 1st*. Please See "[Puttin on a Show](#)" for package details. There are No refunds on PP Fees or costumes.
- Performance Tickets: Performances are ticketed events (tickets prices TBD based on venue and production). Performers do not receive complimentary tickets. There are No refunds on tickets.
- Students will not be able to participate in our June Celebration Performance if their account has any overdue balance - be it tuition, Performers Package Fee, Costume, etc.
- If for any reason you decide to withdraw from your classes there are no refunds for tuition and if on a monthly plan, you are still responsible for tuition till the end of your 30 day notice.
- Class tuition does not cover additional supply fees for classes: music books, instruments, uniforms, art supplies, etc.

17/ Privacy

When you purchase or hire a product or service with Studio Sharise, be assured the information we collect from you will never be sold or passed on to third parties unless required by government authorities or in the event of debt recovery. Any information passed on will be done so with appropriate privacy and confidentiality protection. All personal information is stored securely and is accessible by authorized personnel only.

18/ Special Events

Throughout the year, you'll find many exciting events happening at Studio Sharise! From movie nights to banana splits parties.

Parents can enjoy a nice dinner out, with the peace of mind that their children are having a blast with their friends and our caring and qualified staff.

All of our special events are open to the public, so all of your children's friends are welcome to join us too!

19/ Volunteer! SS Parents Act for Youth Team

Parental involvement is so important to a child's growth and learning. Parents have the opportunity to get involved in their child's development by joining our "SS Parents Act for Youth Team". A team set up to create an open, welcoming, and rewarding opportunity for parents to volunteer and support the Studio Sharise youth, programs, and mission. We have many opportunities where our parents' talents and gifts can be put to wonderful use throughout the school year. Please ask us for more details. We look forward to you being on our team!

20/ Calendar Information

We understand wholeheartedly how busy the lives and schedules of our families can get as the year rolls on, so we have tried to get all of our important dates organized and ready for you so you can plan other commitments. Enclosed in your Welcome Packet is the School Calendar where you will find some of our most important "Save the Dates". A copy is also located inside your members portal. More detailed information will be communicated via email as we get closer to the events and dates/times are confirmed.

If you know ahead of time that your family will be unable to attend these events due to planned holidays or existing commitments, please let the front desk know right away.

On the calendar, we have also included due dates for fees and dates the school will be open and closed in observation of holidays, school vacations, and show weeks. Students are welcome to arrange for make-ups or reschedule private classes within 30 days to accommodate their particular vacation or holiday plans.

- **MANDATORY REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES:** Please note that if you are involved in any of our performances, **technical and dress rehearsals and shows are mandatory** and more details pertaining to these events will be sent and/or given. Performing students will be required to return a conflict and agreement form in order to participate in our shows or productions.

21/ Ending Note

Whew! Did you get through all that?! We know there is a lot of information in this handbook, but it is extremely important to us that our families and students are well informed. That way, there are few, if any, unhappy surprises. If there are any unforeseen changes, we will let you know ASAP

Don't forget to stay connected by liking/ following us on [Facebook](#) for fun studio posts, pictures and video uploads! And we're always appreciate a review on [Yelp!](#) Please make sure you join our [Facebook Group](#) "Studio Sharise Staying Connected" that's been created just for you!

We also welcome your comments and suggestions. We want to ensure that your experience with us will be one of pleasure and growth. Studio Sharise faculty and staff wish you a fantastic season of creativity!

Be Amazing!

Onstage Opportunities at Studio Sharise

Achieving Excellence through Performance!



Student Celebration Performance

Musicals & Performances



Show Groups

Awards Programs

