

# Gina's Gems

"Discover the Possibilities"

Handbook



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WELCOME AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 38<sup>th</sup> YEAR in Wayne County

Look for Gina's Gems on Facebook & Instagram

Without Dance What's the Pointe'

*Gina's Gems invites you to discover the possibilities through performing arts. Classes are offered in tap, ballet, jazz, pointe, baton twirling, cheernastics and modeling. Classes are offered for beginner and advanced instruction. We have created a Legacy of inspiring young dancers, twirlers, and acrobats to succeed in the performing arts world. The discipline and commitment required to succeed in performing arts promotes confidence to be successful in our everyday lives. This studio strives on excellence. Our family friendly atmosphere has had WayneCounty dancing for over 38 years. We look forward to working and getting to know each child and parent.*

**Class attire:**

**Baton:** Students should wear black dance pants or shorts with crop top or leotard. Tennis shoes or jazz shoes may be worn.

**Dance: 3yr & Pre- K** students should wear a black tank top leotard and carmel tights, pink ballet shoes and tan tap shoes.

**Students in the Kindergarten- 12<sup>th</sup> grade** class should wear black dance pants and black crop top or black leotard Carmel tights, pink ballet shoes, Tan jazz shoes, and tan tap shoes Tuesday Dance classes will need JAZZ TAP shoes (good for TOE stands)

**6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade dancers** will need tan jazz shoes Tan Jazz Tap shoes. **Advanced ballet** students may also need to purchase pointe shoes later. Ballet students must wear back leotard & carmel tights hair in bun for all ballet classes.

**Cheernastics:** Students should wear black dance pants or shorts with crop top or leotard. acrobatic shoes, jazz shoes or barefooted.

All students should have hair pulled back out of face. A bun or ponytail will be fine.  
(HAIR MUST BE UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES! THIS MEANS YOU!!!)

Dance Students Must have a bag for shoes and extra items. We have GG monogram backpacks for sale \$75.00. Name on bag Extra 15.00.

**Preschool students**

Ribbon should be taken out of tap shoes. Tap shoe ties may be purchased to secure tap shoes. This will help avoid having to stop and tie shoes during class. Ballet shoestrings should be tied in a permanent knot and cut off. Please take preschoolers to the bathroom before class.

**Arrival time**

Students should report to class at their designated time. Students should be picked up promptly after class. If you are running late, please text Gina 912-294-3199.

**Monthly Fees**

All lesson fees should be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Fees should be paid online with [ginasgems.squarespace.com](http://ginasgems.squarespace.com) and log onto your dance studio pro account. If this method of payment is not convenient, please let me know. Accounts paid after the 1st of the month should add a \$25.00 service charge. Monthly account draft is available. Credit Card must be kept of file for late payment. Any fees not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month will be charged to their CC on file. We accept the following methods of payment: Cash, Check, Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover. \$50.00 service charge will be added to all return checks. If you pay by check, make checks payable to Gina H. Jeffords. Please indicate on the bottom of the check or envelope your child's name and the month you are paying for. I have a drop box and envelopes in the lobby for all cash and check transactions. Several months have 5 lessons, and other's holidays, parades, or special performances. During the year lessons balance out to 4 each month.

**Parking Lot**

Please be careful pulling in & leaving the lot. Lots of small children and daycare next door.

**Cell Phones**

Cell phone use will NOT be tolerated during class for any reason.

**Studio holidays**

Holidays will be announced each month

**Equipment**

Name should be on all equipment. (Shoes, bags, and batons). Have shoes in a designated dance bag. Shoes and batons look alike so please make sure your child has her name on everything. We will not be responsible for lost equipment.

**Observation**

Parents are asked not to stay during class time. The lobby area will remain closed during this Covid pandemic. I find that students participate much better when parents are not in the studio. However, if you would like to observe class, please let me know one week in advance. Parents are asked to wait outside or in designated waiting area until class is over.

**Parade costumes (Parade Costume is subject to change and new costume may need to be purchased by all students if supply is limited.)**

We will use the same parade costume as last year. If you need a new one, it should be ordered by August 15th. Costumes will be used in all parades. Baton and cheernastics students will also use this costume for the recital at the end of the year. (You will need Carmel tights and Tan Jazz shoes for parade costume) \$85.00

**Recital costumes for Dance**

Full deposit for costumes will be due by November 1<sup>st</sup>

\$165.00 for Middle School and High School Dance

\$160.00 for Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

Batons and cheer students will wear their parade costume for the recital

NO REFUNDS!!! IF YOUR CHILD QUILTS TAKING LESSONS AND YOUR COSTUME FEE IS PAID THIS IS NOT REFUNDABLE AND COSTUMES WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO YOU. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

**Private lessons**

Lessons are available for students who are serious about performing arts. \$40.00 for 45 minutes or \$50.00 for 1 hour. Private lessons should be paid for when the lesson is given and not added to monthly fee. Private lessons with student assistants are \$35.00 for 45 minutes & should be made payable to that instructor.

Classes will begin the week of **August 14<sup>th</sup>**